

Maine Medical Association
Meeting Minutes December 6, 2017

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M. McAllister, MD	P	P							Guest:								
M. Parker, MD	P	P							Paul Potvin, MD		P						
C. Pattavina, MD	CC	P															

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1.. Call to Order Determination of Quorum	Dr. Madden called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm, with a quorum confirmed. Attendees introduced themselves.	.
2. Board Chair Report a. Executive Committee Conference Call, November 30	Dr. Madden summarized the important aspects of the November 30 Executive Committee Conference Call. Review of the MPHP Executive Director Job Description. Noting a time-line of mid-late January for receipt and review of applicants. It was further clarified that this position is a part time position and will be noted in the advertising process. The transition of Myra Broadway, RN, JD as Interim Director of the program has been successful. The Large Conference Room renovations project was briefly discussed specifically noting a vertical chairlift versus an elevator will still qualify us for ADA accessible and save about \$300,000. More details will be shared at the January and March Board meetings.	Informational
3. Review and approval of minutes of October 4, 2017.	The October 4, 2017 meeting minutes were presented for approval.	A motion was made to accept the minutes, motion seconded and approved.

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<p>4. Organization Meeting a. Election of 3 at large member to Executive Committee.</p>	<p>Charles Pattavina, MD nominated Karen Saylor, MD for the 3rd at large member to the Executive Committee. Michael Parker, MD seconded the motion. All in favor of the motion, none opposed motion approved.</p>	<p>Karen Saylor, MD motion approved for appointment as At-large member to the Executive Committee.</p>
<p>5. Priority Presentation and Topics: a. *Consideration of \$15,000 AMA Grant for Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Awareness & Education Initiative</p>	<p>Mr. MacLean referenced the PowerPoint slides and the list of deliverables for this Grant. MMA was approached by Joel Reimer of the AMA. Maine is among a mix of small and large states. This grant exceeds \$10,000, thus requires Board approval. The grant is to start at the beginning of 2018 and to be largely accomplished in the first 6 months of 2018. One of the deliverables asks for a physician champion which is someone interested as the lead spokesperson for MMA. Ms. Lukas as Financial Director would manage these funds. Concern was expressed if it could be managed within the dollar amount provided of \$15,000. MMA would be partnering with organizations within the medical and business communities including the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and possibly larger organizations activity like the Maine Health Management Coalition, i.e. Hannadford or BIW. This opportunity would provide positive publicity even if MMA was to utilize some of our own funds. It was questioned if the AMA would consider more money to be available to the smaller organizations. A motion was made to table the vote on this grant to the January meeting to allow MMA Staff to complete more financial analysis of the grant for the possibility of more funding, contacting smaller states who had experience involved with this in the past, and learn what other organizations may be available to available to assist.</p>	<p>A motion to table the grant consideration to the January meeting pending further research on the concerns noted, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p>
<p>b. Resolution #3 Support of Climate Change</p>	<p>Paul Potvin, MD was present to support Resolution #3 – Support of Climate Change Policy as presented and approved at the Annual Session. His focused on the health effects of climate change along with the costs and effects mental health issues. Dr. Potvin noted his concerns as reflected in the Resolution. Dr. McAllister shared his concerns with specificity and how Maine physicians would advocate for specific tax policies as not part of MMA mission and that MMA not having the expertise. Dr. McAllister understands the spirit of it but not the MMA contribution to it. Thomas Marshall, MD inquired if the resolution passed would MMA actively pursue and put funds toward this? Mr. MacLean noted that no fiscal noted is attached to the resolution, and that the work associated with it would factor into the MMA advocacy work. Dr. Pierce supported the concerns of Dr. McAllister. Dr. Feder noted that the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics supports this issue and with health issues at a core felt the Board should support the resolves. Discussion followed. Motion was made to amend the Resolution, Therefore, be it Resolved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Maine Medical Association urges the Congress and President of the United States of America to enact, without delay, a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend legislation to reduce carbon emissions in the US, considering, among other options to address that, a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend. 2. That the Maine Medical Association stands ready to work with any level of government, groups interested in health, and the people of Maine on initiatives such as, to advance the development and maintenance of alternative energy sources to reduce Maine’s dependence on fossil fuels; to encourage energy conservation initiatives including fuel efficient vehicles and active transport (walking and bike riding); to promote development in the public health workforce to better respond to health threats posed by climate change; to advocate for improvement in the surge capacity of the healthcare system in 	<p>The motion made to amend the Resolution as noted was seconded, 4 in opposition. Motion approved.</p>

