Maine Medical Association

Meeting Minutes August 5, 2016

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Member	10-14	12-2	1-22	3-9	4-27	6-1	8-5	9-9	Member	10-14	12-2	1-22	3-9	4-27	6-1	8-5	9-9
J. Fazeli, MD, Chair	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		C. Pattavina, MD	CC	P	P	P	P	P	P	
J. Barkin, MD	CC	P	P		P	P			B. Pierce, MD	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
A. Berman, MD	P	P	P	P	P	P			N. Piper, MD	CC	CC		CC		CC	CC	
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R. Flowerdew, MD	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		N. Knowland							P	
B. Fulmer	P	P	P		CC												
M. Gleaton, MD		P	P	P	P	CC			MMA Staff								
S. Hanson, MD	P	CC	P	P	P	P	P		H. Lukas	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
H. Jarawan, MD	P	CC	P		CC	CC			A. MacLean	P		P	P	P	P	P	
P. Killoran, MD	P	P		P		P	CC		D. McMahon	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
D. Kreckel, MD	P	P		P	P	P	P		P. Michaud	P	P	P	P	P		P	
K. Lombard, MD									D. Poulin	P	P	P	CC		CC		
A. Madden, MD	P	P		CC	CC	P			G. Smith	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
T. Marshall, MD	CC	P	P		P	CC			S. Kring				)	P	P	P	
M. McAllister, MD	CC	P	P		P	P	P										
M. Parker, MD	P	P	P	P			P										

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1.. Call to Order Determination of Quorum	Dr. Fazeli called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm, with a quorum confirmed.	
2. Board Chair Report a. Executive Committee Conference Call 7-27-16 b. Executive Committee minutes of June 20 and June 1, 2016	Dr. Fazeli summarized the important aspects of the Executive Committee Conference Call held on Wednesday, July 27 of which the minutes of the meeting are attached. The Executive Committee minutes of the June 20, 2016 and June 1, 2016 minutes attached for reference.	

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3. Review and approval of minutes of June 1, 2016.	The June 1, 2016 meeting minutes were presented for approval. Note 1 correction under Item 4b. Review of Elevator Speech; Dr. Flowerdew, line 2 remove "AMA" replace with "ASA".	**A motion was made to accept the minutes with the noted correction, the motion was seconded and approved.**
4. Priority Presentations & Topics a. Resolution*-Citizen-initiated Referendum on legalization of marijuana for adults	Dr. Pattavina presented the draft Resolution regarding the Citizen-Initiated Referendum on Legalization of Marijuana, sponsored by the MMA Board of Directors in opposition to the effort to legalize recreational use of marijuana by adults in the State of Maine. The Resolution will be presented for consideration during the MMA General Membership Meeting Saturday, September 10 at 7:30 am at the Bar Harbor Club in Bar Harbor, ME. The Maine Public Health Association and the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics oppose the referendum. The Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians did not take a position.	**A motion was made to support the resolution, the motion was seconded, all in favor, with two in opposition. Motion approved. Note: Remove "so -called" from third "Whereas" in resolution.**
b. Referendum Question 2	Citizen Initiative, An Act to Establish the Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education. This initiative seeks to increase state aid to public schools by instituting a surcharge of 3% on Maine income taxes for those with income about $200,000 a year. Mr. Smith noted in 2003, a referendum was passed calling for the state to pay for 55% of the cost of operating public schools, as a way to reduce pressure on local property taxes. That percentage has never been met. MMA did a Monkey Survey to membership, the results, 60% supported no opposition to Question 2. The main concern of MMA is the impact this would have on physician recruitment and retention in the state. The Maine Municipal Association Board did not take a position. Mr. Smith noted that we are not experts on how this will play out as the application of this tax is complicated. Currently there is lack of education and commentary on this referendum. A motion was made to take "no position" on the referendum (neither oppose nor support).	**The motion to take no position was seconded and approved with two in opposition. Motion approved.**
c. Ad Hoc Committee on Health Care Reform	Mr. MacLean encouraged review of the Executive Committee minutes of 7-27 which summarizes the update on this committee. This committee, chaired by Dr. Jarawan, has a mix of members from varying specialties, political views and practice settings. Two successful meetings have been held. A current draft paper is being reviewed and revised by the committee and with a final draft to be reviewed by the Executive Committee in August prior to presentation at the Board meeting on September 9. The two most recent membership surveys were noted.	
5. Leadership Reports a. President: Brian Pierce, MD 1. 2016 Annual Meeting, September 9-11, 2016	Members were encouraged to register and make rooming accommodations for the Annual Session. The room block expires on August 9, with very few rooms available at the Harborside. Alternate rooming accommodations are available by contacting Ms. McMahon or accessing the information on our website.	

