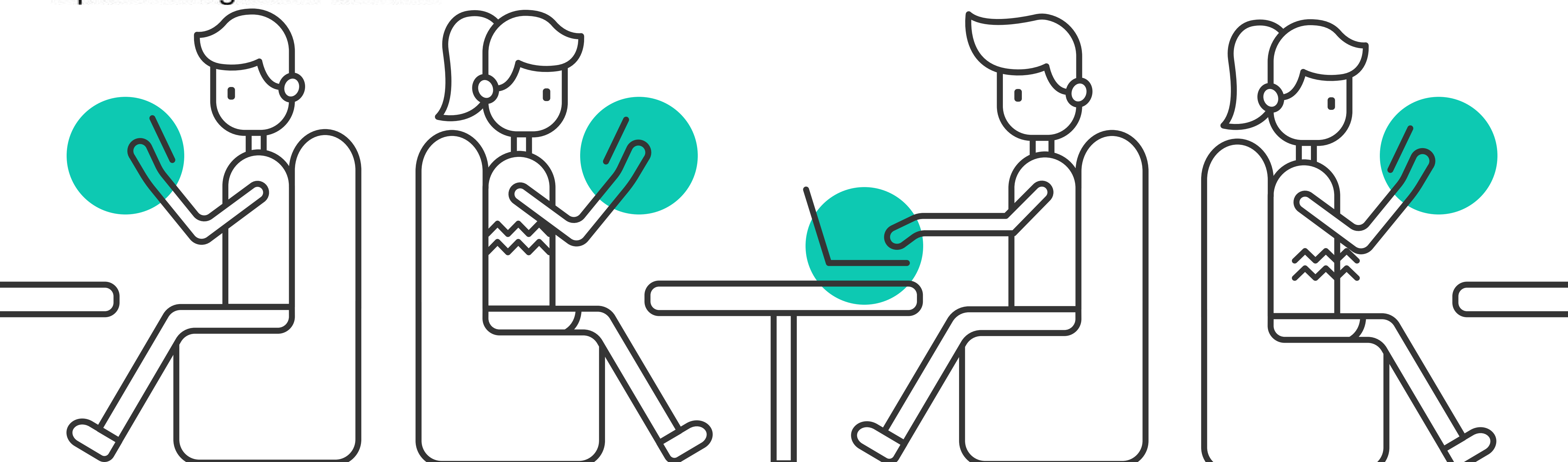




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APHEO 2016/17 BIENNIAL REPORT: STAY CONNECTED

This biennial report provides a high level summary of APHEO's accomplishments over the course of 2016 & 2017.

