

Maine Medical Association
Meeting Minutes May 1, 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Member	10-10	12-5	1-18	3-6	5-1				Member	10-10	12-5	1-18	3-6	5-1			
L. Ryan, DO, Chair	P	P	CC	P	P				J. Petzel, MD	P	P	P					
P. Cain, MD	P			P					B. Pierce, MD	CC	CC	P	P	P			
R. Chagrasulis, MD	CC	CC	P	CC	P				G. Raymond, MD	P	CC	P	CC	P			
J. Charity, MD	P	CC							C. Reddy, MD					CC			
K. Christian, MD		P	P	P					B. Young, MD		CC		P				
N. Cummings, MD	P	CC		P	CC												
G. D'Augustine, MD		P		P													
S. Feder, MD	P			P	CC												
K. Flanigan, MD	P	CC		CC	CC				Staff								
R. Flowerdew, MD	CC	CC	P	P	CC				J. Barnard	P	P	CC		P			
M. Gleaton, MD	CC	P	P	CC	P				H. Lukas	P	P	CC	P	P			
L. Jett Anderson, MD	P	CC	P	CC	P				A. MacLean	P	P	P	P	P			
D. Kreckel, MD	P	P	P	P	P				D. McMahon	P	P		P	P			
G. T. Marshall, MD	P		P	P	P				G. Smith	CC	P	P	P	P			
M. McAllister, MD	P	P	P	P	P				D. Poulin	P	P	P	P	P			
D. McDermott, MD		P		CC													
B. Miller, MD	P	P	P	P	P												
K. Mitchell, DO	P	P		P	P												
M. Parker, MD	P	P	P		P												
C. Pattavina, MD		P	P	P	P				Meeting Ranking					7.08			

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1. Call to Order	Dr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.	
2. Review and approval of minutes of March 6, 2013.	The March 6, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as presented.	Accepted.
3. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as presented.	Accepted.
4. Report of Executive Committee Conference Call 4-29-13.	No Executive Committee Report. Dr. Ryan shared her goal is to strengthen the BOD meetings by minimizing the agenda to one page and focusing on the priorities. The intent is to capitalize on the advantage of having the physicians around the table create a dialogue beneficial to all.	
5. Membership Report	a. Membership Report. The membership continues to grow with 23 new members in March and 1 new member in April. b. Potential Groups: Chest Medicine Associates and Maine Specialty IPA. Mr. Smith continues to focus on recruiting the groups at St. Mary's Hospital and EMMC and growing the existing group at CMMC. Mr. Smith does not	Informational

