

Maine Medical Association
Meeting Minutes October 10, 2012

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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| 1. Call to Order | Dr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm | |
| 2. Review and approval of minutes of September 7, 2012. | Dr. Ryan welcomed the new members of the BOD, Drs. Cain, Feder, Jett, Marshall, McAllister, Mitchell, and Petzel. Introductions were made. Dr. D'Augustine, also a new member, was unable to attend. Minutes of the September 7 meeting were reviewed. | A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of September 7, 2012. Motion approved. |
| 3. Approval of Agenda | Agenda reviewed. | The agenda was approved as presented. |

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| <p>4. Report on Executive Committee Conference Call 10-8-12</p> <p>5. Membership Report</p> <p>a. Membership</p> <p>b. New & potential group memberships</p> <p>c. Delinquent Membership Dues</p> | <p>Dr. Ryan reported the EC reviewed and approved the BOD agenda and further discussed some of the agenda topics.</p> <p>Mr. Smith noted that September memberships increased slightly.</p> <p>The Acadia Hospital only agreed to pay for the Medical Directors and CMO, which are only 6 new members. MMA will try for individual membership for the remaining staff physicians. Mr. Smith noted that per Dr. VanKirk, the Penobscot Medical Society is considering donating some of their unspent funds to MMA or toward a fund for group members of St. Joseph's Hospital and EMMC.</p> <p>Mr. Smith addressed the attached delinquent list. The delinquent physicians will not be billed for 2013 dues until such time as the 2012 dues are paid. The plan is to work individually with each physician on the list</p> | <p>Mr. Smith and Lisa Martin; MMA Membership Coordinator will work to gather a list of physicians in areas pertinent to each BOD member. List then to be shared with BOD members for contact.</p> |
| <p>6. Report of Chief Operating Officer; Mr. MacLean</p> <p>7. Report of Associate General Counsel; Ms. Barnard</p> <p>a. MMET bylaw amendments</p> <p>b. Update on grants</p> <p>8. Finance Report; Dr. Parker; Ms. Lukas</p> <p>a. September Financials</p> <p>9. Priority Presentations and Topics</p> <p>a. Consideration of Resolutions passed at Annual Session</p> | <p>Mr. Smith informed that the Staff Retreat is still to be scheduled.</p> <p>Heidi Lamonica is the new Administrative Assistant for the Medical Professionals Health Program for the 20 hour per week administrative assistant position left vacant with the resignation of Karen Snell in July.</p> <p>Negotiations yet to be finalized on the move of Quality Counts to the Hanley building. Their staff has outgrown the current space in the MMA Building. Renovations at the Hanley Building must be complete prior to the move.</p> <p>Ms. Barnard unable to attend meeting due to a Public Health Committee meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Parker reviewed the September financials. Annual Session expenses currently have exceeded the budget by approximately \$5500 with a final invoice from Jackson Laboratory still yet to be received. It was anticipated that there would be no loss with the 2012 Annual Session. Dr. Parker noted that the banquet expenses per plate were \$76 although MMA only charged registrants a \$50 fee. The Sunday morning breakfast which is offered at no cost was an expense of \$3100.</p> <p>Relative to other income, Membership dues are trailing at \$33,000. The other significant variance is Corporate Affiliate dues below budget by \$17,000. Seminars are currently behind although an OSA contract was signed for an additional 3 educational sessions, which could make up the difference. MMA also has 3 more First Friday programs thru 2012. The budget continues to be a work in progress.</p> <p>Discussion held on 5 of the 6 Resolutions approved at the General Membership Meeting of the Annual Session. Appropriate Use of Antibiotics submitted by the Public Health Committee.</p> | <p>More detailed review of Annual Session to be conducted.</p> <p>Motion was made to accept Resolutions re: Appropriate Use of Antibiotics, the motion was seconded and approved.</p> |

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| <p>b. Election/Legislation preparation</p> | <p>Support for our Public Health Infrastructure submitted by the Public Health Committee</p> <p>Limits on the Possession of Dangerous Weapons submitted by the Public Health Committee. Discussion followed with many opinions shared.</p> <p>Operation of Maine’s Pre-litigation Screening Panels</p> <p>Taxes on Beverages with Added Sweeteners submitted by the Public Health Committee.</p> <p>The final Resolution Maintenance and Expansion of Health Care Coverage in Maine was deferred for discussion at the December 5 BOD meeting.</p> <p>Mr. MacLean noted the important organizational meeting of the Legislative Committee is December 12, 6:00pm-8:30 pm at MMA Headquarters. The cloture deadline is December 21 which means anytime from now thru the 12th or 20th of December MMA Staff is happy to hear from any member or representative of any specialty society of topics that one feels should be on the MMA legislative agenda. Legislators can file legislation by December 21. It is urged that specialty societies have 1 or 2 representatives at this Legislative meeting if they have priority topics. MMA will assist in drafting a bill that is of a priority nature. The bill will need to be finalized and a sponsor found between December 12 and 21.</p> <p>Elections Currently the Republicans control both the House and the Senate and Governor’s mansion. Maine is one of 3-5 states in the country that had a complete shift in 2010 from Democratic control to Republican control. All 186 Maine legislators’ terms are up every 2 years. Legislators can serve 4 consecutive terms in a consecutive seat but many do switch from the house to the senate to further their tenure. Currently the common wisdom is that the Republican’s will retain control of the Senate. Mr. MacLean noted that Senate Districts 15, 20, 22, 25 & 43 have toss ups. Feeling is that Democrats will gain control of house. Currently three doctors, all Democrats are running for the House: Drs. Linda Sanborn, Jane Pringle and Ann Downey and one, Geoff Gratwick is running for the Senate (Bangor).</p> | <p>Motion was made to approve Resolution re: Support for our Public Health Infrastructure, motion was seconded and approved.</p> <p>A vote was taken to approve those in favor of Limits on the Possession of Dangerous Weapons, 7, 9 were opposed. Motion failed.</p> <p>Motion was made to accept Resolution re: Operation of Maine’s Pre-litigation Screening Panels, the motion was seconded and approved</p> <p>.</p> <p>Motion was made to accept Resolution re: Taxes on Beverages with Added Sweeteners; the motion was approved with 11 in favor, and 5 opposed.</p> |

