

Massachusetts Association of Physician Assistants

Board of Directors Meeting

February 8, 2012

Conference Call

Participants: Jay Chamberlain, Jennifer Hunter, Meredith Johnson, Maha Lund, Sean Robinson, Sheri Talbot, Heather Trafton, David Probert, Julie Purcell

1. Jan 2012 BOD meeting minutes were approved with minor changes.
Heather will adjust November 2011 BOD meeting minutes
2. Legislative Update:
 - New patients can only be seen by MD, not PA. An MD visit can be billed to Medicare at 100%, for PA visit only at 85%. PAs cannot be PCPs, which causes problems also in the referral system.
 - RT opposes NPs to be added to bill. Propagated on 1/21. Not much time for change
 - Senate President Meeting on 2/27. Sarah Bacarat offered to go with Heather
 - MAPA is included in a working group to oversee development of guidance who is prescribing narcotics. Panel also includes pharmacists
 - Liability Bill was heard. Per Charles it now includes PAs. It states that PAs working in crisis situation (e.g. mass casualty) cannot be sued. MAPA legislative page was updated accordingly.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - We will need the March CME conference to bring in revenue.
 - Liability insurance for the BOD renewed in January. MAPA has been with this carrier for several years. The current insurer had been recommended by the AAPA. Two years ago the company changed from bi-annual to annual term without change in cost. The cost is \$1100/year. For next year we will look for better rates.
 - \$1700 income from new memberships for the last 2 months
 - Pfizer, unclaimed checks department contacted MAPA with a \$500 check for CME conference in 2008
 - Income from Affiniscape: \$3300
 - Email blast to advertize for Primary Care Conference by Baptist Hospital: \$200
 - Consider asking AAPA for \$5000 grant, to implement regional membership meetings as recommended by P-PAP
 - Tim Rush with Advanced Practice is very interested in working with MAPA. Their pricing is similar to Affiniscape. Their offer includes 3 email blasts for CME events (values: \$7000). Advanced practice has a pool of 160,000 PAs/ NPs. There would be no difference in the website. The advantage is that they are a smaller company that is involved nationally. They are very pro PA/NP and would give us more personal attention.

4. CME update: Spring CME conference was approved for 6.25 CMEs by AAPA. So far 40 people have signed up and of these 20 also signed up for MAPA membership. Reminder postcards will go out in the next few days. All speakers are confirmed. CME topics include: STDs, drug interactions, narcotics abuse, arrhythmias, COPD and rheumatoid arthritis. Exhibitors have been contacted. Last year the MAPA Spring conference drew 80 attendees.
Students are invited to the CME conference. Different programs will be contacted to advertize the conference.
There will be a MAPA membership meeting during the CME conference lead by Sean.
In preparation there will be a BOD conference call on March 14th prior to the CME conference.
5. Membership update: \$1700 income from new memberships for the last 2 months
6. Student report: Statehouse visit scheduled for March 22, 2012. Speakers from legislature have been identified. NEU has elections and a new student representative to MAPA will be elected.
7. Board of registration meeting scheduled for February 9th. Julie and Sheri will attend.
8. Old Business: none
9. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Membership meeting during CME conference