

Special Regional meeting of Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Physician Assistant Association

Held at Bay Path College in Longmeadow, Massachusetts on November 14, 2012 at 6:30 PM

BOD members present: Sean Robinson President, Pam McColl President Elect, Jay Chamberlain Director, Sheri Talbott Secretary, Heather Trafton Legislative chair, Tony Pellegrino DAL, Nancy Hurwitz DAL, via teleconference David Probert DAL, Bianca Belcher Social Chair Social media and PR Committee and Jon Harris Student representative from Northeastern.

Also present were Sherry Hoagland from Baystate, Jessica Britnell from Brigham and Women's hospital.

Minutes for July, August and September reviewed and approved for posting

No new Business

Treasurer's report provided by Treasurer Meredith Johnson via email reviewed \$1800 new membership and renewed memberships

Legislative report

With new legislation approved and taking effect as of November 4th attention is now turned to propagating regulations and interpreting new laws. Meetings with Insurance Commission and 3 major payers.

Heather and Charles are meeting with Deputy insurance commissioner this coming Tuesday.

Board members discuss hiring a healthcare attorney to review new laws and write a brief for insurance commission as a guide.

Additional discussion regarding Section 12 and updates needed at DPH with respect to whom can sign Section 12.

Student Report

Escape Fire Event: Derek from MCP has suggested hosting an event showing documentary Escape Fire. Discusses healthcare crisis in US. Meeting discussion centers around screening rights and fees, best time of week to have event.

Spring State House Visit: Sean is working on dates for this.

Bone Marrow Donation event: Jon Harris is coordinating this event.

CME Committee

Jay Chamberlain: CME March Pharmacology at Lahey. Date set for March 16th. 6.25 hours of CME. Still need lecturers management of headache and insulin therapy.

Social/PR Committee

Bianca Belcher-students are posting in 2 week rotations on Twitter, Facebook and Linked In. 74 "likes" on FB

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Website

Discussion regarding setting up website committee to monitor and QC MAPA website for accuracy and updates. Role of this committee to be discussed further at next meeting. Need to appoint chair of committee

Newsletter

Cathy Hamel is accepting submissions for next newsletter will be around January 9th. Discussion whether to allow Non-MAPA entities/CME events advertise in Newsletter

Respectfully submitted,
Sheri Talbott
Secretary