

Maine Medical Association  
Meeting Minutes June 3, 2015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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M. McAllister, MD	P	P		P	P	P		A. Fletcher, MD						P		
D. McDermott, MD		CC		CC												
M. Parker, MD	P	P	P		P											
B. Pierce, MD	P	P	P	CC	CC	P										

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call to Order</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Pattavina called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm. Mr. Smith introduced MMA Summer Extern Andrew Fletcher, MD. Dr. Fletcher is a practicing Emergency Room Physician and a 3<sup>rd</sup> year law student. Dr. Fletcher was welcomed.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Chair Report               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Committee Report of today</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Pattavina summarized the meeting of the well-attended Executive Committee meeting held prior to the Board meeting. A real estate appraisal will be completed on the Premier Marketing building for sale (which was formerly part of the MMA parcel of land). The Executive Committee will meet over dinner following the Board meeting on the EVP six month evaluation. Dr. Christian will represent MMA at the Maine Osteopathic Association Awards luncheon as part of their annual convention at the Samoset on Saturday, June 6. The Nominating Committee activities were reviewed noting the need to attract new members to the Board and to other MMA committees. The format &amp; schedule of our current Board meetings will be discussed at the 2016 President's Retreat.</p>	<p><b>Informational.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and approval of minutes of April 29, 2015.</li> </ul>	<p>The April 29, 2015 meeting minutes were presented for approval.</p>	<p><b>A motion was made to accept minutes, motion seconded</b></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership Report               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Membership numbers</li> <li>b. Report on Group Memberships</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Smith noted that the total dues paying membership as of May 2015 shows an increase of 109 from one year ago. Dues are trailing in comparison to last year, although Mr. Smith remains confident in the ability to collect the dues owed from group memberships. Collection of the individual membership dues will be a challenge. A 3<sup>rd</sup> dues invoice with a letter from Dr. Ryan will be sent this week</p> <p>Mr. Smith recently met with Dr. Schlager and the CEO at Seabrook Valley Hospital and is in the process of finalizing an offer for group members as currently only 50% of the their employed physicians are currently MMA members. Dr. Raymond and Mr. Smith recently met with the medical staff of the Aroostook Medical Center where only 10 of their 60 physicians are members. Aroostook Medical Center has been a challenge to obtain a group membership thus Mr. Smith will redirect his focus to individual memberships. Franklin Memorial has not yet accepted the offer that will include the 9 physicians on their Medical Executive Committee becoming MMA members with funding from staff dues. Refer to the EVP report for additional information.</p>	<p>and approved.</p> <p>FYI.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of Chief Operating Officer; Andrew MacLean               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. COO Report</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Mr. MacLean referenced his written COO report.</p>	<p>Informational.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Report; Ms. Lukas               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. May financials</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Flanigan noted that MMA finances are doing exceptionally well on the expense management side. On the Revenue side, dues are typically trailing behind, notably further behind than previous years. This is due mostly to small groups and individuals being slow to pay. QI initiatives are significantly below budget at this time, although a few more are in the pipeline at this time. We will continue to monitor this program. Real factors adversely affecting this program are hospital finances and consolidations with many hospitals doing their own peer reviews. A large multi-specialty practice has scheduled Peer Reviews for all of its 80 physicians over a 2 year period. The Office-based QI program is focused on bringing into the program the 9 specialty practices which make up Specialty Solutions. This represents a 30 to 40% increase in growth in the program.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Office Based Quality Initiatives will be re-evaluated at the 2016 Retreat based on year end statistics.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority Presentations &amp; Topics               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Current Legislative Priorities and MMA Legislative Process</li> <li>b. Management plan for 2014 Resolution</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Discussion followed with many comments shared.</p> <p>Mr. Smith noted the current legislative session overall has been a successful one. Bills of major interest currently include:; LDS 1312 , <i>An Act to License Outpatient Surgical Abortion Facilities – MMA urges support of the Majority “Ought Not to Pass” report from the Judiciary Committee.</i> LD 422, <i>An Act to Improve Access to Treatments for Lyme Diseases; MMA urges support of the Minority “Ought to Pass report of the LCRED Committee, it is currently 7-6 with ought to pass;</i> LD 23, <i>An Act to Remove from the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act the Requirement that a Patient’s Medical Condition be Debilitating; MMA urges support of the Minority, “Ought Not to Pass” report of the HHS Committee.</i></p> <p>The resolution passed at the MMA Annual Session 2014, <i>Support for Responsible Pain Management Programs</i>, was reviewed to initiate the process of reducing prescribing of opioid medications for chronic pain in the State of Maine by</p>	

