

Maine Medical Association
Meeting Minutes March 11, 2015

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1. Call to Order	Dr. Pattavina called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm. The Board welcomed Kathryn Rensenbrink, MD to her first BOD meeting. Dr. Rensenbrink practices Internal Medicine at Ellsworth Internal Medicine. Board members introduced themselves.	
2. Board Chair Report	The Executive Committee met prior to this meeting. Items discussed will be noted as necessary.	
3. Review and approval of minutes of January 23, 2015.	The January 23, 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	Mr. Smith reviewed the delinquent 2014 dues relative to membership. The membership numbers reflect a cleanup by removing delinquent members. Overall, February was a good month with the addition of 38 new members, mostly representing growth in our larger physician groups which participate in the group membership program. Mr. Smith is currently working with Mercy Hospital to retain its membership but through a new model. Physicians would pay half of the amount from their dues account (through an opt out offer) with the hospital paying the other half.	FYI.

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<p>c. Location and Strategies for 2015 “Listening Sessions”</p>	<p>in hospital reimbursement and opposition to the elimination of MaineCare coverage for methadone treatment and reductions in reimbursement for adult and children’s mental health programs. Mr. MacLean noted that 3 vaccine bills and 4 other anti-vaccine bills will eventually be coming to the Health & Human Services Committee. The concern with one bill is the required listing of every ingredient in every vaccine. It hopeful that one hearing will be held to discuss all these bills. April & May will be busy months of the session with hopes to end the session in mid-June. Coming to an agreement on the budget will be the most challenging.</p> <p>Mr. Smith noted with the success of the three 2014 Listening Sessions that we will continue the process in 2015. The current plan is to have a Listening Session in Augusta, following the April 29 Board of Directors meeting. The second listening session of 2015 is to be scheduled in the Rockland area. A third session will be planned for the York area. Suggestions made: have one in the Presque Isle area the evening prior to Mr. Smith’s presentation at NMMC; schedule another the last week in June in Portland when the new residents enter and the previous residents are exiting.</p>	<p>Share any opportunity you see in your area with Mr. Smith.</p>
<p>8. Leadership Reports a. President; Dr. Ryan 1. National Advocacy Conference 2. Annual Session Committee 3. Summer Meeting, August 7</p>	<p>Dr. Ryan reported a very positive experience at the conference. Successful meetings were held with all four members of the Maine Congressional Delegation and their staff. The focus on SGR is on a permanent fix, although the sense is it will be another patch. The first time visit with Congressman Poliquin was a positive experience with him being very engaged with the concerns of MMA. Dr. Ryan noted topics addressed: burdens on primary care with the lack of face to face contact with patients, ICD 10, the lack of funding for MaineCare patients due to the loss of expansion and the continuation of the SCHIP program for children’s health programs.</p> <p>Dr. Ryan summarized the most recent Annual Session Committee that met via conference call on February 11. The goal is to streamline costs of the Annual Session at the Harborside in September. The committee supports, having a simple Friday evening Reception that does not include a speaker or passed hors d’oeuvres. Limited CME will be offered at the session as the interest of those attending is not CME. Mr. Smith noted consideration will be given to an opportunity for a 90 minute panel discussion on the future of state medical societies. Mr. Smith also recommended an interesting whale presentation that was held at the Downeast Ophthalmology Symposium. Due to a conflict in schedules it is not possible this year to have an AMA representative attend. The Saturday banquet will be a sit down dinner, which can be offered at a lower price than the lobster bake. The dinner will be followed by the traditional awards and recognition of the 50 year pin recipients. Dr. Ryan noted interest in having MMC Tufts medical students/residents coordinate one of their group outings in conjunction with our Annual Session. Consideration is being given to recognition of a student/resident by presenting an award. Dr. Ryan will be in contact with Dr. Linder at the medical school. Sunday will start with the road race; followed by the family breakfast and a fun talk; and winding down with the presentation of the road race awards. A Survey Monkey will be sent to all members regarding Annual Session.</p> <p>Dr. Ryan noted the summer board meeting will be held at her residence in Naples. There will be an opportunity to play golf at Point Sebago in the morning. Dr. Ryan will gather information on overnight accommodations in her area for those who are interested in staying.</p>	<p>Informational.</p> <p>Dr. Ryan welcomed comments and recommendations.</p> <p>Dr. Ryan will share overnight accommodations shortly.</p>

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b. President-elect Dr. Pierce 1. President's Retreat 2016 (Location)	Dr. Pierce is giving consideration to the location of the 2016 Retreat. The focus is on the Portland area although the Samoset is still a default option.	A final proposal will be presented at the April 29 Board Meeting.
2. EVP Report a. EVP Report b. Heart Association Go Red Luncheon c. Joint MOA/MMA Dinner Meeting. d. Implementation of recommendations from President's Retreat 2015 e. Voluntary Leadership Issue from Association's Magazine. 10. New Business Additional Item: Hanley Leadership	FYI. Mr. Smith noted that he, along with Drs. Graham, Ryan and Mr. Michaud and Mr. MacLean attended this event in which Robert McAfee, MD and Daniele Kipich, PhD, President of UNE received the Crystal Heart awards. Coordination of this meeting has not been successful in planning following either a MOA or MMA board meeting. Mr. Smith will work with Angela Westhoff to find a date to schedule a dinner meeting apart from a Board meeting. Mr. Smith informed that changes are being implemented from the results of the 2015 Retreat. Some of the First Friday's educational sessions have been cancelled; The practice Education Seminar location is being changed to Portland and will now be held in November 2015. Mr. Smith noted that he continues to need assistance from Board members with specialties and advocacy on behalf of MMA. Mr. Smith recognized Drs. Pierce and Ryan for each presenting at their local medical staff meetings. Drs. Chagrasulis & Marshall are assisting Mr. Smith with the recruitment of Franklin Memorial Hospital physicians. The Association Magazine was distributed noting the importance of reading "Board Primer", the must read guide for new leaders. None. Mr. Smith informed that the MMET Trustees voted to pay half the tuition if anyone on the Board would have the opportunity to participate in this leadership program (PELI). They accept 30 into the leadership program and currently have 29.	Mr. Smith to inform of date of the joint MOA/MMA Dinner meeting. Staff will prepare MMA "elevator speech" discussed at Retreat. The Association magazine also to be distributed to BOD members not in attendance. Contact Mr. Smith if interested.
11. Evaluation of Meeting	Meeting evaluation results on a scale of 1 to 10. (1 being the worst and 10 being the best) <p style="text-align: center;">AVERAGE 6.53</p> Comments: Meeting started late. Information was disseminated to the BOD members not as an open forum for	Board members to be

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	opportunity of Board member to speak.	solicited before agenda is sent out. Focus of agenda will be to mold it so it meets the needs of the members.
12. Adjourned.	Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING MMA Headquarters, April 29 4:00 - 6:00 pm</p>	

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