

Maine Medical Association  
Meeting Minutes March 6, 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Member	10-10	12-5	1-18	3-6					Member	10-10	12-5	1-18	3-6				
L. Ryan, DO, Chair	P	P	CC	P					J. Petzel, MD	P	P	P					
P. Cain, MD	P			P					B. Pierce, MD	CC	CC	P	P				
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R. Flowerdew, MD	CC	CC	P	P					J. Barnard	P	P	CC					
M. Gleaton, MD	CC	P	P	CC					H. Lukas	P	P	CC	P				
L. Jett Anderson, MD	P	CC	P	CC					A. MacLean	P	P	P	P				
D. Kreckel, MD	P	P	P	P					D. McMahon	P	P		P				
G. T. Marshall, MD	P		P	P					G. Smith	CC	P	P	P				
M. McAllister, MD	P	P	P	P					D. Poulin	P	P	P	P				
D. McDermott, MD		P		CC													
B. Miller, MD	P	P	P	P					Guests:								
K. Mitchell, DO	P	P		P					Jesse Barkin								
M. Parker, MD	P	P	P														
C. Pattavina, MD		P	P	P													

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1. Call to Order	Dr. Ryan called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Introductions of attendees present and via conference call were exchanged.	
2. Review and approval of minutes of January 18, 2013	The January 18, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as presented.	<b>Accepted.</b>
3. Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as presented.	<b>Accepted.</b>
4. Report of Executive Committee Conference Call 3-4-13	Dr. Ryan reported that the EC Conference Call of 3-4-13 reviewed the BOD agenda and an executive session was held to further discuss the performance evaluation of the EVP.	
5. Membership Report	a) Membership Report. Mr. Smith reported that February was a good month with 24 new members. b) New groups. The new memberships include the employed physicians group at St. Joseph's Hospital with 16 new members joining with the existing 14 members already in the group. Recognition was given to Drs. Pattavina and	<b>Informational</b>

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	<p>Shubert and Lois Macias for their assistance. Maine Center for Cancer Medicine, the largest private practice group in Maine, joined with 8 new members joining the existing 4 members. The goal for year- end membership is over 2400 although Mr. Smith noted the goal should be set higher.</p> <p>c) Potential Groups. Chest Medicine Associates proposal has the potential of adding 16 pulmonologists. The other organization is Maine Specialty IPA. The preferred membership would be for each individual practice to join MMA versus a group membership with the IPA. Mr. Smith will also focus on growing the groups at St. Mary’s Hospital, Eastern Maine Medical Center and CMMC. Mr. Smith had a very successful meeting with Christopher Sprowl, MD, the new President of Maine Medical Partners.</p>	
<p>6. Report of Chief Operating Officer; Mr. MacLean</p>	<p>a) Potential new tenants for Stred Building. Home Care and Hospice Alliance of Maine is likely to rent the space vacated with Quality Counts move to the Hanley Building. Vicki Purgavie, Executive Director of HCHA is the one full time employee with 3 part time employees whose time does not overlap often. Quality Counts has settled into their space at the Hanley Building comfortably with the OnPoint Health Data care tenants.</p>	<p><b>Mr. MacLean to finalize leases for the Alliance and Quality Counts.</b></p>
<p>7. Finance Report: Dr. Flanigan and Ms. Lukas</p>	<p>a) Financial 2012 Financials. The year-end financials were reviewed by Dr. Flanigan. Revenues were up by 2% and expenses were 1% above projection. Dr. D’Augustine noted the expense of printing the Bulletin. Ideas were shared on options i.e. electronic version vs. printed copies. Several members shared their enjoyment in reading the printed newsletters.</p> <p>b) February 2013 Financials. The financials for month end February were reviewed.</p>	<p><b>Topic of Bulletin expense to be continued for discussion with more detail and input from MMA membership.</b></p>
<p>8. Priority Presentations &amp; Topics</p>	<p>a) Discussion on Results of Prioritization Exercise (Matrix). Mr. Smith noted that like most other membership associations, MMA has spread itself too thin and it was time to review what we do and prioritize on how to move forward. The list of 25 items on the matrix was ranked by the Board on how each item relates to the mission of MMA and performs financially. Ms. Lukas noted the results were based 19 surveys. Summary results of the Matrix were discussed among the board members. It was agreed to continue to look at this important concept but where do we go next? It was suggested that we send the matrix to a wider group of members (electronically) in a much more simplified version to rank according to value to the member. Another option would be to send it to a more random segment of memberships. Either exercise should produce results of value to MMA, as well as serving as an indication as to whether the Board members reflect the opinions of the members.</p> <p>b. Selected Legislation for Review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. LD 644 Payment of MaineCare debt to the Hospitals. Mr. Smith recommended that MMA attend the hearing in support of the bill, then opened discussion to the Board. The Maine Hospital Association has requested our support on this bill. The general consensus of the Board is to endorse support of the legislation to pay the hospitals what they are due without weighing in on the details of the liquor contract. A motion was made and seconded for MMA to endorse supporting the Legislation to pay the hospitals.</li> <li>2. Medicaid Expansion. Mr. Smith noted this is federal money intended to be used to help families in Maine. Typically this program has been a poorly run program in the State of Maine. The theme of what is important to</li> </ol>	<p><b>Continue to move forward with the Matrix Survey.</b></p> <p><b>The motion was unanimously approved without opposition.</b></p>

