

# Maine Medical Association

Meeting Minutes April 13, 2011

# Executive Committee

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N. Cummings, MD, Ch	P	P	P	P	P	P			K. Mitchell, MD								
D. McDermott, MD	P	P	P	CC	CC	P			M. Parker, MD	P	P	P	CC	CC			
J. Linder, MD	P	P		P	P	P			C. Pattavina			P		P	P		
R. Chagrasulis, MD		P	P						B. Pierce, MD	P	P	P	CC				
J. Charity, MD	P	CC		P	P				C. Reddy, MD	Web	CC		P	CC	CC		
W. Chernin, MD		CC				CC			L. Ryan, DO			P			CC		
K. Christian, MD	P	CC	P	P	P	P			J. Smith, MD								
I. Daudi, MD		P	P	P		P			W. Strassberg, MD				P	CC			
R. DeJong, MD		P			P	P											
R. Evans, MD	Web	CC		CC					STAFF								
K. Flanigan, MD		P		P	P	P			J. Barnard	P	P	P	P				
R. Flowerdew, MD		P	P	P	P	P			H. Lukas	P	P	P	P	P	P		
M. Gleaton, MD	P	P	P	P		P			A. MacLean	P		P	P	P	P		
D. Hallbert, MD									D. McMahon		P	P	P	P	P		
P. Klainer, MD	Web			P	CC				G. Smith	P	P	P	P	P	P		
D. Kreckel, MD		P	P	P	P	P											
J. Makin, Jr., MD	P	P		P	P	P			GUEST(S):								
M. McAllister, MD	P	P	P	CC													
B. Miller, MD		P	P	P	P	P			Jim Harnar								

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Call To Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Kenneth Christian, MD</li> </ul>	
2. Review of Minutes of April 13, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minutes of the meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of April 13, 2011.</li> </ul>	The minutes of April 13, 2011 were approved.
3. Introduction of guests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James Harnar, Executive Director of the Hanley Center for Leadership was welcomed to present on the Physician Leadership Course..</li> </ul>	
4. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agenda accepted as presented.</li> </ul>	
5. Report of Operations Committee a. Conference Call 4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Christian reviewed the Operations Committee Call minutes of April 24, 2011.</li> </ul>	
6. Report of Chief Operating Officer; Mr. MacLean a. Physician's Day at the Legislature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. MacLean noted that Physician's Day at the Legislature on May 26 was a great success, although he noted that was the day Governor LePage vetoed LD 1222.</li> </ul>	A recommendation was made to try to obtain an earlier date in future years for this event. Mr. MacLean acknowledged

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7. Membership Report Priority Topics for Discussion a. QIO Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith reported \$625,000 in membership dues is an attainable goal for 2011. He continues to work with various groups to obtain their membership.</li> <li>Dr. Flanigan reported that the financials are tracking according to budget.</li> <li>Dr. Flanigan reflected the more significant changes as noted in the attached Proposed 2011 Budget Changes. The goal is to build a capital improvement fund and to work efficiently toward a balanced budget closer to fiscal reality. The process of withdrawing money out of the reserves is to be gradually weaned to zero as set forth in previous policy. A policy has been discussed that if money is borrowed from the reserves, repayment would include an interest payment. Ms. Lukas noted that the Long Term Development funds have been moved from a CD to a money market account. This will allow money to be withdrawn as needed in lieu of withdrawing from the reserves.</li> </ul>	<p>the goal for an earlier date, although he noted it is difficult to schedule dates in a timely manner at the State House.</p> <p>The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Motion was approved to accept agenda as prepared.</p>
4. Approval of Agenda		
5. Report of Operations Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialty Society contracts were discussed relative to the changes in MMA staffing as noted in the Operations Committee minutes of 4-11-11. At the current time MMA does have a uniform contract But it has not yet been presented to all the specialties. The MMA staff changes allow an opportunity to further evaluate the existing relationships with the societies. Many suggestions were made from having a cafeteria style contract (meeting management; administrative) to having direct and indirect costs built into the contract. Dr. Flanigan reflected MMA’s Mission and Vivid Description which would encourage MMA to support working with the specialty societies.</li> </ul>	
6. Report of Chief Operating Officer		
7. Membership Report a. Membership numbers b. Report on any new group memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously discussed above.</li> </ul>	<p>A motion was made to accept the proposed changes to the 2011 budget; the motion was seconded and approved.</p>
8. Finance Report a. March financials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tabled to next meeting.</li> </ul>	
b. Proposed adjustments to 2011 Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Linder referred to the Save the Date on the 2011 Annual Session on INNOVATION that provides a brief summary of what will be a fantastic program. Randy Darby, MD will be the keynote speaker on Saturday. Dr. Linder reviewed the entire education program of the Annual Session.</li> <li>Dr. Linder noted this successful program with over 500 attendees at the Augusta Civic Center on April 6. Mr. Smith opened the event with his welcoming remarks, noting the issues in the state legislature trying to preserve what had been in place for years i.e. childhood immunizations. A large group of exhibitors were present including an MMA booth managed by Lisa Martin, MMA Membership Coordinator.</li> </ul>	<p>Recommendation was made to further discussion of specialty societies as a priority topic at the June 1 meeting.</p>