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<p>Additional agenda item:</p> <p>Request by Richard Dillihunt, MD</p>	<p>25%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider ways to protect physicians from receiving complaints filed with the Board of Licensure in Medicine.</li> <li>• Determine the barriers that we may be challenged with; including patient satisfaction scores, Board of Licensure In Medicine and on line comments.</li> <li>• Prescription Monitoring Program is a great resource but the data needs to be better organized.</li> <li>• The PMP summarizes insurances by commercial, private, Medicare, MaineCare, Worker’s Compensation, private, Medicare, MaineCare, Workers Comp and the VA. (Commercial insurances are not broken down into the individual health plans).</li> <li>• 82 million opioids were dispensed last year (it summarizes by the number of pills, total number of scripts and the total number of patients).</li> <li>• Seek more prescribers to serve suboxone patients.</li> </ul> <p>Richard Dillihunt, MD an MMA member and retired vascular surgeon, addressed the Board of Directors on his concern regarding heroin addiction and deaths. In 2010, nationally there were 3,000 deaths attributable to heroin and in 8,257 in 2013. He is devoted to educating and improving awareness of this serious issue by having an event at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland on Labor Day weekend. He would like MMA to assist with this project but not including financial or political involvement.</p>	<p>Continue with work in progress on the management plan.</p> <p>Mr. Smith will meet with Dr. Dillihunt to further discuss how MMA can assist.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. President; Dr. Ryan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annual Session</li> <li>2. August 7 Board Meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. President-elect Dr. Pierce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. President’s Retreat 2016 (Location)</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. AMA Delegation: Maroulla Gleaton, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2015 AMA Annual Meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Ryan reviewed the attached Annual Session schedule. She encouraged members to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. Members were encouraged to stay at the Harborside to help meet our room block.</p> <p>The August Board meeting will be at Dr. Ryan’s residence in Naples, ME. Golf will be available at Point Sebago in the morning, followed by the board meeting at 3 pm. She will gather a list of places for overnight accommodations for those interested. .</p> <p>Dr. Pierce noted that the Retreat in 2016 will be held at the Courtyard Marriott in downtown Portland.</p> <p>Dr. Gleaton expects the discussion at the AMA will be around post SGR and what is going to occur. ICD 10 will be another topic as well. Other specific topics will be medical education; the costs that medical students bear and the lack of available positions upon graduation. At the recent New England Delegation meeting three common themes were shared among the states, i.e. ER physicians and the heroin epidemic, maintenance of certification, more information about the burden on the physicians. The third is the momentum associated with the multi-state licensing compact. This may be positive for the physicians with good credentials and a clean record as it eliminates a tremendous amount of paperwork.</p>	<p><b>Informational.</b></p> <p><b>More details to follow.</b></p> <p><b>Informational.</b></p>

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	The Board of Licensure in Medicine tries to set boundaries and reasonable parameters so people are protected. Each board makes their own decision on the compact.	
9. EVP Report a. EVP Report  b. Implementation of recommendations from President's Retreat.  c. Home Birth Collaborative Symposium May 30  d. MMA QI Programs	FYI.  Mr. Smith assured that we continue to monitor and make progress on the recommendations of the Retreat of 2015. The best examples are plans for the Annual Session and cancellation of the First Friday programs planned for the fall.  Mr. Smith reported the Home Birth Collaborative at Maple Hill Farm was a successful program. This symposium was held with funding from the AMA Scope of Practice Grant.  Report attached. Previously discussed under 6a.	Informational.   Informational.
10. Evaluation of Meeting	Meeting evaluation results on a scale of 1 to 10. (1 being the worst and 10 being the best) AVERAGE 6.53** **Special note: One or two members rated the meeting very low due to a lengthy unplanned testimony by a guest physician which was difficult to rein in respectfully.	
12. Adjourned.	Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT MEETING</b>  <b>August 7 at Dr. Ryan's Residence, Naples, ME 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm followed by dinner</b></p>	

Submitted by: Diane McMahon      Approved by: Charles Pattavina, MD