

## August 20th, 2014 MAPA BOD Meeting – Conference Call

Conference Call Attendees:

Beth Buyea, Jay Chamberlain, Sarah Christie, Ina Cushman, Meredith Johnson, Pam McColl, Julie Purcell, Sheri Talbott, Cole Turno (BU), Heather Trafton. Quorum present.

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes approve

**Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee Report:** General Update - PA's added to concussion regulations without opposition. For next year, we should have Charles start to work on a bill to have Mass Health move forward on what they have been promising so we have a platform. It is an issue for financial viability. It needs to be more in the forefront. Other things on the horizon:

- **Postpartum Depression Screening:** There is a new regulation coming out for postpartum depression screening, PA's were not included in the wording. Conversations are going on to address this.
- **Prescriptive restrictions:** Writing for suboxone has been raised as a question for a pain management PA. The DEA is really restricted on this, it is not targeting PA's. This is a national issue. Julie put Charles Glick in touch with the PA.
- **PA Registration Board:** There are some issues going on. They have not had a quorum – so things have not been voted on. Having trouble appointing people to the board. Regulations are not getting updated. Heather will try to set up a meeting with DPH.

**Treasurer's Report:** Meredith sent report out today. Some membership money has come in over the past few months, outflows normal for management fees and lobbyist fees. CME Fall income should start to come in soon. Outflow since January is \$50,000, Inflow about \$51,000. AAPA was a big expense. Other savings is at about \$50,000.

**Membership Committee Report:** A little drop-off in membership. Julie will be sending a letter to dropped members. There are some members that have moved, but there are plenty that have been active in MAPA who we need to reach out to. Coming into Fall conference, we hope to get them back to MAPA

**Student Reports:** Julie to email program directors to get student reps list updated

Cole (BU): busy couple of weeks. White Coat happened in July (press release is out). Change in name of their student society (check name). They are writing bylaws. Oct 4<sup>th</sup> → clinic experience at BMC from 7a-12pm (general health counseling). PA day in Oct – more info to follow.

**CME Committee Update:**

- Western MA conference will happen at Baystate on 27<sup>th</sup> of September. 3.5 hours of talks. Kevin Hickey, M.D. will talk on the team aspect of medicine. PA's will talk about procedural service, observational unit, ID, and stroke. Jay may not be able to be there. Registration 7am, starts at 7:45am. We will use their A.V. and their in house person (fee for this). Only other fee will be for food (continental breakfast). Baystate to market to

their P.A's (over 100 in their system). Julie will be there to advocate for membership to MAPA. Jay said they will also likely bundle membership with this conference.

- October conference – starting to get people to sign up. Mailing next week (post card).  
Some email blasts over the past week. Sign-ups have been slow. Hopefully student track will get a good turn-out. Poster session will be Friday afternoon. Will check with Oren about the number of submission. Ina and Beth can help with reviewing submissions. Pam McColl will be looking for someone to lead the student track for 2015. Pam taps different staff at programs to do a lecture and everyone has been very receptive.

### **Other Business:**

**Website update:** Jay has been in touch with Laura who is looking at the website, she will be reviewing it and getting us a quote within the next few days.

### **PA Program introduction/ outbreak:**

- Pam McColl will be going to MCPHS-Boston on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Northeastern has deferred Julie until later in the Fall during the professional development class, will be back in touch with them – would like students to be involved with conference/ student track.
- Tufts has a January start.
- Springfield is a September start – Julie will be back in touch with them

**PAC creation:** Options for name: MA PA Political Action Committee, MAPA PAC, Mass PA Political Action Committee, MAPAPAC. No significant conflicts noted. Once we pick a name it can be sent to legislator. Then tax ID and bank account can be created. Want to avoid confusion with MAPA. Meredith will send out the options for feedback

**Legislative Chair reimbursement:** Proposal of one time reimbursement of \$2500.

Section 2 of bylaws says “No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, directors or trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.” Heather goes to Beacon Hill on a regular basis incurring out of pocket expenses. Recommended change to motion to read “In acknowledgement of Heather Trafton’s out of pocket expenses related to her activities as Legislative Chair for the past 4 years, I propose a one-time reimbursement of \$2,500 to be paid”. Motion approved to change wording and second. Motion to vote and second. Approved by quorum.

**Primary Care Grants:** Janis John, works for Cambridge health Alliance. She felt that a MAPA letter could be beneficial. Pam has reached out to her.

**Goggle List:** Needs updating. Review before next meeting for deletions

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at the Brigham.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Buyea