

PHI Adopts New Mission

The board of directors of Post-Polio Health International recently voted to adopt a new mission statement for the organization. The change was made to more accurately reflect the purpose and activities of PHI as we move forward. “As needs of people dealing with the late effects of polio change, we try to adjust our efforts to reflect current issues with which we all deal. Thus, we are pleased to share our new mission statement which reflects that change,” explains Saul Morse, PHI board president. PHI’s previous mission statement was drafted in 2003.

Post-Polio Health International’s mission is to collect, preserve, and make available research and knowledge to promote the well-being and independence of polio survivors, home ventilator users, their caregivers and families, and to support the health professionals who treat them.

In practical terms, little will change regarding PHI’s day-to-day operations from the perspective of our members. However, we felt it important to include our recent efforts to preserve the knowledge and materials we’ve collected over the decades so that they might be available to benefit future polio survivors and researchers.

We also felt the need to highlight the role that health professionals, family members and caregivers play in maintaining the health and well-being of polio survivors. As PHI Executive Director Brian Tiburzi explains, “We often field calls and emails from concerned children, spouses, friends and caregivers wanting more information about how they can best support those in their life dealing with the late effects of polio. These people often play a key role in maintaining our members’ quality of life and independence as they age.” ■

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