

June 22nd, 2010 MAPA Board Meeting

7:00 at Mass College of Pharmacy, Boston, MA

Attendees: Heather Trafton, Jillian Crowley, Gail Labelle, Julie Purcell, Maha Lund

Absent: Ana Maldonado, Marianne Vail, Joseph English

Minutes of May 2010 were approved pending legal section.

Elections- Validity of elections was discussed, because of low participation and email with link to elections was confusing.

President: Heather Trafton

Director at Large: Ana Maldonado, Sean Robinson, Joe English, Dan Quest, Marianne Vail

HOD: Andrea, Charles, Susan, Sean

Finance- Julie reported that fiancés are tight. We have 251 active members, 100 student members and 437 inactives. A blast email can be sent to target these 400 PA-s to come back. Julie will draft a letter "We need you more than ever ..."

Phonathon during PA week

AAPA membership support \$300/2yrs

Raffle I-pod as incentive

The career center is doing well. We expect \$1200 next month. Gail will call North Eastern's PA program to forward postings to the career center.

Legislative - We are waiting and hoping for the reimbursement bill to go through. Bill is in study. Charles is lobbying.

The Board of Registration has next mtg in September. We hope to change the terminology to include PAs. Radiation safety course will likely be offered by national conference. ARTT test will not be done until Jan 2011. Leaders of the New England states also met to possibly create a course.

House want changes in health care and the Senate is not in support of gambling. Maybe a compromise can be found. This won't move before July 31.

Heather spoke to NP organization who want to be included in the Ionized Radiation Bill.

HOD update - David Probert, Chief Delegate, will submit MAPA vision report by July 10th to Maria.

HOD legal review revealed AAPA's articles of incorporation were out of compliance with NC statues of corporate law. According to this law AAPA's Board of Directors should have decision making capacity, however currently HOD has decision making capacity. Decision was made that temporarily the Board of Directors should make decisions until a task force can be set up that will describe a process where any financial decision will be made by the Board while all other decisions will be made by the HOD. This is to avoid having all 300+ HOD fill out Tax return 990. The plan is for the HOD to vote on this change via email.

Membership- MAPA is still looking into having a management company take over. Julie will contact CN PA organization to learn what they have done.

CME – UMASS will probably not be able to provide space for the next MAPA conference. Hotels charge at least \$ 5,000 for the use of their conference rooms. Ana will provide Jillian with an update on other leads she was following. Jillian will check with F1 in Braintree as a conference location.

We have already 2 interested speakers, one on a medial-legal topic and the other speaker on international medicine. Jillian will call the AAPA about their speakers

Jillian is in contact with a volunteer who will help recruit vendors for the conference.

Membership - Traditionally we are down in numbers during the summer months. Maha will talk to Tony Pellegrino who will be teaching the Introduction to the PA Profession at MCP-Boston, to recruit new student members.

The idea was brought forward to add a link to join MAPA to each job blast.

Web Site – MAPA minutes need to be added to the web site. Marianne will write job description for Carly to clarify expectations.

Next Meeting – We will meet every other month, with face to face meeting quarterly and web assisted meetings in between. Heather will explore options for online meeting options.