

Maine Medical Association
Meeting Minutes August 7, 2015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Member	10-15	12-3	1-23	3-11	4-29	6-3	8-7		Member	10-15	12-3	1-23	3-11	4-29	6-3	8-7	
C. Pattavina, MD, Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		N. Piper, MD	P	CC		P	P		CC	
J. Barkin, MD	P			P		P	P		G. Raymond, MD		P	P	CC	P	CC		
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D. Kreckel, MD	P	P	P	P	P	P			P. Michaud			P	P	P	P	P	
K. Lombard, MD				P					D. Poulin	P	CC	P	P		P		
G. Thomas Marshall, MD	P	P	P		P	P	P		G. Smith	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
M. McAllister, MD	P	P		P	P	P											
D. McDermott, MD		CC		CC			CC										
M. Parker, MD	P	P	P		P		P										
B. Pierce, MD	P	P	P	CC	CC	P	P										

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1.. Call to Order	Dr. Pattavina called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.	
2. Board Chair Report		
a. Executive Committee Report of July 30, 2015	Dr. Pattavina summarized the meeting of the Executive Committee via Conference Call of July 30 referencing the attached minutes of the conference call.	Informational.
b. Possible purchase by MMEF of Premier Marketing office building on Pelton Hill Rd., Manchester, ME	Mr. MacLean referred to the Executive Committee minutes specifically noting the commercial property and the approval by the MMA Executive Committee to move to the next step to obtain a pro forma.	Informational.

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3. Review and approval of minutes of June 3, 2015.	The June 3, 2015 meeting minutes were presented for approval.	A motion was made to accept minutes, motion seconded and approved.
4. Membership Report a. Membership numbers b. Report on Group Memberships c. Individual members still delinquent in 2015 dues	<p>Mr. Smith referenced his attached EVP report. He specifically noted the total dues paying membership as of July 2015 reflects an increase of 100 from one year ago. First year class at UNE with a class expansion to 180 is not yet reflected in our membership numbers. Maine Medical Center Tufts program has increased their students from 31 to 40. A recommendation was made that all new students receive an e-mail to welcome them to MMA membership.</p> <p>Mercy Hospital Medical staff leadership is renewing membership on the same basis as last year and not the new model they had originally proposed. Work continues with the proposal at Seabrook Valley Hospital with assistance from Dr. Schlager. Mr. Smith will be working with the new CEO at Down East Memorial Hospital for a new group membership. Refer to the EVP report for additional information on group memberships.</p> <p>The delinquent individual dues membership currently totals \$40,000. Mr. Smith noted the challenge it will be to collect although he is confident the collection of all group membership dues should bring us close to meeting the goals for dues for year end. On a positive note, Mr. Smith revealed that senior contributions have exceeded expectation with only one mailing.</p>	<p>FYI.</p> <p>Informational.</p> <p>BOD members asked to review delinquent dues listing.</p>
5. Report of Chief Operating Officer; Andrew MacLean a. Oxford Networks b. New hire; Sarah Lepoff	Mr. MacLean referenced his written COO report on Items 5a & 5b.	Informational.
6. Finance Report; Ms. Lukas a. July financials b. Proposed 2016 Budget	<p>Dr. Parker noted that 7 months into the 2015 budget year the dues are unfavorable by \$56,000, trailing behind previous years. If group membership dues of \$38,000 is all collected that would leave a total dues loss of \$19,000. Seminar budget is slightly behind notably due to the reduction of educational programs (First Fridays). Peer Review requests have increased recently which is an improvement over previous months, although not reflected in the budget yet. Many hospitals have been conducting their own peer reviews. MMA has been conducting more reviews for private groups. MMA finances are doing well on the expense management side, although computer expenses are over budget by \$6,000 and the maintenance account is reflective of the paving project of 2014 affecting the reserves account and \$3300 of repairs to the MMA garage.</p> <p>Dr. Parker presented the 2016 Proposed Budget reflecting very little structural change. MMA has traditionally taken funds out of the reserves each year to make budget with the amount being significantly reduced each year. The deficit of \$60,000 in the Proposed 2016 Budget, which includes \$25,000 out of the reserves is due largely to the 3 MeHAF grants not being renewed. There is still a possibility that the Advocacy Grant could be renewed in a new format in the fall.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>A motion was to accept the 2016 Budget with a deficit of \$59,245 for presentation to the General Membership</p>

