

Maine Medical Association  
Meeting Minutes January 18, 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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D. Kreckel, MD	P	P	P					D. McMahan	P	P						
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M. McAllister, MD	P	P	P					D. Poulin	P	P	P					
D. McDermott, MD		P														
B. Miller, MD	P	P	P					Guests:								
K. Mitchell, DO	P	P						D. Tardiff, MD			P					
M. Parker, MD	P	P	P					B. Mulgrew			P					
C. Pattavina, MD		P	P													

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1. Call to Order	Dr. K. Christensen called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Introductions of attendees present and via conference call were exchanged.	
2. Review and approval of minutes of December 5, 2012.	The December 5, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as presented.	<b>Accepted.</b>
3. Approval of Agenda	There were no suggestions for changes to the agenda.	<b>Accepted.</b>
4. Report of Executive Committee Conference Call 1-7-13	Dr. Dieter Kreckel reported that the minutes from the 1.7.2013 EC conference call were included with the agenda packets.	<b>Informational.</b>
5. Membership Report	a) Membership Report. With negotiations with Maine Medical Partners complete, MMA will have an increase in the number of active members. We finish the year with 2228 active members and over 3800 members overall. However, these numbers do not take into consideration the members who are delinquent in payment of their 2012	<b>Informational</b>

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	<p>dues.</p> <p>b) New and potential group memberships. We expect to have an answer soon regarding adding the employed physicians from St. Joseph’s Hospital to our membership. If there is time this weekend, we should talk about membership and the need to change our current model.</p> <p>c) Delinquents. There are approximately 80 members who are still on the delinquent list and we are giving them until Jan. 31 to pay. After that they will be dropped but the new members from MMP will be added so we will still have an increase from year end. A copy of the delinquent list was included with the agenda packets.</p>	<p><b>Board members are encouraged to speak with anyone on the delinquent list they know personally.</b></p>
<p>6. Report of Chief Operating Officer; Mr. MacLean</p>	<p>a) Year-end employee reviews. The year-end MMA staff employee reviews are complete.</p> <p>b) Quality Counts transition to Hanley Building. Quality Counts moved to the Hanley Building last week, and although there were a few technology issues at the Hanley Building, the transition seemed to go smoothly.</p> <p>c) Potential new tenants for Stred Building. Home Care Alliance of Maine, a small non-profit group, is very interested in leasing the space vacated by QC. Vicki Purgavie is HCA’s Executive Director. Other than having the carpets cleaned, there will probably be no further renovations in the space.</p>	<p><b>Informational.</b></p>
<p>7. Report of Associate General Counsel; Ms. Barnard</p>	<p>a) Update on Grants. We have just received a third grant with the MeHAF. MMA has contracted with several new people to assist with the activities and budget requirements for each of the grants. Below is a list of the three MeHAF grants and the contractors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MeHAF Health Care Reform Outreach &amp; Education grant: Sandy Negin</li> <li>• MeHAF Advocacy in Health Care Reform grant: Kim Cook &amp; Kim Codon Lane</li> <li>• MeHAF Payment Reform Grant: Jennifer Reck</li> </ul>	<p><b>Informational.</b></p>
<p>8. Finance Report: Dr. Flannigan, Dr. Parker and Ms. Lukas</p>	<p>Dr. Parker reviewed the 2012 preliminary year-end budget and the proposed changes to the 2013 budget. He compared the total income and expenses and we ended up with a positive of \$803.00. Our investments were approximately \$90K. The reserves grew by \$60-\$65K. Our year-end net assets in the reserve are \$811,261 which does not include the long term development fund. Dr. Parker highlighted several proposed changes to the 2013 budget including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in income from dues of \$20K</li> <li>• Salaries remain approximately the same.</li> <li>• FQHC pilot project income \$21K</li> <li>• Reduction in corporate affiliates \$35K. MMA is going to introduce a new look to the Corporate Affiliate Program.</li> <li>• An increase in income for the peer review program from \$75K to \$115K. In 2012 we did over \$100K.</li> <li>• \$10K for major repairs. (new phone system / driveway) The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for June. Dr. Flannigan, Dr. Parker and Ms. Lukas were recognized for all the work they did on the budget. <b>Following discussion and review, a motion was made and seconded to accept the changes to the 2013 budget as presented.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion Carried without Opposition.</b></p> <p><b>After the March 6 meeting, there will be Board Orientation (&amp; dinner) for new members. Topics will include long-term development, and how other donations are handled either through the Trust or the Foundation.</b></p>

