

Massachusetts Association of Physician Assistants

Board of Directors Meeting

April 11, 2012

Meeting at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science

Attendees: Jay Chamberlain, Maha Lund, Pam McCall, Sean Robinson, Heather Trafton, David Probert, Julie Purcell, Michelle Webb (MCPHS-B student)

1. Minutes from March 2011 BOD meeting approved. Minutes from November 2011 approval deferred.
2. Spring CME: MAPA made \$20,644.47 in profit. Last year's profit was \$9,500. One identified reason includes that the Lahey site is popular. 97% of attendees said in the post conference survey that they would recommend the MAPA CME conference to others. Only concerns were that there was no designated place to each lunch. In the future attendees can be directed to the Cafeteria. Another comment asked if the conference could not start later in the day. However, we only have the room until 4 pm.
3. Student break out session at Spring CME was very productive. Great suggestions on how to get students involved. Sean will send out the list with suggestions.
4. Fall CME conference, Thursday Sept 6th through Sunday September 9th.
Cost \$335 for 20 hrs CME for MAPA members with registration before July 15th.
Conference fee and MAPA membership together: \$425
Preliminary program:
Thursday 4-5 CME hrs in the afternoon
Thursday evening: Reception for MAPA members and non-members; networking event.
Member feedback in the past was that there were not sufficient social/networking opportunities. Consider inviting legislators. Plan is to talk to program directors to consider cancelling classes and allow students to attend.
Friday am, break out sessions
Friday pm until 6 pm, regular CME sessions
Saturday all day (7.5 CME hrs) 3 concurrent CME options: Urgent care, ER and Ortho tracks to attract more people from different specialty areas.
Sunday sessions from 8 – 11:30
Advertising already up on the website.
Plan for a 'Safe the date' email to go out together with BOD nomination information.
Goal is to have 200 attendees
Student track was discussed. 2-3 hrs for students on Sunday morning. Faculty could be speakers, followed by a Challenge Bowl. No student price for CME conference set yet. Cost for food would be \$30-35.
Possibility to repeat Student Leadership summit.
5. Student Advocacy Day at the State House: This event took place on 3/22/2012 and went very well. One staff member made negative comments about PAs, stating that it is not appropriate

for PAs to provide Primary Care. Charles and Heather had opportunity to have face time with the chief of staff who is supportive of PAs. Issues were clarified. The meeting was beneficial. AAPA will work this event into their advocacy add.

The board discussed if a link to the news report about this event should be on the MAPA website. It was suggested that it is better to include the link in the newsletter to include a report on the Student Day at the State House and also a report on student focus at the Spring CME conference.

6. Lobbyist: Charles has been very supportive over the years. His compensation should be reviewed. It was decided to wait until the end of the year to consider a bonus.
7. Website: MAPA website should announce upcoming board elections. Including link to 'contact us if you are interested'.
Jay needs to add Legislative updates, MAPA BOD meeting minutes and Newsletters to the website. To retain membership Jay is to look into option to auto-renew memberships.
8. Treasurer's Report: Continued additions from Affiniscape. Corporate sponsorships also helpful. Currently in account \$ 9663.48. Still coming in \$500 from vendor, \$600 for email blast for emergency medicine conference. \$700 for new members. However, there will be minimal income until the September CME conference.
9. Regional Meeting: Regional meeting at South Coast/Fall River planned for Mid June. This location will also draw PAs from the Cape. Plan to make it as low cost as possible. Board discussed possible location at a hospital or offering 1 CME hr.
10. AAPA Grant: The board decided to ask for an AAPA Grant. To increase membership we will need to invest. We have made progress over the last few years. Now we can reasonably support the lobbyist with 5K. But to meet additional goals (e.g. outreach through regional meetings) we need another 5K to grow the organization. We expect increased membership with increased number of students in the state.
Julie and Meredith will draft a letter and outline the progress MAPA has made over the last few years.
11. Legislative: Include PAs in Health Care reform bill. Pushed hard from multiple stake holders. Some think to just let the market decide and not include PAs. The Sanchez bill is very inclusive, gives PAs everything. It is too big to be included in another bill. The board talked about limiting our requests to only the most important issues. Sanchez disagrees. Heather wrote a memo and took it to staff asking to define PAs as Primary Care providers. Senator Moore wants to eliminate the physician: PA ratio altogether. Ann Davis (AMA) is not opposed to PAs being defined as Primary Care Providers.
Massachusetts Association of Health Plans (all except BC/BS) had agreed to add NPs as Primary Care providers in 2008. They would have included PAs at that time. We need to research the language used in other states. The Massachusetts Medical Society is opposing this move.
12. Call for elections: Nominations have to be posted for 30 days. Plan for elections on May 1. Available positions are secretary, 3 Directors at Large positions (Marianne Vail's position went to Shari Talbot, Chris Lahey's position went to Heather and Sean Robinson's position is available). Chris Lahey wants to stay involved in MAPA but not as Director at Large. Maybe as Regional

Captain. Pam McCall is running for President Elect. A few MCPHS faculty members are interested in becoming involved.

13. Newsletter: Jay and Maria Luizi will work together on Newsletter, due out around 4/25.

14. HOD: Sean Robinson, Heather Trafton and David Probert are delegates in Toronto. Pam McCall is alternate. Voting is on Monday during the conference.

15. Meeting adjourned.

Next BOD mtg is on May 9th at MCPHS at 6:30.

BOD Meeting and regional meeting together are planned for June 13th