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2. MHA/MMA Leadership Meeting 7-24-16	The joint meeting with MHA/MMA was successful, note agenda of this meeting is attached. MHA shared the concerns of MMA on physician burnout, although time did not allow a detailed discussion. Dr. Fazeli recommended contact with MHA to see if they have more data available on physician burnout.	**Mr. Smith to contact MHA for data they may have on physician burnout. Ms. McMahon to share our Annual Session information with MHA.**
New England Council of State Medical Societies Meeting & NE AMA Delegation Meeting	Dr. Pierce noted the New England Delegation meeting is September 17, 2016 at the Massachusetts Medical Society in Waltham, MA. It has not yet been determined which officer will represent MMA. Mr. MacLean will attend for staff as Mr. Smith is out of state that weekend for ACOG.	
b. President-elect: Charles Pattavina, MD	.	
1. President's Retreat Nov. 4-6, 2016	Dr. Pattavina noted the MMA President's Retreat will be held at the Press Hotel, in Portland.	
2. Maine Physicians Action Fund Trustees' Meeting	Dr. Pattavina noted a successful meeting on August 4 with candidate Emily Cain attending. MPAF will make a recommendation to AMPAC in support of Emily Cain. Two letters are being drafted seeking support of MPAF, one for past supporters & board members and the second letter is specific to specialty society leadership.	
6. Management Reports – Mr. Smith – Mr. MacLean – Mr. Michaud – Ms. Lukas		
a. Questions or comments from Board members on EVP Report	Mr. Smith reviewed important aspects of his EVP Report that was sent electronically and attached to the Board Agenda of 8-5-2016 or is available on our website: https://www.mainemed.com/about-mma/agenda-minutes/board-directors-agendas-and-minutes	
1. Mentoring Project	Mr. Smith referenced his attached report. Mr. Smith recognized Tyler Lang and Susan Kring for their assistance in this project. Discussion held. Board members shared their recommendations and comments: program could also be working with groups versus 1 on1 by presenting to pre-med groups; consideration of mentors being younger physicians with 10-15 years' experience; students who are not outgoing have less opportunity in seeking a mentor. Members supported proceeding in a limited way if we are successful in recruiting mentors and mentees. A question asked, can we do a grant to sponsor this project? Mr. Smith noted with Susan Kring's assistance it is possible for her to pursue grant options. Ms. Kring noted that grant supporters seek outcomes versus funding salaries. Dr. Chagrasulis stated that the Medical Professionals Health Program did a mentoring program which was all voluntary, although he noted it would be advantageous to have some funding. Dr. Kreckel shared that the Office of Rural Health is always interested in what is being done for students - MMA could match mentor-mentee and the Office of Rural Health could manage the details of demographics and outcomes. Dr. Parker shared his positive experience with 2 students he had a few years ago.	**Mr. Smith will continue with the recommendation in the summary of the Mentoring Project by seeking volunteers to mentor.**
b. Financial Reports		
1. July Financials	Mr. Smith noted the July financials are tracking fine and he continues to be optimistic about collection of the delinquent dues.	

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2. Proposed 2017 Budget	The Proposed 2017 budget is challenging reflecting an $80,000 deficit as noted by Mr. Smith. The Proposed 2017 Budget will be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Mr. Smith's opinion is it is a timing issue reflected by lack of revenue from grants that have not yet been acquired. What can responsibly be done with this deficit? Response by Mr. Smith, too premature at this time.	
c. Bylaws Committee	The Bylaws Committee met via Conference Call on August 4 to consider proposed changes. One of the more important issues noted was the Audit Committee that was established a few years ago, although has never met. MMA does have an internal and external auditor in place. The Bylaws Committee members felt it important to retain the Audit Committee as part of the checks and balances of finances of the organization and that it could be called upon and activated at any time. It is currently considered a Standing Committee. Chairs of committees were briefly discussed noting that unless otherwise noted in the Bylaws, the President can appoint all chairs.	**The proposed Bylaw changes to be finalized and placed on the website to meet the obligation of a 30-day notice to membership, prior to the September 10 General Membership meeting in Bar Harbor**.
d. Contract with Dr. First	Mr. Smith will have a discussion with Dr. First the week of August 8, via conference call. He plans to address no fault termination and a better understanding on how MMA would receive compensation. The plan is to have the contract completed and approved by the President prior to the Annual Session.	
e. Continued discussion on individual memberships	Mr. Smith will have the delinquent individual members removed from membership if dues are not paid by September 1. Group memberships represent 76% of our dues structure. Mr. Smith focused on the dues for individual physician members. If individual physicians have a financial difficulty in paying their MMA dues, Mr. Smith is very sensitive to this issue and will work with them to retain their membership. Dr. Fazeli is concerned about individual memberships and would be interested in a graph design on these memberships over a period of 5 years specific to the decline. He further noted the importance of reviewing this graph yearly as to not lose track of physicians. Dr. Fazeli also recommended differentiation of DO's and MD's.	
f. Maine Physician Action Fund	See above 5b. 2. COO Report – Mr. MacLean referenced his attached COO Report and the Physician Candidates for the 128th Maine Legislature. Digital Marketing/Social Media Report – Mr. Michaud noted is attached report.	
11. Evaluation of Meeting	Meeting evaluation results on a scale of 1 to 10. (1 being the worst and 10 being the best) AVERAGE 7.45	
12. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm. **NEXT MEETING** **Friday, September 9, 2016** **Bar Harbor Club** **2:00 pm – 4:00 pm** **Submitted by: Diane McMahon** **Approved by: Jabbar Fazeli, MD**	

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