

**Regular monthly meeting of Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Physician Assistant Association
Held at MCPHS on February 13, 2013 at 6:30 PM**

Treasurer's Report :

Financial Statements looking very positive.

AAPA Grant Money (10K) earmarked for Legislative issues; perhaps 5K for legal issues.

Working with law firm of Ropes and Gray- very PA friendly.

Membership registration very positive- many new and renewal memberships.

Affiniscape is working very well and we should continue our work with them.

Contract with Maleita company discussed
motion to sign the contract with them PASSED.

Julie is working on taxes

Projections suggest a gross of approx. 38K 2012-2013

Legislative Report :

Attorney and Heather in discussions with BC/BS and Harvard Pilgrim for PCP status of PA's.

BC/BS is lead the move to enroll PA's and NP's as PCP's.

Karen Shehady of BC/BS who is VP in Quality Metrics is interested in partnering with MAPAA to create a public health campaign and is looking for ideas for topics.

Discussed :

Asthma-depression-pain management-ace/arb use in diabetics-chf-copd
Bianca will coordinate this venture – please send your ideas to Bianca.

Mass Health not yet in agreement to comply but this is not surprising.

There will be a Technical Amendment filed to clarify 118E which should then move these discussions forward.

NP's are pushing forward for Independent Practice status.

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Legislative additions :

Working on Head Injury legislation

BOR of PA's is working on adding the terminology "at a minimum a Bachelor's Degree" is required to become a licensed PA, to help clarify past discrepancies.

Ionizing Radiation bill pending governor's signature

Spring CME:

March 16, 2013

Ahead of 2012, in terms of participation, at this time, last year had total 210 participants with a \$ 20K profit.

Expecting 6-10 exhibitors.

Working on Bone Marrow Registry but at this time no definite plan

Memberships:

Minnie is calling lapsed members.

Julie will do further statistical analysis.

There has been significant increase since December.

Student Report:

Derek Smith of MCPHS : Escape Fire Student Event

Showing movie at MCPHS on 3/28 6:30-8:30 pm. PA students from MA invited.

Licensing fee paid by MAPA ? \$500.

Looking for speaker to moderate discussion after movie.

Consider doing same event in Springfield.

Bone Marrow Drive at MCPHS held this month with 60-70 potential donors signed up.

February 21, 2013 Networking Event at MCPHS with PA alum and faculty.

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Social Networking:

Doing very well-lots of positive feedback

AAPA Conference:

Sean, Dave, Heather will be present for HOD and Andrea will be an alternate

Other : New Logo is now in place

Next Meeting will be held at the Leahy at the Spring CME Conference
March 16

Respectfully submitted,
Sheri Talbott
MAPA Secretary