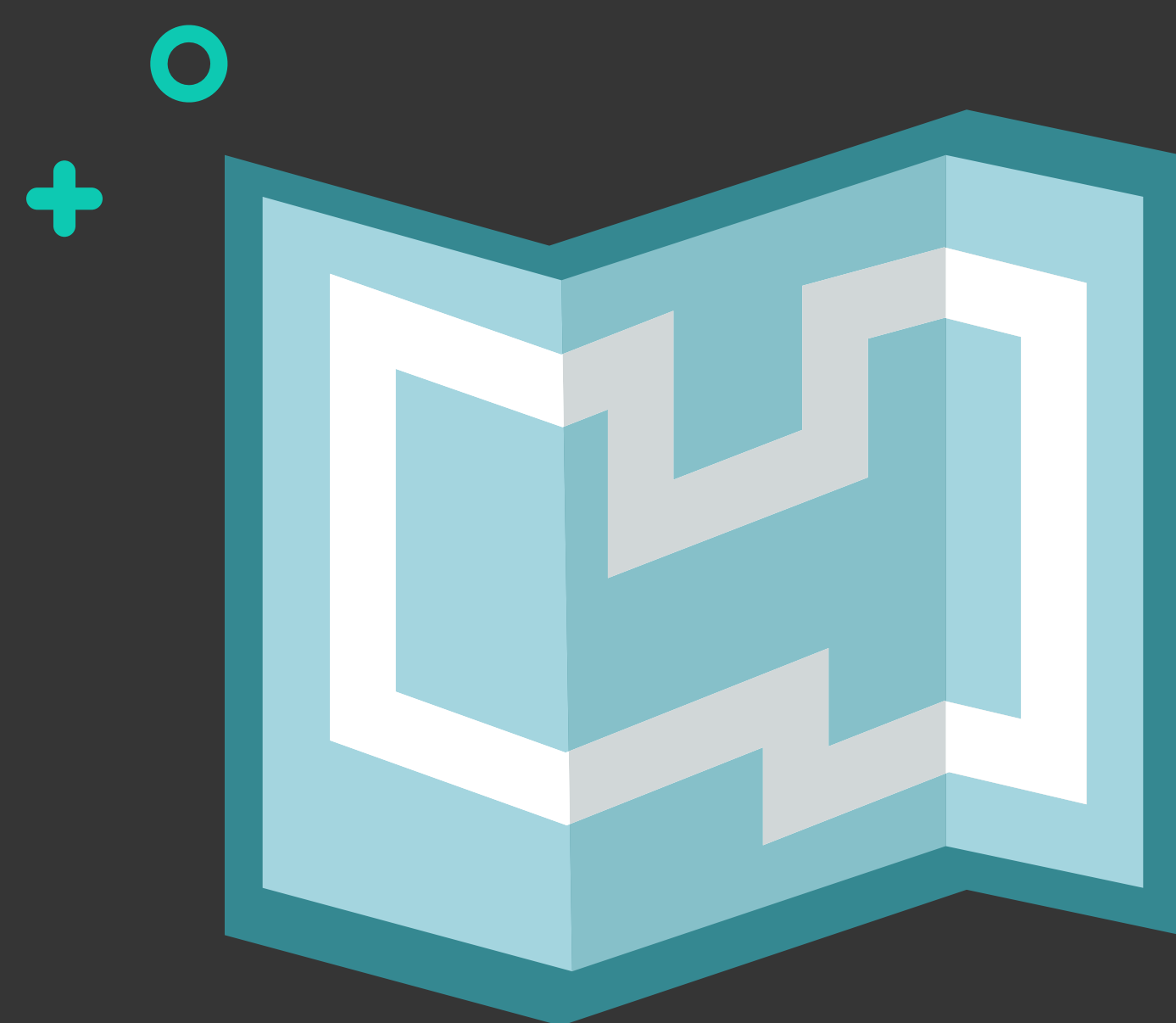
Strategic Plan

Renewed Strategic Plan

The culmination of work that began early in 2016, APHEO's new strategic plan was launched in 2017.

Its development involved consultation with APHEO members in a number of different mediums and time points, with final feedback received during the annual general meeting at the APHEO Conference in November 2017.

The strategic plan development used a multi-phased approach, integrating feedback from the membership all along the way to help direct APHEO's future priorities and efforts. This plan has informed the current Executive Committee in prioritizing its efforts in advancing and promoting the practice of public health epidemiology in Ontario.



Constitution

Motions Passed

Announced during the Annual General Meeting held at the 2017 APHEO Conference, voting members passed motions for changes to APHEO's constitution.

The changes to the membership criteria has grown our full membership base and aligned our practice with procedure during the membership renewal process. This adds strength to the work undertaken by APHEO and provides a voice to contributing members who will help shape APHEO's future.

Moving to an exclusively electronic voting process in APHEO's constitution reflected the current day practice for ensuring full member votes were counted towards changes in the association.

Broadening of Mission Statement



Refined Membership Criteria



Exclusively Electronic Voting



Engagement

Engagement Activities

An APHEO Engagement Committee was formed and continues to undertake the strengthening of membership engagement. A few activities completed include:



Website

Working with the APHEO Website Committee, engagement work focused on improvements to the About section of the APHEO website (including the FAQs page). Also, working with the core indicator (CI) work group leads, CI work group descriptions for work groups were placed on the APHEO website to help members get involved in topics they are passionate about.



Social Media

A social media strategy was formed and aims to increase the awareness of the APHEO initiatives and resources, contribute to the dissemination of work completed by APHEO members for their respective health units, provide an Ontario Public Health epidemiological perspective on current health trends and contribute to the circulation of Public Health epidemiological publications amongst APHEO members and the broader Public Health community.



Mentorship

Using results from a past member engagement survey, the formation of a mentorship program was identified as an excellent opportunity to strengthen membership engagement and participation within APHEO.

Moving into 2018, the APHEO Engagement Committee will be developing the terms of reference for this work and engaging the membership in the near future.