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<p>9. Priority Topics</p> <p>a. QIO contract</p> <p>b. BOLIM jurisprudence exam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Linder recognized Dr. Miller and Mr. MacLean for the concept of providing residents in the last two years of training a seminar on information to assist in their transition from residency to practice. It is a goal to have a minimum of 20-25 residents present with hopes to have 50. The notice has been sent to residents. It was specifically noted that this seminar is offering good advice and not selling anything to them. Suggestions were made to consider offering it to 2<sup>nd</sup> year residents and also to fellows. This same type of program is offered at some of the specialty annual meetings. Dr. Flowerdew noted for future planning purposes that the month of November tends to be a good month to reach residents.</li> <li>• Dr. Cummings is currently working on physical health and life balance as a panelist for the closing CME Session <i>INNOVATIOS IN PHYSICIAN WELLNESS</i> on Sunday at Annual Session. Dr. Cummings will be Doctor of the Day at the State House on May 10.</li> </ul>	<p>Members were encouraged to bring families and invite colleagues to attend the 158<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the MMA in Bar Harbor. September 9-11, 2011.</p>
<p>10. Leadership Reports</p> <p>a. Dr. Linder</p> <p>    1. Annual Session 2011</p> <p>    2. Quality Counts 2011</p> <p>    3. Prep for Practice May 23</p> <p>b. President-elect; Dr. Cummings</p> <p>c. Chair, Dr. Christian</p> <p>11. Committee, section or AMA delegation reports requiring discussion</p> <p>a. Legislative Committee</p> <p>b. Public Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Christian will be represent MMA at the UNE Graduation on May 21.</li> <li>• Tracking sheet noted for bills in the Legislature.</li> <li>• Meeting today at 4 pm in the Small Conference room of MMA.</li> <li>• Dr. Miller reported that the Senior Section would meet on April 27. The topic will be "Medical School in Maine: 101 years post-Flexner". Drs Linder, Trowbridge and Hardy will conduct a panel discussion on how medical students are educated in today's world.</li> <li>• Mr. Smith reported that Dr. Pierce will attend the Corporate Affiliate Breakfast tomorrow at the Portland Country Club. Bill Green of Bill Green's Maine will be the guest speaker to the 75 registered participants.</li> <li>• Mr. Smith noted that small incremental progress has been made with three vendors being considered for the website redesign. Ms. Goggin will be scheduling an afternoon meeting for the vendors to make their presentation. It is anticipated this meeting will be scheduled for May. \$5,000 is in the budget for the website redesign.</li> </ul>	<p>Recommendation made to have the notice sent to all Program Directors and the house staff association leadership to encourage and allow time in the residents schedule to attend</p>

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c. Senior Section 1. April 27 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith referred to the invitation attached from the AMA. MMA has attempted over the years to built a relationship with medical staff leadership over the years and has not been successful. Mr. Smith noted that it has been discussed with Executive Committee membership previously and that medical staffs were not interested. Dr. Linder noted that she represented her hospital medical staff in another state and that generally the hospitals sent a representative from the medical staff.</li> </ul>	
d. Committee on Membership & Member Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The New England Delegation's spring meeting will be at the Harraseeket at the end of April. (April 29-30).</li> </ul>	<p>The Executive Committee members will be notified as soon as a date has been scheduled for this meeting.</p>
e. Committee on Technology and Communications  1. Website redesign		<p>Recommendation made that the information be sent to Medical Staff Presidents and to leaders of medical groups. This information will also be noted in the Weekly Update.</p>
f. AMA Delegation  1. Invitation to Participate in the OMSS  2. NED meeting		<p>Any issues of concerns should be routed to Drs. Gleaton, Makin, or Evans prior to this meeting.</p>
12. EVP Report		
a. First Friday's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The First Friday's schedule attached for the remaining 2011 programs. The April 1 First Friday's –Annual Coding Seminar originally cancelled due to the snowstorm, and again had to be cancelled on April 8 due to sickness has been rescheduled to Friday, April 29.</li> </ul>	
b. 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Practice Education Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 18, 8:30 am-4:30 pm at the Augusta Civic Center as noted in the Save the Date attached. A full program will be sent in the mail.</li> </ul>	
c. MICIS Program Quality Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MICIS Quarterly Report shared.</li> </ul>	
d. AMA Scope of Practice Statement of legal compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal compliance statement on Scope of Practice Partnership (SOPP) signed in cooperation with the AMA.</li> </ul>	

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e. Collaboration with Maine Senior Driver Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith noted MMA support of the collaboration with MCD to educate Maine physicians in better screening and counseling of senior patients who may have a medical condition or functionality concerns. MMA will work with the Maine Senior Driver Coalition to translate the best practices and standards of care.</li> </ul>	
f. Invitation to attend Community Paramedicine meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith referred to the attached letter of invitation. Discussion followed and it was agreed that it would be beneficial to be represented at this meeting. Dr. Pattavina was recommended to attend and will check his availability.</li> </ul> <p>Other item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Smith noted that Maine Health Management Coalition on previous day launched their new website; <a href="http://getbettermaine.org">getbettermaine.org</a> which is intended to compare both physicians and hospitals based upon nationally and locally accepted standards of care. This is all voluntary.</li> </ul>	Mr. Smith to share this issue with the MHA to obtain their position on the issue and to share with the AMA Scope of Practice.
13. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bylaws Final Draft Five                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A detailed discussion held on Draft Five of the MMA Bylaws. Dr. McDermott made changes to the bylaws as the recommendations were made. Further wordsmithing of the document will be done.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>A motion was made to have one AMA delegate on the Board of Directors; the motion was seconded and approved; 8 in favor; 2 opposed.</p> <p>Any additional suggested changes to the bylaws should be sent to Dr. McDermott.</p>
14. Review meeting; identify items for next meeting		
15. Adjourn		
Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm		
Submitted by Diane McMahon	Minutes authenticated by Kenneth Christian, MD	

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 1, 2011**

**4:00 PM at THE MAINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING TIME**

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