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6. Report of Chief Operating Officer; Mr. MacLean	<p>anticipate losing any groups.</p> <p>a. New tenants for Stred Building. Mr. MacLean reported that all MMA office space has been rented. Home Care & Hospice Alliance is now in place on the 2nd floor of MMA, the Stred building and the former Quality Counts space). A draft lease has been proposed to them. Maine Health Care Association (Workers Compensation Fund) at the Hanley Building has renewed their lease for the next two years.</p>	
7. Finance Report: Dr. Flanigan and Ms. Lukas	<p>a. April 2013 Financials. Ms. Lukas reviewed the month end financials for April. She noted that the 1st quarter reflects some overspending. The Presidents Retreat was over budget by \$6,000. Dues collection as of April month end is \$60,000 behind prior year. We still need \$154,000 to meet the 2013 projected budget of \$616,000. Dr. Parker felt that the 1st quarter financial reporting is not of concern at this time. He further noted that the Board of Directors has a fiduciary obligation to protect MMA money. If the budget is not balanced, then money will come out of the reserves. The delinquent dues list was noted. The 3rd dues billing notices were being sent this week.</p> <p>b. New outside auditor was announced.</p>	<p>Mr. Smith will address delinquent member dues. Committee members were asked to review the list for the purpose of noting any physician who has moved or no longer practicing.</p>
8. Priority Presentations & Topics	<p>a. Meeting with MHA; Board exchange. Mr. Smith noted a successful meeting with the leadership of MMA (Drs. Kreckel, Christian, Pierce and himself) and the MHA leadership of Michele Hood; Incoming Board Chair, Rebecca Ryder; Treasurer, Art Blank; Board Chair and Steve Michaud. Ms. Hood make a suggestion that the two groups exchange Board members, with Mr. Smith adding to her comment that the exchange should include member exchange on quality council and public policy council, in addition to the Board. Mr. Smith opened the discussion to the MMA Board for opinions. The members shared comments on the advantages and disadvantages. MHA and MMA share many common interests, although each organization may not be on the same page it would set the stage for good conversation. This exchange would allow less likelihood of being at odds on an issue as the issue could be seen in advance. Much of what MHA does benefits physicians and what MMA does benefits hospitals.</p>	<p>A motion was made that Dr. Kreckel and Mr. Smith draft a letter to Art Blank, with a cc to Steven Michaud encouraging the board/council sharing leaders. Motion seconded, none opposed.</p>
9. Leadership Reports	<p>b. Tar Sands Oil. On behalf of the Public Health Committee, Ms. Barnard presented two additional articles of interest on tar sands oil per the request of the board members at the March 5 meeting. The letter to Senator Kerry was originally drafted by Environment Maine and tweaked by the MMA Public Health Committee. A discussion followed with many sharing opinions on the issue. Mr. Smith asked if the MMA Board was comfortable with the Public Health Committee sending the letter or preferred consideration of tabling the issue until more information is available. The issue will continue to be monitored.</p> <p>a. President: Dr. Kreckel</p> <p>1. State Innovations Model Grant (SIM). Mr. Smith addressed the letter from Commissioner Mayhew. The letter notes that Maine was awarded the <i>State Innovation Models: Funding for Model Design and Model Testing Assistance</i> grant. The purpose of this model is to work with partners and the healthcare community to align healthcare payment and delivery system reform in the state across MaineCare, Medicare and commercial payers to improve the quality of care and patient satisfaction while achieving these at lower costs. Dr. Flanigan</p>	<p>The issued was tabled, with 10 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion was seconded and approved.</p> <p>Mr. Smith encouraged members to attend one of the forums listed. If anyone is interested in reading the grant, please contact Mr. Smith</p>

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	<p>will play a significant role on this Committee. Four open regional forums will be held in June in 4 locations in the state that will provide an overview of this program. To keep informed on information on this grant and the project activities visit www.Maine.gov/SIM</p> <p>2. Committee Appointments. Dr. Kreckel announced the appointments of new members to these committees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Legislative Committee: Richard Swett, MD b. Loan & Trust Committee: Michael Baumann, MD <p>b. President-elect: Dr. Raymond. Dr. Raymond discussed the opportunities for the President’s Retreat in 2014. Discussion of the quotes from the two venues in Vermont and the one in Maine were discussed. Members were in agreement in consideration of the budget and of travel time it would make sense to stay in Maine for the 2014 Retreat. Ms. McMahon will obtain a quote from Point Lookout in Northport, ME to compare with the Samoset.</p>	<p>The quote from Point Lookout will be send to Dr. Raymond for his decision and/or consultation with the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>10. Committee, section or delegation reports requiring discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Legislative Committee: Mr. MacLean noted LD, 727 <i>An Act Establishing Health Care Practitioner Transparency Requirements</i> has MMA support with no opponents. The State House continues with a busy schedule. The month of May will be busy with Committee work, followed by final public hearings and work sessions with the goal to be done by mid-June. Mr. MacLean reported to expect some drama by the Governor with the Medicaid expansion tied to the hospital debt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Doc of the Day. A list of dates in which physicians are needed for Doc of the Day program was noted. b. Public Health Committee: Nothing of note to report. Previously discussed tar sands oil above. c. Senior Section. Dr. Miller noted an excellent Senior Section meeting on April 24 on the ACA with Mr. Smith, Ms. Barnard and Anne Smith, Medicare Rights Advocate. August 14 is the next Senior Section meeting with Dr. Onion and Mr. MacLean presenting on Senior Driving. d. Committee on Membership & Member Benefits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with the independent primary care physicians. A successful meeting was held with the group of primary care physicians in the southern Maine area. Mr. Smith addressed the group and presented education on ACO’s and payment reform. 2. Meeting with Dr. First. Mr. Smith has had meetings with this new Corporate Affiliate. 3. Report on Corporate Affiliate Breakfast. Mr. Smith reflected that Dr. Jenny Thompson, practicing pediatric anesthesiologist and an Olympic 8 gold medal winner was a very humble and gracious speaker. Her presentation was what made this breakfast a huge success. It was suggested that Dr. Thompson be invited to speak at an MMA Annual Session. e. AMA Delegation; Dr. Gleaton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NED Meeting May 4, 2013. Dr. Evans will be attending the New England Delegation meeting in Mystic, CT this weekend, along with Mr. Smith. 2. Future of Interim Meeting. Dr. Stack, AMA Board Chair had led an effort to eliminate the interim meeting as a policy setting meeting. Currently 2 meetings are held yearly. A 2/3 vote is needed in order to eliminate the 2nd meeting. This could prove to be an interesting issue for the NED meeting and the June AMA meeting. 	