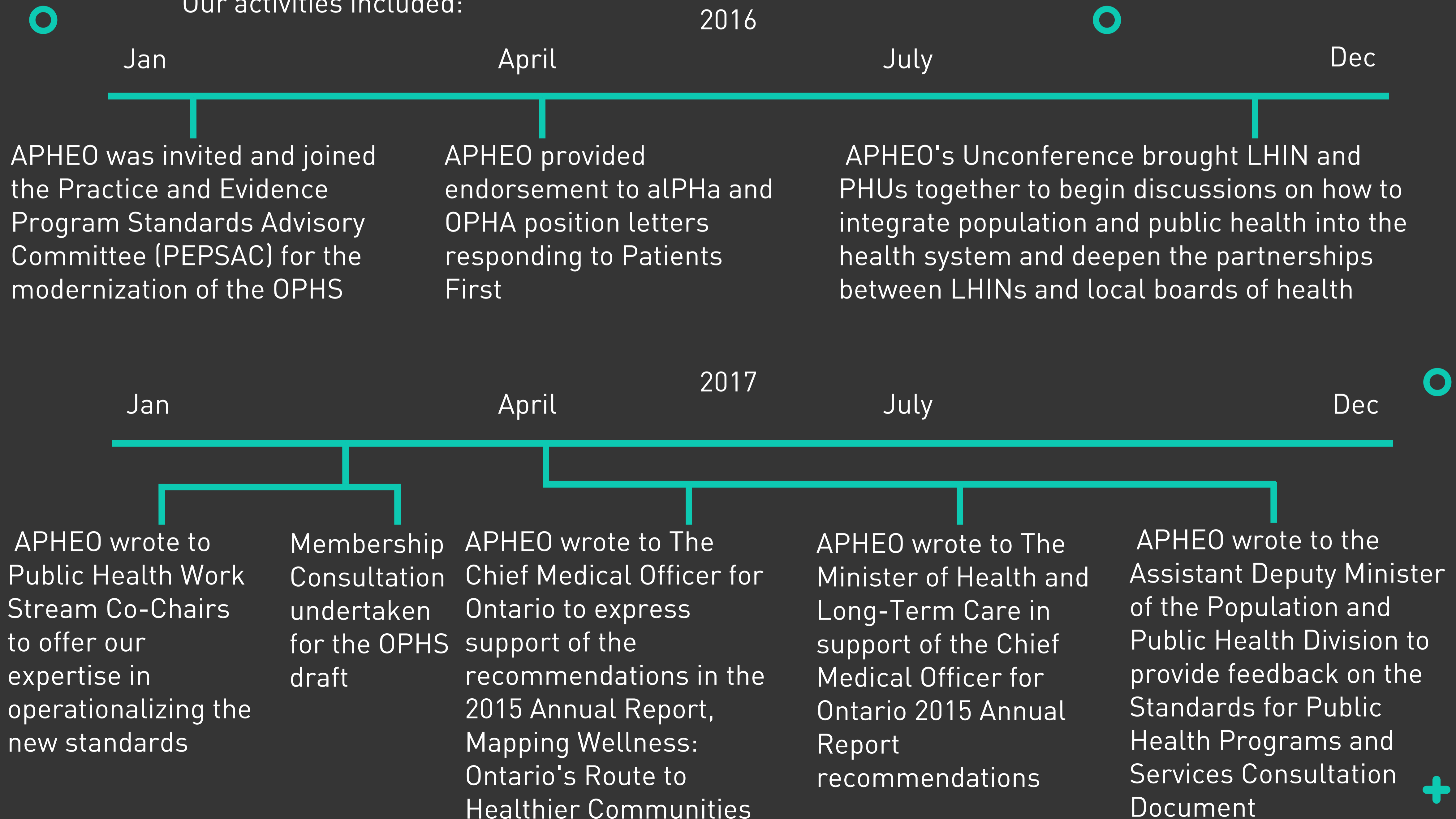
Standards

Modernization Work

APHEO's involvement with the launch of the Patients First Act by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care began in December 2015. Since that time, the modernized Ontario Public Health Standards (2018) were launched and requests were made to APHEO for input on epidemiological practice.

Our correspondence focused on data advocacy and for opportunities to provide input from a local public health unit perspective.

Our activities included:



