

**MAPA Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 18th, 2015**

**Teleconference Call – due to weather**

**6:30pm – 7:50pm**

Attendance: Oren Berkowitz, Beth Buyea, Sarah Christie, Duncan Daviau (MCPHS), Cathy Hamel, Pam McColl, Tony Pellegrino, Julie Purcell, Sheri Talbot, Cole Turno (BU) Nina and Daniel (Springfield ). Quorum present,.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** February Minutes Approved

**Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee Report:** Heather and Julie put together a letter to Mass Medical Society in response to legislature to address the concerns about leaders in patient centered care. There has been no response from Mass Medical Society to date. Physician Assistant Act has been filed to ensure we are enrolled at Mass Health.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tax return has been sent by Julie. Those on the board need to review the return. Secretary to sign Annual report for Commonwealth. February 1<sup>st</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup> is our fiscal year. Last year took in \$95,000. Expenses about \$90,000. May need to go to an accountant soon, due to the need for audited financial statements. Spring conference income was a little less than last time.

**Membership Committee Report:** Membership numbers have inverted (350 fellows, 17 affiliate), lapsed members (431). Considering asking Ina Cushman to be the membership chair so that we can dedicate time to this.

**Student Reports**

*Boston University Update:* Welcomed 2<sup>nd</sup> class on April 1<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> years are preparing to start clinical in 10 days. Social gather with 1<sup>st</sup> years tomorrow night. New MAPA rep coming for BU soon as the 1<sup>st</sup> year class starts elections

*MCPHS-Boston Update:* Bone marrow drive recently, celebrated Red Sox day, celebrating end of year with a boat cruise, White Coat Ceremony, mentor day with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2 years together

*Springfield:* setting up 5K for local benefit for Griffin's Fund (childhood cancer)

**CME Committee Update.** Spring CME made some money, a little less than usual. Numbers were down – there was an issue with postcard reminders. June 6<sup>th</sup> will be the next Western Massachusetts CME with Baystate. Jay is putting the program together. It will run 8am-12noon.

## **Other Business**

*Website Update:* Website should be going live next week. Bianca has been working with the designer

*PAC creation:* Close to completing the set up. Needs to be kept separate from MAPA.

*Elections:* Need to send out a ballot on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Sheri will email list of candidates. Board members who will be running need to declare to Sheri. Seats that are up for elections: president elect, treasurer, Tony and Bianca's seats are up also. AAPA message stated we can have 5 HOD's for this year and next.

*Highland Financial:* Strong supporters of MAPA, they want to continue their support. They are willing to help sponsor the leadership piece that MAPA is starting. The goal for this for MAPA is promote leadership from within. Hoping to increase the people who are willing to step up and help lead MAPA. Ideas: Women in Leadership, How to Influence Peers. Want to send out a survey to people in MAPA to see what they are interested in and then develop topics from there. This is different than the Cleveland Clinic. Brainstorming a curriculum that brings people together periodically to discuss these topics. Consider CME's for this to get more people to come, Highland is willing to work with Jay on this.

Leadership: Sarah feels that the opportunity with Highland is a great way to begin brainstorming opportunities. Breakoff session at Spring CME showed a cohort of people who are very excited to get more involved with MAPA. May need to take a multifaceted approach with both Highland and the grassroots people. May be able to weave this into recruiting members with this. Will consider adding this to the June 6<sup>th</sup> Spring CME. Will ask Jay to build this collaboration.

BEACON HILL DAY: Well over 100 students arrived for lobby day. Made some great progress based on feedback from students. Many met with legislators to discuss what a PA was and helped advance the cause.

*New Business:* AAPA conference in May. HOD's will review documents coming and reach out if there are any hot topics.

Next meeting: May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Pam McColl will take notes)

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Buyea