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<p>9. Priority Topics &amp; Presentations</p>	<p><b>a.</b> Consideration of Revised Resolution from Public Health Committee. After each Annual Meeting the resolutions are considered passed by the membership and the Board of Directors can then accept as amended, or reject. At the last Annual Session a resolution was passed which called for expressing our support for a new assault weapons ban along with limitations on magazine capacity and enhanced background checks. The Public Health Committee has recommended three changes that include: 1) more specific language of what we are talking about; 2) the second removal of the word psychiatric; and 3) reference to our previous 2004 and 2007 resolutions. It was noted that the definition of assault weapons in 1994 was not accurate. The language states “such as” not “as” so there is some wiggle room. <b>Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the resolution as presented.</b> Further discussion ensued at this point. Dr. McAllister reiterated his opposition to this resolution on the principle that the MMA should focus on topics germane to medicine. However, some members felt strongly that public health is affected by gun ownership. The concern for taking psychiatric out of the resolution had to do with stigmatizing people, and there are already gun laws on the books having to do with reporting people who are involuntarily committed to psychiatric facilities. <b>Following further discussion all were in favor of calling the question and it was noted that 2/3rds is needed before it can be passed. A vote was taken and the resolution passed 10 in favor with 3 opposed.</b></p> <p><b>b.</b> Proposed MMA legislation for 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Mr. MacLean presented the thirteen bills that MMA has submitted to the Legislature. All thirteen bills were included in the packets. People are encouraged to take a look at them and share any thoughts with the Legislative Committee. Approximately 35 bills have been printed so far. Information about the Governor’s Curtail Budget was made available. Public hearings will start the beginning of February.</p> <p><b>c.</b> Review of materials for Retreat. Mr. Smith reported that on Saturday, the BOD will hear a presentation by his colleague, Brent Mulgrew, JD from the Ohio State Medical Association on <i>Membership &amp; Affiliations, Responding to the Changing Physician Marketplace</i>. Following Mr. Mulgrew’s presentation, Dr. Daniel Tardiff, a Canadian physician will present information about the Canadian Healthcare System. On Sunday, Dr. Kreckle will lead a discussion for how to better engage physicians in Maine. Mr. Mulgrew will then lead the BOD in an exercise to prioritize MMA’s twenty-five priority areas. Mr. Smith and Mr. MacLean will give a brief discussion of each area, the financial information relative to each, the value to MMA members, and consistency with MMA’s mission.</p>	<p><b>Motion carried 10 to 3.</b></p> <p><b>Everyone is encouraged to review the bills and share any thoughts with the Legislative Committee.</b></p>
<p>10. Leadership Reports</p>	<p>Dr. Kreckel will be attending the AMA National Advocacy Conference/President’s Forum February 10-13, 2013. He will give a report to the BOD at the March 6 meeting.</p>	<p><b>On the next agenda.</b></p>
<p>11. Committee, section or delegation reports requiring discussion</p>	<p><b>a.</b> Legislative Committee: Previously reported under 9b.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Public Health Committee: Previously reported under 9a.</p> <p><b>c.</b> Senior Section: The next Senior Section Luncheon Meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2013 from 11:30-2:00 p.m. at MMA Headquarters. The topic is <i>The Impact of the 2012 Election on Healthcare in Maine</i>.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Committee on Membership &amp; Member Benefits: No report.</p> <p><b>e.</b> Committee on Technology and Communications: Mr. Smith reported that the MMA website is up and running. It was a much more difficult project than anyone imagined. It would not have happened without Shirley Goggin who</p>	<p><b>Informational.</b></p>

