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In 2007, the American Public Health Association (APHA) presented its Committee on Affiliate Award to the Michigan Journal of Public Health (MJPH) Editorial Board, noting “Often, major projects, interesting research conducted locally, and recognition for local practitioners get overlooked at the national level” (APHA 2007). Dr. Gregory Cline’s trajectory from serving as President (2006 – 07) of the Michigan Public Health Association (MPHA) at the same time he provided leadership – and editorship – for establishment of MJPH is worthy of recognition.

The MJPH was born in 2006 of a desire to provide a publication partnership for public health practitioners and academic faculty. As the founding Editor of the Journal, through Dr. Cline’s vision of the marrying of practice and academia, MPHA members were invited to use their expertise as members of an elected board which would conduct peer review of public health-focused manuscripts. An openly accessible electronic journal was envisioned and implemented, and an elected, voluntary Editorial Board, composed of MPHA membership representative of local and state public health, and university faculty with public health foci, grew and stabilized over four years. In January 2010, his MJPH mission accomplished, a new editor was elected, and Greg, with relief, remained as an Editorial Board member.

Dr. Cline has consistently pointed out the establishment of the Journal, which took a year and a half, was a team effort. The team includes partners such as Tarah Lantz, who serves as the MJPH desktop publisher. Greg will continue to tell you the evolution of the Michigan Journal of Public Health is an accomplishment attributable to the strong Editorial Board and the support of the Michigan Public Health Association. His public health service is ongoing as a member of the MPHA Board and editing the MPHA weekly web-based New Round-Up which is sent to MPHA members as well as posted on MPHA Facebook. He is currently an Assistant Professor at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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