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	<p>f. Committee on Physician Quality</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Poulin presented a Peer Review report. Recently, two hospitals who have not ordered peer reviews in many years each ordered a focused review. Most hospitals are ordering focused practice reviews. At the prior CPQ meeting, it was suggested that MMA consider marketing its External Peer Review Program to New Hampshire and Vermont. One hospital in North Carolina has requested a peer review annually for the past 4 years. Following each review, surveys are sent out to each organization of which most of the time, positive feedback is received. Discussion followed with board members showing interest in growing the Peer Review program and growing the program in North Carolina. If the program is grown, additional staff time would be needed to manage it. <p>g. Annual Session Draft Agenda. Mr. Smith noted the Draft Agenda. Duplicative titles of Changing Face of Medical Education will be changed. A new format is to be designed for the Annual Session brochure. AARP will sponsor at a \$5,000 level.</p> <p>h. Long Term Development Committee. A successful dinner meeting of the Committee was held on April 10.</p> <p>i. Medical Professional Health Program. Mr. MacLean noted that LD 411, <i>An Act To Amend the Health Care Practitioner Licensing, Disciplinary and Reporting Laws Regarding Alcohol and Drug Abuse</i> is expected to be enacted.</p> <p>j. Nominating Committee. A meeting to be held with the Nominating Committee, of which Stephanie Lash, MD is Chair. We currently have 1 board member scheduled to rotate off the Board, and have potential candidates interested in board positions. Currently we have 25 on the board, and could have up to 30 members as per the bylaws.</p> <p>k. MMET Meeting May 6, 2013 – FYI</p>	<p>The Board requested Mr. Smith provide feedback and/or a business plan for potential growth of the Peer Review program to the August 7th meeting.</p> <p>More information on Annual Session to follow.</p>
<p>11. EVP Report</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. EVP Report. Attached for FYI. b. MAFP Award. Dr. Kreckel was congratulated on his award of Family Physician of the Year from the Maine Academy of Family Physicians. c. Foreign Trained Health Professionals – FYI information attached. MMA is too busy to be directly involved with this, Although it is of value for MMA to be involved. d. Aroostook County Medical Society. The process continues for the funds to be transferred to MMA for scholarships for students from Aroostook County. e. Hanley PELI Class II. Mr. Smith was pleased to report that Drs. Chagrasulis, Gleaton, Jumper and Kreckel are in the class that starts on May 2. f. New England Council. Mr. Smith reported on MMA joining the council. g. PA Advisory Committee at UNE. Mr. Smith has been invited to join and does intend to do so. h. Upcoming education events; including OSA programs. Mr. Smith noted the two upcoming programs supported by a grant by the Maine Office of Substance Abuse on Comprehensive Management of Patients with Acute and Chronic Pain while Preventing Diversion. The first one is in Millinocket on May 8 and the second to be held in Wells, on June 8. 	

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