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<p>1. Board Approval of Change in Resolution Policy</p> <p>c. Preview of Second Regular Session of 128th Legislature</p> <p>d. 2018 Gubernatorial Campaign Engagement</p>	<p>Maine; to communicate to the public and health care providers the health effects of climate change including risks and ways to reduce them; to support scientific research on the health effects of climate change; to monitor and report on environmental conditions and disease occurrence related to climate change; and to develop methods of response and adaptation to climate change effects.</p> <p>The Resolution Policy had been reviewed in the context of what we do at the Annual Session with Resolutions. This is a policy not part of the MMA Bylaws. The original Policy was noted and an edited version of the Policy was presented by Dr. Flowerdew for consideration. The edited version is more practical and if the Board challenges the resolution it allows more flexibility. A motion was made to accepted the edited Policy.</p> <p>Mr. MacLean informed that the 2nd session of the 128th Legislative session will convene on January 3 and is expected to end by mid-April. The process involves 10 members of the Legislative leadership reviewing bill requests of a fiscal or emergency nature only. Although noting, that the Governor can submit bills at any time. In 2018, the gubernatorial campaign this year is an important issue, as well as Medicaid expansion, and implementation of the ballot initiative (Question 2). Mr. MacLean noted that the work session of the 1st and 2nd session that the Opioid Task Force (which consists of three physician representatives and a mix of legislators and stakeholders) report is due this week. December 12 is the final date to review this report. It is hoped to move the carry over bills on opioids by moving forward on these issues. The goal is to have more resources available for treatment. The supplemental budget will be addressed during the first couple of weeks of the legislative session. The Governor will not be involved in working on the supplemental budget, so the Appropriations Committee will work on the budget themselves. Mr. MacLean noted the Legislative Committee meeting on December 11 at 6 pm at MMA.</p> <p>Mr. MacLean shared that MMA is a nonpartisan organization and that the PAC is bipartisan (as the PAC makes recommendations to the National PAC on federal races). MMA does not make any formal stand on gubernatorial races and the physicians support candidates of their own choosing. At the 2018 MMA Annual Session a very successful gubernatorial forum was held. It was further recommended that we consider a gubernatorial forum for the 2018 Annual Session.</p>	<p>The motion was seconded, with one in opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>Informational.</p> <p>informational</p>
<p>.6. Leadership Reports</p> <p>a. President; Dr. Pattavina</p> <p>1. Update on Physician Assisted Death Work Group; MMS Survey</p> <p>b. President-elect: Robert Schlager, MD</p> <p>a. President’s Retreat March 9-11, 2018</p>	<p>Dr. Pattavina shared that the Physician Assisted Death Work Group and the MMS Survey was discussed on an Officers call. It was determined the best time to send out this survey is right after the first of the year. The Listening Session at the Press Hotel in Portland went well although it would be nice to see more attend. Further discussion will be held on Listening Sessions and what they should look like. Topics discussed at the Listening Session – Annual Session, Medicaid expansion, specifically noting that Medicaid does not pay specialty care physicians very well. The professionalism aspect of Annual Session was successful.</p> <p>Dr. Schlager addressed the members on the March Retreat. One topic he recommends as a priority topic Communication and engagement of younger physicians. He emphasized the importance of board members strategizing about the participation of younger physicians. He would like to address the well-being of physicians in a positive way by focusing on ways of improving burnout. Dr. Schlager suggested well-being could be a theme for the 2018 Annual Session, and Dr. Ryan, Chair of the Annual Session Committee supported this topic. Dr. Schlager would like to follow-up</p>	<p>Continue further discussion when results of the Survey are received.</p> <p>Additional topics for the Retreat can be shared with Dr. Schlager.</p>

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<p>7. Management Reports a. Finance Report; Dr. Parker & Ms. Lukas 1.. November financials</p> <p>b. Acting EVP Report; Andrew MacLean</p>	<p>on professionalism; relationships among physicians, patients and colleagues and health care organizations. Part of this discussion would involve the preferred method of communications with physicians considering all the possibilities from e-mail to the various facets of social media. Other ideas shared in engagement of physicians: technology; social media & networking, one additional topic of concern is the lack of residency programs with limited access for Maine track students noting this is an issue with the AMA as well.</p> <p>Dr. Parker reviewed the November financials noting the dues are still trailing but are at 96%, optimistically hoping to get to 98% by year end. Dr. Parker noted that it will depend on the operating revenues to bring the budget together. The addition of the pending Academic Detailing grant could bring the budget together for 2018. More details of the 2017 Budget will be available in January.</p> <p>Mr. MacLean noted Mr. Smith’s sabbatical is going fine and that staff is very busy and doing well. A Staff Retreat was held on December 5 with Carol Kelly as facilitator. The purpose of the Retreat is to review how staff is doing during Mr. Smith’s sabbatical and to prepare for Gordon’s retirement in 2 years. The staff is all experienced and know their areas of responsibility. Mr. MacLean has conducted monthly calls with the MMA officers as well as Executive Committee calls prior to each Board meeting.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Informational</p>
<p>8. Evaluation of Meeting</p> <p>9. Adjourned.</p>	<p>Mr. MacLean summarized the MMA fall activities: dues billing, collection efforts of delinquents, a variety of legislative activities, Large Conference Room Renovations Project and the current process of migrating the computer system to Office 365 (to the cloud from a server based system), and the search for an MPHP Director. Accomplishments for the year; the successful development of a logo; color scheme and platform for MMA. Currently there is no plan for an overhaul of the MMA website due to the substantial expense. MMA continues to look for opportunities for training and education of Board members and officers. Media training was made available at the Annual Session with excellent participation.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to consider a different way of approaching the Board Meeting evaluation.</p> <p>Meeting evaluation results on a scale of 1 to 10. (1 being the worst and 10 being the best) AVERAGE 8.21</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING Wednesday, January 17, 2018 MMA Headquarter 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Submitted by Diane McMahon Approved by Amy Madden, MD Attested by Andrew MacLean</p>	<p>Informational.</p> <p>To be discussed.</p>

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