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	<p>the physician is that patients that are underserved do not take care of themselves. Under the leadership of Kevin Flanigan, MD, MaineCare Medical Director and Mary Mayhew, Commissioner of Health &amp; Human Services, it is anticipated the program will be better operated and focused on primary care, population health and health care management. The focus is to transform the financing and delivery system. MMA continues to be seen as a leader and advocate in favor of coverage for everyone.</p>	<p><b>MMA to continue to be highly visible on the issue and notify physicians of the hearing date in April.</b></p>
<p>9. Leadership Reports</p>	<p>a. President: Dr. Kreckel</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AMA National Advocacy Conference/President’s Forum. Dr. Kreckel reported a very successful Washington DC trip. Visits with Senator King and Congressman Michaud, and the health staff liaisons in Senator Collins and Congresswoman Pingree’s office. The major topics discussed were: expansion of Medicaid, permanent fix for SGR formula for Medicare, future of the ACA and gun safety. The focus of the conference was the passion of medicine and our profession. The highlight of the meeting was the awards ceremony, in which people have been sponsored by the AMA (not necessarily physicians) and recognized for their contribution to medicine and health. Of particular interest was a UNE student who was an award recipient.</li> <li>2. New Committee Appointments. Dr. Kreckel announced the appointments of new members to the following committees. (The Bylaws state that the President of MMA appoints new members to the committees, between meetings of the membership). These new members were volunteers from a notice posted in the Weekly Update. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Audit Committee: Amina Quiz, MD; Laurie-Kane Lewis, CFO of DFD Russell</li> <li>b. Payor Liaison Committee Josh Cutler, MD; Marc Miller, MD, Jean Antonucci, MD</li> <li>c. Physician Quality Committee: James Timoney, DO</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>b. President-elect: Dr. Raymond. The President’s Retreat next year will be January 24-26, 2014. This is one week later than Martin Luther King weekend, thus allowing more physicians to attend the meeting. Dr. Raymond hopes to have the Retreat in Stowe, Vermont, which will be finalized once the package venues from each location are received.</p>	
<p>10. Committee, section or delegation reports requiring discussion</p>	<p>a. Legislative Committee: Mr. MacLean noted a busy schedule at the State House. Notably, the top priority is the Payment of MaineCare debt to the hospitals; which is supported by the Governor. Secondly, the Medicaid expansion, which is supported by the Democrats. The biennial budget hearings do start next week, although the Health &amp; Human Service budget probably will not be heard until late March or early April. No direct physician cuts are in store, but eligibility cuts are and a 10% across the board hospital rate cut. This inevitably would mean legislators will be working these in both Health &amp; Humans Services and Appropriations thru April and into May to find a way to a budget supported by two-thirds of the legislature.</p> <p>b. Public Health Committee: Nothing of note to report. Public health issues currently being dealt with at the State House. Of interest to some is the tar sands letter recommended by the PHC. The PHC had speakers come and PHC</p>	

