

Massachusetts Association of Physician Assistants

Board of Directors Meeting

May 09, 2012

Meeting at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science

Attendees: Jay Chamberlain, Meredith Johnson Maha Lund, Sean Robinson, Heather Trafton, Julie Purcell, Sheri Talbot

1. Minutes from April 2011 BOD meeting approved. Minutes from November 2011 approval deferred.
2. Treasurer's Report: With the Affiniscape income and if membership further increases we should be financially stable. Much depends on the fall CME conference
Taxes: Julie filled out the forms that are due on June 1. Meredith is to review them in the next few days. The annual report went to the state, including who is on BOD, when the last full membership meeting was, etc.
Grant request from AAPA: We currently have \$3,500 in the bank. Discussion was to ask AAPA for 10K vs. 7K to show that we are making progress. In 2011 the MAPA accounts were at \$600 loss total. We were in debt to Charles for \$6,600 and Affiniscape for \$3,500. We received 10K from AAPA.
The regional meetings (networking opportunity) in June and in the fall are expected to cost \$1000. BOD considers a bonus for Charles of \$1,000 to recognize his excellent work. Charles has not asked for a raise in 6 years. The AAPA appreciates what he is doing for MAPA. 10K from AAPA would help accomplish these goals.
3. Regional meeting: June 13th. No final location yet. Possible locations are St. Luke's or Charlton Memorial Hospital. Jay hopes to finalize the location within the next few days. Jay is planning to send out postcard to all PAs on the South Coast and the Cape, from Plymouth to Taunton. 50-60 people are expected to attend.
4. Legislative update: Senate bill passed this morning. Amendments are allowed for 48 hrs only. Charles, Julie and Heather reviewed the bill. PAs are included as participating providers meaning PAs can be providers, inpatient and outpatient, as long as they work within their scope of practice. This would also include payment for 1st assists in the OR.
Ionizing radiation: NPs do not have to do additional training. The NP board does not specifically say NPs cannot do it, so in effect they can do ionizing radiation. This decision was made without input from physicians or radiologists. PAs cannot sign up for the test yet. We are waiting for the board to finalize the language.
5. Elections: According to the MAPA Bylaws election ballots go out by May 1 and voting closes by June 1. Open positions are secretary, 3 director at large and 3 HOD positions. Slots for writing in names for each position should be added to the online ballots.
6. Newsletter: The MAPA president gives final ok before the newsletter goes out. This includes grammar, spelling and format. David Probert's piece on the name change was his personal opinion and should have been identified as an editorial. The next newsletter will be send out

post elections around the end of June/July. Sean will write introduction as new president. The newsletter should also include an invitation to the Fall CME conference.

7. Brainstorming session with AAPA: Sean and Pam will represent MAPA in Toronto and report back.
8. Fall CME conference: Thursday Sept 6th through Sunday September 9th. 90% of the speakers are lined up. Jay is still looking for female speakers. We are still in need of speakers for HIV, GYN topic, and an open topic for Thursday afternoon. There will be 2 parallel session on Saturday afternoon: urgent/acute care and orthopedics. So far 4 people have signed up, 3 people from out of state.
9. Student update: Goal to get more students involved in MAPA. Students are invited to come to regular sessions on Saturday. Challenge bowl planned for Saturday night. For Sunday morning student track sessions are planned. Jay to check with hotel for available room and will get back to Sean. Cost for students: \$35. Jay to make area available on website for students to volunteer to help with the conference, e.g. be moderators. Possible number of volunteers needed: 3-4, should be MAPA members. Topic tabled until BOD meeting in July.
10. Old business: none
11. New business: Moorhead, a national company that conducts surveys for employers where employees sign in with their ID number. This process is supposedly anonymous. No one on the BOD had heard of this company.
Meredith asked if membership auto renew is an option. The company we work with is unable to provide that feature. Currently our rate is 3.9% for each transaction. We need to renegotiate with them.
12. Meeting adjourned.

Next BOD and regional meeting mtg is on June 13th at Charlton Memorial Hospital at 6:30.