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	<p>did an extraordinary job. Mr. Smith illustrated the major features of the new site. All content pages are updated and there are no password requirements for ease of use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f. AMA Delegation: Dr. Gleaton plans to attend the New England Delegation meeting in May. She will give a report following that meeting.</li> <li>g. Annual Session Programming Committee: Dr. Petzel reported that there have been a number of conference calls to discuss the 160th Annual Session, October 4-6, 2013 in Portland. This year’s theme will be The Future of Medical Education in Maine.</li> <li>h. Long Term Development Committee                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A total of \$11,300 has been raised from the Annual Appeal. The larger contribution was \$5,500 to the MMET Scholarship Fund.</li> </ul> </li> <li>i. Medical Professionals Health Program (MPHP). Dr. Lani Graham prepared a report of MPHP’s accomplishments and goals (attached). MPHP will be holding a day-long event April 5<sup>th</sup> in Portland.</li> </ul>	
<p>12. EVP Report; Gordon Smith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. EVP report (attached)</li> <li>b. Potential strategic alliance with Hanley Center. Hanley Center is looking to expand their strategic alliances. Mr. Smith will report on this at the March meeting.</li> <li>c. Participation with Maine Health Management Coalition and Quality Counts on Choosing Wisely Campaign and potential grant opportunity with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. We have been asked to apply for a 50K two-year grant in collaboration with the MHMC &amp; QC. MMA leadership is recommending against applying for the grant because it requires matching funds – some of which is in-kind. We would have to hire a grant writer, and put \$2,500 at risk, and only 16 projects will be funded. MMA does not have the time or resources to do this given what little we get in return. <b>Following discussion and review, a motion was made and seconded to not move forward with apply for the Choosing Wisely Campaign grant.</b></li> <li>d. Scope of Practice Partnership; application for financial assistance. MMA has applied for a Scope of Practice Partnership (SOPP) grant to help fund advocacy campaigns addressing scope of practice concerns in the State. The bill submitted on behalf of the CRNA’s regarding the expansion of prescribing privileges for CRNA’s and clinical nurse specialists and removal of the 18-month supervisory requirement for FNPs and some expansion to their scope of services would qualify us for this type of grant.</li> <li>e. MaineCare opiate limits. This was addressed in the EVP report. Dr. Flannigan and Mr. Smith have spent a fair amount of time on this issue.</li> <li>f. LD 1818 Report (Maine Health Data Organization/Maine Quality Forum). This topic will be tabled until the March meeting. Mr. Smith noted that with the new HIPPA regulations, all forms, presentation materials, and staff training needs to be updated.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion Carried without Opposition.</b></p>
<p>13. New Business</p>	<p>Conflict of Interest Forms. Conflict of Interest forms were distributed to members who have not completed them.</p>	<p><b>All forms should be returned ASAP to Diane McMahon</b></p>

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14. Old Business	Establishment of Audit Committee pursuant to Section 9.5.1 of the Bylaws (attachment).	If anyone has an interest participating on the Audit Committee, please contact Mr. Smith or Ms. McMahon.
15. Evaluation of Meeting.	In an effort to improve the BOD meetings going forward, a vote was taken regarding meeting satisfaction. With a 1 being the worst and 10 the best, the following results were given: 5 people gave the meeting a score of 7 and 5, a score of 8.	
16. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.	
Next Meeting	<b>NEXT MEETING</b> <b>Wednesday, March 6, 2013</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> <b>MMA Headquarters</b> <b>Followed by orientation session for new board members: 6:30-8:00 p.m. (with dinner)</b>	

*Submitted by Dianna Poulin*