

MAPA Board of Directors Meeting

January 21st, 2015

Teleconference Call

6:30pm – 7:50pm

Attendance: Oren Berkowitz, Beth Buyea, , Jay Chamberlain, Sarah Christie, Duncan Daviau (MCPHS), Meredith Johnson, Brian Katz, David Probert, Julie Purcell, Tessa Romney (NE), Sarah Rospert (MCPHS), Lisa Statz (NE), Heather Trafton, Cole Turno (BU). Quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: no changes, minutes approved

Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee Report: Bill filed to force Mass Health to comply with Chapter 224. Sanchez made recommendations. Decided to go with options 1 and 2. Senator Chandler (majority leader) and Sanchez will be sponsors. Will start the grassroots lobbying. Next steps will be to engage in lobby day, may need to do action alerts with PA's reaching out to their senators for support. More to come with the grassroots work. Attorney we worked with was great, she really knows PA law.

Also, NP bill has resurfaced. NP's are seeking independence. There are some PA's asking if we are going to oppose this, will it hurt our practice? No benefit to oppose it at this time.

Concern about Board of Registration: meetings held without quorum. This has been a large concern. DPH has outreached to Heather. Regulations need to be updated. May need to take this to DPH as an organization to get this moving.

The Charles Group is proposing a \$500/month increase in his fees for lobbying. Members of MAPA would like to get a better sense of what he does and answer questions. He hasn't increased his fees since 2007. He has been a real asset to the legislative piece for MAPA. He is going to be at the conference on the 14th of March. He could be there for our MAPA meeting and leadership piece at the conference. We do have the money in the budget, and this would be money well placed. Motion to approve raise, second, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Grant writer Hilde has helped make our Fall conference do quite well. Inflows and outflows were not grossly overbalanced. Inflows have been significant from corporate grants, membership dues and AAPA for the conference. Outflows for the conference were better due to cheaper venue. We have a positive cash flow.

Membership Committee Report: Total of 640 members, our lapse numbers are higher than incoming numbers. Julie put a letter together to try to help lapse members see what we do and where their money goes. March is always when we peak our numbers, especially because of the conference. Will try to tie that into a newsletter that Cathy Hamel will create. Slightly better than this time last year. Question raised about cold calling, many have not had good experiences with it.

Student Reports

Boston University Update: Quiet start to the New Year. Gearing up for first exams. Leadership committee has met and planning to organize a mentor team for second class coming in.

MCPHS-Boston Update: Sign ups for Boston Marathon Volunteers, AAPA advocacy and leadership program, upcoming PA networking night, Challenge Bowl group forming for San Francisco.

Northeastern University Update: Clothing drive, spring break work, Cradles to Crayons work and other volunteer opportunities this semester. Conflict with April 15th Lobby day due to final exams.

CME Committee Update.

Fall Update- Hyatt Boston/Cambridge- Thursday, October 23 to Sunday, October 26:

191 people, 86 which were students. Our fellow number was down, which was expected due to AAPA (down about 20% from last year). Hilde Lake has been helping with grant writing and was a great resource for the MAPA conference. Had a + cash flow from the conference. Looking at similar dates for next fall and probably at the same venue.

Spring Conference at Lahey: March conference is 6.25 credits for pharmacology CME.

General topics include: prescription monitoring, COPD, Rheumatoid arthritis, polypharmacy in elderly, sepsis and the use of pressors. Julie recommended reaching out to Jenn Hixon to see if we can pull Western Massachusetts into this Spring conference. Brian will be seeing her tomorrow and will reach out.

Western MA Conference: interested in doing this again. Good contacts at Baystate and if we can make more contacts that conference can increase in number. June may be a good month to try to have this. Jay will reach out to Baystate again to see if that venue can be used again.

Other Business

Mandate CO membership by regulation: Need to look at the exact language to know if this is an option. Jay believes that in other places they need to log CME with the state, where we do not need to do that here. They have a logging clause in their legislature, which we do not.

Community Health Centers (PA vs NP): Follow up with Janice John, Ina was going to reach out. Will defer for now.

Website Update: Jay received email today from web designer. She is working on the website, moving forward slowly. Realistic goal to have it launched around the time of the March conference. Will need to look at the content before launch.

PAC creation: Need to define goals, who is working on it, what the deadlines will be. Will coordinate with Heather, Julie and Meredith.

2015 Meeting schedule: Meeting night on 3rd Wednesday of the month. In person meeting in Feb, March is at Lahey. BU is willing to host the February meeting. April 15th at MCPHS. Heather can host in Deedham May 20th meeting. June will be a teleconference call.

MAPA 40th birthday in 2015: Should try to work this into items.

Newletter: Cathy needs to get one out. Sheri needs to do a call for elections. Remind about Beacon Hill day, promote spring CME, news articles from Heather, Meredith and Julie.

Would also like to see a student portion.

Next meeting: February 18th at BU.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Buyea