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| <p>10. Leadership Reports</p> <p>a. President; Dr.Kreckel</p> <p>1. New England Council Meeting, Sept. 29</p> <p>2. September 21 letter Of support for MaineCare Innovation</p> <p>3. Legislative Committee appointment of Ashley Robertson, MD</p> <p>b. President-Elect: Dr. Raymond</p> | <p>Dr. Kreckel reported on a successful meeting in Waltham, MA. All the New England state medical societies gathered and the President of each state reported on activities within their state. Priority topics addressed; PMP programs, liability difficulties, establishment of ACO's and exchange programs in the states. Other discussion included the AMA resolutions and review of the expansion of Medicaid.</p> <p>Dr. Kreckel noted the attached letter sent to Commissioner Mayhew under his signature.</p> <p>Ashley Robertson, MD noted as approved member to the Legislative Committee.</p> <p>Dr. Raymond acknowledged that he is just getting acclimated in his new role as President-elect.</p> | |
| <p>11. Committee, section or delegation reports requiring discussion</p> <p>a. Legislative Committee; Mr. MacLean</p> | <p>Previously noted under 9b.</p> | |
| <p>b. Public Health Committee</p> <p>c. Senior Section</p> <p>d. Committee on Membership & Member Benefits</p> <p>e. Committee on Technology & Communications</p> <p>1. Website redesign</p> <p>f. AMA Delegation</p> <p>1. Report of NED meeting</p> | <p>Public Health Committee currently meeting at same time as this Board meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Miller noted that the Senior Meeting on October 24 will address <i>How Physicians Deal with Stress & Depression</i> with Nancy Cummings, MD & Margaret Palmer, PhD as the speakers. Dr. Miller also distributed the Senior Section Annual Report for 2012 to assist new members to the BOD in better understanding the Senior Section.</p> <p>Dr. Pierce noted nothing new to report.</p> <p>Mr. Smith reported that the new website is nearing completion. The website is currently available for review by the MMA Staff. A training session for MMA Staff is to be held on October 22. It is anticipated that it will be up and running in 3-4 weeks.</p> <p>Previously noted under Dr. Kreckel's President's Report. Mr. Smith further noted that Drs. Evans, Gleaton, Kreckel will attend the AMA Interim Meeting in Hawaii. Mr. Smith and Mr. MacLean as well, with Ms. Barnard joining them at the lawyer's meeting following the AMA meeting.</p> | |

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| 2. Dr. Nathan Davis Award | Not discussed. | |
| g. Committee on Physician Quality; Ms. Poulin | Ms. Poulin informed that the Peer Review Boot Camp scheduled for Thursday evening, October 11 has 100 registrations of which half are participating via WebEx. Peer Review income is currently over budget at \$81,000 vs. the budgeted amount of \$75,000 for the year. Two on-site peer reviews are scheduled in the next two weeks. On the average, one peer review request is received each week. | |
| 1. Update on Peer Review & Quality Committee | | |
| h. Committee on CME & Accreditation | Mr. Smith referred to the attached letter from the ACCME and progress report decision noting that MMA was found to be in compliance. | |
| i. Nominating Committee | Motion was made to appoint Benjamin Young, MD, 2nd year internal medicine resident at Maine Medical Center to the Board of Directors. | Motion was seconded and approved to accept Benjamin Young, MD to the Board of Directors. |
| 12. EVP Report; Gordon Smith | | |
| a. Annual Session Results 2012 | To be discussed further when all expenses are in. | |
| 1. Silent Auction | | |
| 2. Finances | | |
| 3. Next year | | |
| b. EVP Report | Report attached. | |
| c. Survey Monkey Results | Report attached. | |
| d. Litigation Center Request | Mr. Smith shared that a hospital medical staff contacted MMA for support on a sensitive issue. The medical staff exhausted their medical staff treasury savings of \$3000 for attorney assistance with an issue regarding the skill and qualifications of a physician. The staff requested the financial assistance of the AMA Litigation Center. The AMA Litigation Center requires that the state medical society support this request. MMA did support the request by the medical staff executive committee. It was a difficult and sensitive issue for MMA to navigate as two board members were in general disagreement on the issue. The AMA Litigation Center did award \$5,000 to the medical staff for finalization of the issue of medical staff rights. | |
| e. Request for MMA to join the Maine Council on Aging | Mr. Smith addressed the attached letter requesting MMA to join this council. The request is for a cost of \$500 in dues to join a group that will work to do advocacy for seniors together. | A motion was made, seconded and approved to join the Maine Council on Aging. |

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