GHANA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Dr Amofah George
Vice President
Overview of governance structure

• Registered under Ghana Companies Act, 1963, Act 179 to commence business from 27th march 2014
• Paid up members: 70
• Guided by a Constitution that outlines governance structure and responsibilities
• Audited financial accounts by external auditor and filing of annual returns covering 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 with Registrar General’s Department to fulfil a statutory requirement for registration.
• Annual General Meeting; secret ballotting for election of Executive Committee members every three years
Highlights of General Achievements in past year

• Dr. George Amofah, Vice President, was nominated and approved to represent Africa on the Governing Council of WFPHA.

• Three Scientific Workshops were organized past year: Sanitation and Environmental cleanliness; Medical Geology: essential aspects of the Public Health System in National Development; Menace of Antimicrobial Resistance in Ghana; International Public Health and Planetary Health.

• Re-branding of Association with new logo, establishment of Twitter and Facebook accounts to enhance visibility.

• Online database application system has been introduced which has increased membership from 30 to over 110, though active membership is around 70.

• Collaborated with WFPHA in December 2018 to showcase our association on Twitter and Facebook.

• Won a small grant in partnership with UK Partners to establish an Anti-Microbial System at LEKMA hospital in Accra, Ghana.
Leadership and governance lessons, including best practices, constraints, challenges

Lessons
• Accountability and transparency key to success
• Regular sharing of information important
• Interest in welfare of members
• Leadership by example through commitment and sacrifice

Challenges
• Inadequate funding
• Sustaining interest of members
• Responsibility on few active members