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	<p>support the campaign. Dr. Jett noted her concerns about the implications of the tar sands oil. Ms. Barnard noted that the PHC focused on the health issues. If Secretary of State Kerry approves this, does it go through a standard process? Ms. Barnard noted she did not believe it went through a standard process upon approval.</p> <p>c. Senior Section: Dr. Miller reported a very successful meeting with the largest attendance ever on January 23. Mr. MacLean and Mr. Smith presented on The Impact of the 2012 Election on Healthcare in Maine. The next meeting is April 24 with the discussion of the Impact of ACA on Medicare. <b>Recognition was made of the great support received from the Senior Section.</b></p> <p>d. Committee on Membership &amp; Member Benefits: The Corporate Affiliate Breakfast is April 18 with Dr. Jenny Thompson, the keynote speaker. Dr. Thompson is an Olympic 8 gold medal winner and a practicing pediatric anesthesiologist at Spectrum Medical Group.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work with the independent primary care physicians. This network is an informal group of primary care physicians in the southern Maine area. This group is a bit skeptical of MMA, so Mr. Smith has been asked to address the group and present education on ACO's and payment reform.</li> <li>2. Maine Rx Card. This is a card for uninsured or underinsured to receive pharmaceuticals at a discounted rate. Patients receive a discount and MMA would receive a royalty. The New Hampshire Medical Society is a supporter of this program.</li> </ol> <p>e. Committee on Technology and Communications: Mr. Smith reported that the new MMA website is up and running, although issues continue with the vendor. It has been a complex situation with the vendors, with payment being withheld until everything is complete. <b>Please visit the website at <a href="http://www.mainemed.com">www.mainemed.com</a> and share with us your thoughts.</b></p> <p>f. AMA Delegation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. AMA State Delegation Apportionment. The MMA is pleased that with an additional 70 AMA members from Maine, we are able to retain our apportionment of 2 Delegates for 2013.</li> <li>2. Request of Jo Linder, MD. Dr. Linder has requested to be designated as an AMA alternate delegate from Maine for the Annual Meeting in Chicago as Robert Wah, MD is a personal friend and candidate for President-elect. The position of Alternate Delegate is currently vacant and Dr. Linder has agreed to pay all of her own expenses. After a detailed discussion both in support and others expressing concerns that the normal nominating election format should be followed. A motion was made as a one-time exception, in support of Jo Linder, MD representing MMA, as an Alternate Delegate at the June AMA meeting.</li> <li>3. Richard Evans, MD – Mr. Smith wrote a letter in support of Dr. Evan's candidacy for a position on the AMA Council on Ethics and Judicial Affairs.</li> </ol> <p>g. Committee on Physician Quality</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update on Peer Review Program and Physician Quality Committee; Ms. Poulin reported that under the leadership of Dr. Prior, the committee is going forward in a new direction with helping practices. Dr. Jett Anderson is a new member to the Committee. A lot of work continues behind the scenes.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Ms. Barnard will report back at the May Board meeting, including the talking points on both sides of this issue.</b></p> <p><b>After examining the program more closely, Mr. Smith will bring it back to the committee if it is endorsed.</b></p> <p><b>The motion was seconded and approved, with 15 in favor and 4 opposed.</b></p>

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	<p>h. Annual Session Programing Committee. Mr. Smith reported on behalf of Dr. Petzel that the committee is on track for the 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Session, October 4-6, 2013 in Portland. This year’s theme will be The Changing Face of Medical Education in Maine.</p> <p>i. Long Term Development Committee: Deferred as the February 27 was cancelled and is rescheduled for May.</p> <p>j. Medical Professional Health Program. Mr. MacLean reported that LD 411, <b>An Act To Amend the Health Care Practitioner Licensing, Disciplinary and Reporting Laws Regarding Alcohol and Drug Abuse</b> was approved in the committee unanimously and will go to the floor for votes. Dr. Chagrasulis noted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Professionals Conference: Fostering Wellness in the Workplace April 5, 2013 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. <b>The program brochures on this program were distributed.</b></p> <p>k. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee will be meeting in the spring to review positions available on the Board of Directors and other committees as well.</p>	
<p>11. EVP Report</p> <p>12. New Business</p> <p>13. Old Business</p> <p>14. Evaluation Meeting</p> <p>15. Adjournment</p>	<p>a. EVP report (attached)</p> <p>b. AMA Group of Federation executives. Mr. Smith has been chosen to sit on a Committee of State Executives that will meet twice a year with the AMA CEO for the purpose of discussing issues and sharing solutions and experiences.</p> <p>c. Follow-up on Foreign Trained Health Professionals – Information distributed for FYI.</p> <p>d. Web-site redesign – previously discussed.</p> <p>e. MHA-MMA Joint Dinner Meeting March 13. The annual joint dinner meeting with officers of MHA/MMA is to be held in Bangor on March 13. Three officers from each group will attend; along with Mr. Smith and Mr. Michaud.</p> <p>f. CDI Quality Institute. Mr. Smith informed that this group owns diagnostic imaging facilities in the state. MMA will have them join as a Corporate Affiliate and they will be a sponsor at Annual Session in exchange for some legislative monitoring.</p> <p>g. Dan Hanley Center for Health Leadership Strategic Partnership - No new information to report.</p> <p>h. Aroostook County Medical Society. The county medical society voted in January to transfer their remaining funds of \$55,000 to MMA. MMA has agreed to hold these funds for the benefit of medical students from Aroostook County. The current plan is to provide a grant of \$2500 to any medical student from the county who applies for one of our MMEF loans. It was noted that the Melvin Bacon Scholarship Funds are also held in the trust.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>None</p> <p>Not conducted as meeting adjourned late.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.</p>	<p><b>A motion was made to accept the funds from the Aroostook Medical Society; the motion was seconded and approved. Topic to be further discussed at the May meeting regarding where the funds will go.</b></p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING Wednesday, May 1, 2013 4:00 PM MMA Headquarters</p>	

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