

## Massachusetts Association of Physician Assistants

Board of Directors Meeting

March 14, 2012

Conference Call

Attendees: Jay Chamberlain, Maha Lund, Pam McCall, Sean Robinson, Sheri Talbot, Heather Trafton, David Probert, Julie Purcell

1. Minutes from February 2011 BOD meeting approved with minor changes. Minutes from November 2011 approval deferred.
2. Student update: Student Advocacy Day at the State House scheduled for 3/22/2012
  - Heather to support as impartial participant, as she is not associated with any PA program
  - Julie from Charles' office will send out the schedule
  - About 140 students in total will participate (North Eastern program: 36 first year and a few second year students; MCP-Boston: 75 first year students, 1 student from MCP – Worcester; no students from Springfield).
  - Charles will talk to the MCP-Boston students prior to that day. He was set up meetings with the representatives.
  - Breakfast will be available
  - BOD discussed whether students should be able to attend the CME conference for free. Currently they are charged \$30 which includes the cost of food and MAPA membership. It was reported that students are not willing to pay this fee. The CME conference is a networking opportunity. MAPA wants their continued membership. MCP reimburses half of the student membership. It was suggested to offer a significant discount if an entire class joins MAPA. At this CME conference MAPA is offering a student leadership break out session at the end of the lectures and MAPA will provide refreshments.
3. CME conference: Last year there were 73 people signed up, this year so far there are 175. We do not have as many vendors, but we hope to increase the numbers to six. We are all set with the location at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington. Matt Brown, Mini and Jay will cover the onsite registration and Pam offered to help. In the past we had many onsite registrations which made it difficult for Breakfast and Lunch. The MAPA membership meeting will be held from 11:30-noon. The focus of this meeting will be to increase membership by picking highlights of the past year. Julie will send 4-5 slides with the highlights to the group. At the membership meeting Sean will announce the call for elections. Also to discuss regional CME meetings, plan is for 2-3 meetings in the next few months. Lunch will be from noon to 12:45.
4. The Fall CME conference is in the planning stages, is scheduled for the weekend after Labor Day.
5. Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$8200, Charles has not been paid yet. This month we had good income from memberships and anticipate income from the CME conference. Jay's monthly fee should go up as per contract since he has reached the benchmark set. The BOD is pleased with his excellent work.

6. Legislative: Jill and Heather met with the Senate President. He appeared very interested. He is looking for input for the Cost Containment Bill. Plan is to have a PA in the working group. The Head injury/Concussion Bill was filed, went to the DPH, PAs will need to be added. Mariano's office added PAs to the Primary Care Bill. At this time no one is passing individual health care bills or the Sanchez Bill, this could be considered as part of a greater packet. This is the calm before the storm. If the bill comes out without including PAs, we will need to act quickly. Sarah (last name?) and Jill Roncarati went with Heather. Jill spoke of her work with the Boston Homeless.
7. Old Business: none
8. New Business: Maria Luizi had asked for contributions to the Newsletter. There has been miscommunication since Jay put the Newsletter prior to the CME conference. The next newsletter should include call for elections, a legislative summary, the treasurer's report and information in the student corner on the State House visit and the breakout sessions on leadership at the CME conference,
9. Meeting adjourned.

Next regular BOD Meeting: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, sit down mtg at MCP.