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	Another potential is for one PCORI grant and a Pfizer grant for opiate education that will also be known as well in the fall. The proposed budget does not include any cost of living increases for staff which usually totals approximately \$10,000.	meeting on September 12, 2015.
<p>7. Priority Presentations & Topics</p> <p>a. Nominations Committee Report</p> <p>b. Consideration of other entities for physician business leadership and education other than The Dan Hanley Center for Health Leadership.</p> <p>8. Leadership Reports</p> <p>a. President; Dr. Ryan</p> <p>1. Annual Session</p> <p>b. President-elect Dr. Pierce</p> <p>9. EVP Report</p> <p>a. EVP Report, questions or comments</p> <p>b. Implementation of recommendations from President's Retreat. (Status Report)</p>	<p>Mr. Smith referenced the Nominating Committee Report and minutes of the Conference Call of July 1, 2015. This committee's focus is consideration of the needs of the association and its members; to ensure that the Board of Directors has the necessary balance of skills, talent and representation to fulfill its mission and to nominate members for the Board of Directors, offices, AMA representative and other Committee leadership positions. Mr. Smith reported that with the loss of several long term members on the board due to term limits (Drs. Raymond, McDermott and Christian) the main focus has been on recruitment of members to the Board. Mr. Smith reviewed with the board members the names of potential candidates as noted in the attached report as well as student and resident candidates. Another meeting will be scheduled to review the final candidates for Board membership. Recruitment of members to all MMA committee remains ongoing thru the year.</p> <p>Dr. Pierce shared his interest in seeking opportunities for those physicians whose interest is geared more toward business and finance than what he interprets as available currently thru the Dan Hanley Center for Leadership. The board members shared many ideas and comments on possible opportunities for tapping into schools in Maine, such as UMO or St. Joseph's College; or foundational programs that can be offered on site at hospitals or other entities. The Hanley Center is known to be very interested in how they are meeting health professional needs in the State of Maine. Discussion followed with many comments shared. The final agreement by Board members was a recommendation to approach the Hanley Center to seek their interest in working with the physicians in Maine to offer a more business/finance platform.</p> <p>Dr. Ryan reviewed the Annual Session schedule. Mr. Smith noted Governor LePage is scheduled to attend and address the members on Saturday, September 12 at 10 am.</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>There were no questions regarding Mr. Smith's written EVP report.</p> <p>Mr. Smith noted that the implementation of recommendations made at the Retreat has had a positive effect on the budget. The two most significant changes; reduction of education programs offered (1st Fridays) and combining the original Physician Education Program with the Annual Meeting of the Maine Health Management Coalition The combined program is entitled, <i>Leading Change</i> and will be held November 18 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. This joint venture will reduce MMA financial risk and will likely draw 300-400 people and provide an increase in revenue for MMA over previous years. Cancellation of the Corporate Affiliate Breakfast previously held yearly saved MMA about</p>	<p>Informational.</p> <p>Mr. Smith to follow-up with the Hanley Center and report back to the Board.</p> <p>Board members were encouraged to register and make hotel accommodations for the Annual Session.</p> <p>Board members requested to be regularly update on this issue.</p>

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c. MeHAF Concept Draft Advancing Rural Health Care in Maine d. Discussion with Richard Dillihunt, MD re: opiates	\$1500. Mr. Smith referenced the attached request from MeHAF to work collaboratively on the focus of promoting access to care for Maine’s rural residents, especially ob-gyn services. MeHAF is examining whether or not to have a summit on this topic. Mr. Smith noted that Dr. McAfee met with Richard Dillihunt, MD and shared his concern about the huge time impact involved in having an event at the Cross Insurance Arena devoted to awareness of the heroin epidemic. Mr. Smith noted the detailed report he shared with Dr. Dillihunt on activities that MMA has been involved in since 2001 on Prescription Drug Diversion, Abuse and Addiction. MMA continues to be active in this arena. Consideration will be given to presenting a resolution at Annual Session and having Dr. Ryan write an Op-ed for the Portland Press Herald.	MMA to continue to be active with the opiate epidemic. Consideration of a resolution regarding the opiate epidemic. An Op-ed article to be written by Dr. Ryan for the Portland Press Herald.
10. Evaluation of Meeting Items to be discussed at next Board Meeting	Meeting evaluation results on a scale of 1 to 10. (1 being the worst and 10 being the best) AVERAGE 7.83 Dr. Fazeli wishes to discuss changes in the Maine influenza vaccination program i.e. State of Maine to no longer supply nursing homes and assisted living facilities with free flu vaccines and proposed CMS rules under which dietitians and physiotherapists can write their own orders.	Informational.
12. Adjourned.	Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm. <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING Friday, September 11 at the Bar Harbor Club, Harborside Hotel & Marina 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p>	

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