

Regular meeting of Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Physician Assistant Association June 12, 2013

Held at Jay Chamberlain's office, 77 Wolcott St, North Dartmouth, MA 6:30pm

Present: Julie Purcell Immediate past President, Pam McColl President Elect, Jay Chamberlain Director, Meredith Johnson Treasurer, Heather Trafton, Legislative Chair. Kim Estes

By phone: Tony Pellegrino DOL, Bianca Belcher Social Media Chair

Minutes: April and May 2013 postponed until next meeting due to lack of quorum

New Business

-Will develop calendar of meeting dates for upcoming year and place on website- Pam McColl will work with Jay Chamberlain on this initiative

-Will also plan to email reminder of meeting and agenda to MAPA members one week before meetings and notify members to attend or contact office if they would like code to join conference call

-Will consider conference call for audio and an online meeting option such as WebEx or GoToMeeting

-Jay, Julie and Meredith will plan meeting with financial proposal company via WebEx.

-Jay mentioned recent conversation with PA malpractice provider who will get us more information on occurrence policy available. Also could add disability insurance to policy.

-Discussion about MAPA role in AAPA 2014 Boston conference – will get booth in exhibitor hall, will have social event possibly with AAPA i.e. Red Sox game

Treasurer's report provided by Treasurer Meredith Johnson showed savings of approximately \$30k, checking \$29K and approximately \$1400 membership last month.

Legislative report provided by Heather Trafton

-Bill regarding PA education of "at least" a Bachelor's degree was passed by Senate and now working with committee for passage on house side.

-Still working on fixing language for return to play for head injury legislation

-BC/BS still open for Public Health initiative but if oral health option considered would need the dental contact therefore may be better to choose obesity initiative. Could also be confusing as lobbyist also works with dental hygienist organization

-AMA proposal limiting PA and NP practice being discussed by many, AAPA sent out email blast with strong language

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Membership Report

Fellow/affiliate memberships at about 370. Will target lapsed members for rejoining. Still getting approximately \$2000 per month.

CME report

Jay Chamberlain reporting on plans for Fall 2014 – will likely be down due to AAPA 2014 in Boston and may be best to stay with hotel with whom we have a relationship

Fall 2013 – almost all speakers arranged. New AAPA president Herman will be presenter. Reception Thursday night will have students mingle and discuss career choices/specialties with PA attendees – will have nametag with information. Pam will contact program heads with information. Student track followed by challenge bowl Saturday afternoon.

November Springfield CME is in the works for Nov 15 1pm to 5pm with 30 minute presentations followed by reception at the end.

Student report

None

Newsletter

Will publish next issue in July – deadline for submission July 12 with July 15 distribution. Will include letter from incoming president, election results, promote Fall CME conference, legislative update, and promote November Springfield conference,

Next meetings: July 10 and August 7 telephone will be conference call format

Respectfully submitted by,

Pam McColl -President Elect and Sheri Talbott-Secretary