Members

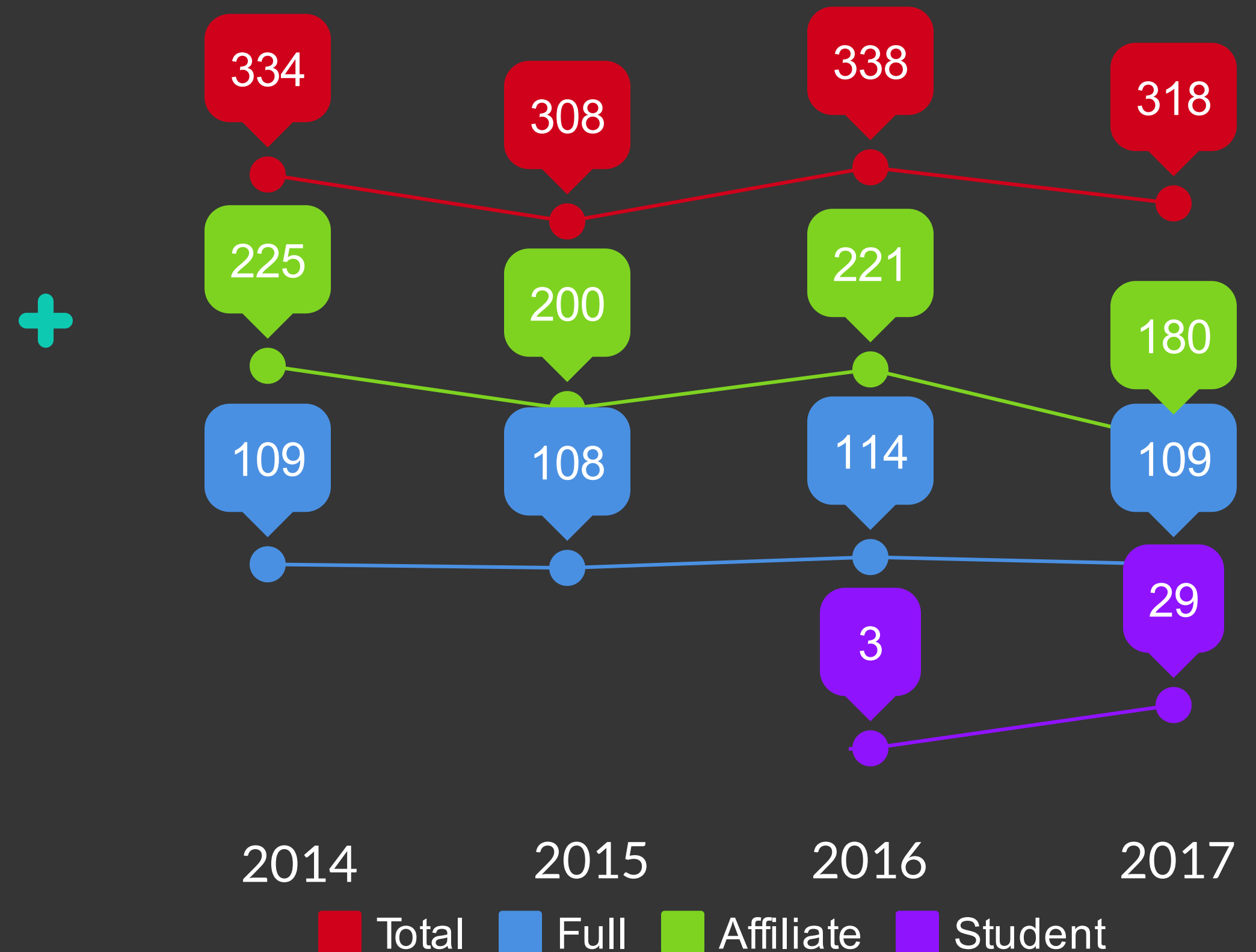
Membership Trends

Overall APHEO's total number of members has stayed relatively the same in recent years.

The total number of full members has also remained stable over time.

The addition of the student membership category in 2016 did result in a lower number of affiliate memberships (roughly equal to the number of student memberships).

In 2016, APHEO's membership fees were increased with the aim of sustainability and maintaining and enhancing APHEO's ongoing efforts in providing members with support, resources and engagement for good value.



Finances



Revenues, Expenses and Assets

Operations	2016	2017
Total revenues	\$53,036.10	\$75,274.17
Total expenses	\$43,089.75	\$69,713.66
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 9,946.36	\$ 5,560.51

Both 2016 and 2017 resulted in surplus dollars for APHEO, adding to our overall asset value of \$77,490.73 as of December 31st 2017.

Past contract fees carried out by APHEO contributed greatly to the asset value of the association. Presently, APHEO relies upon membership fees for its source of income.

Conference budgeting and sponsorship during this time resulted in either neutral or small surpluses.



Executive

2016 & 2017 Executive Committees

2016

President: James Macintosh

Vice President: Vidya Sunil

Treasurer: Wendy Piggott

Secretary: Liz Corson

OPHA rep: Jasantha Naidoo

alPHa rep: Emma Tucker

OCCHA rep / Member-at-large: Deanna White

Past President: Cam McDermaid

2017

President: James Macintosh

Vice President: Vidya Sunil

Treasurer: Stanley Ing

Secretary: Erica Clark

OPHA rep: Jasantha Naidoo

alPHa rep: Emma Tucker

OCCHA rep / Member-at-large: Vacant

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