

MAPA Board Meeting

Minutes May 14, 2014

Members Present: Bianca Belcher, Pam McColl, Jay Chamberlain, CathyHamel, Meredith Johnson, Ina Cushman, Julie Purcell, Tony Pellegrino, Heather Trafton, Shari Talbott

Others: Missy Novak, Oren Berkowitz, Jon Harris, Lauren (Northeastern rep) Laura (MCP Rep) Reese (Tufts Rep), Chris (BU student)

Treasurer's Report: Meredith reviews the current statement of financials. Stable, overall doing well. Good income from spring CME. Upcoming expenses for the AAPA Conference MAPA Reception and the web site will likely be a major expense. Savings should cover.

Legislative: Heather Trafton : AAPA gathering input on CMR 5.05. Will likely not be any action until the fall. Heather will also do some research on the regulation statement. (around "physician must be primary decision maker". Heather will email us with her findings and we can decide how to go forward.

DPH has published updates which have been helpful, and the Pharmacy Board reminded pharmacists about NOT needing physician name or signature on PA scripts.

"return to play" going to public comment. Heather will track.

Section 12 and Death certificates: no action, pending

BCBS now credentialing all PAs, Jay will send a notice

Mass Health – still not credentialing PAs. Unclear why the delays. Heather will monitor closely

Reminder that PAs charts must be cosigned for MassHealth patients.

Membership: Julie reports stable, increase in lapsed members. Plan is to email all PAs prior to conference, outreach at the conference, have Internet access for PAs to sign up and pay at conference. Likely raffle drawing for new sign ups.

Students: MCP: working with Tufts to get a FaceBook group for PA students at the conference.

BayPath: first class graduating! Congrats.

BU: PA Student Chris, welcome. New program, just started class April.

Tufts: Rhys: students are doing high school outreach, preparing/starting clinicals

Northeastern: Lauren: successful medical mission to Guatemala, also doing high school outreach

CME: Fall → ongoing plans. Leadership Track, Student Challenge Bowl, still need 6-8 hrs speakers, see Jay.

Hope to have surgical CME, Critical Care, Opioids. Larry Herman will return. Leadership Track forum, will be led by speaker, with input from invited guests/discussion from attendees

Poster Session: NEW! Oren is organizing, will work with Jay on advertising. Likely Student and Graduate PA Poster Session group. Will award prize ?Plus MAPA membership/?free conference registration?cash

Newsletter: July 10 deadline.

AAPA: MAPA Reception, advertising going well, Bianca organizing Brigham reception, she will/is putting together video presentation which we hope to share at the booth/MAPA reception.

Exhibit Booth: Tony and Jay working on details/set up plan/loop the Brigham presentation. Julie plans to bring laptop for new/renewals. Meredith and Pam will set up the giveaways and Kindle raffle. Jay will start sending email blasts.

HOD: schedule set, reps all set

Elections: close at end of the month. Votes not yet tallied

Next meeting: June 11. Pam's house, last meeting under her MAPA President role. Thanks, Pam!

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 Pm

Submitted by: Cathy Hamel