

September 10th, 2014 MAPA BOD Meeting – Conference Call

Conference Call Attendees: Beth Buyea, Jay Chamberlain, Sarah Christie, Ina Cushman, Cathy Hamel, Meredith Johnson, Brian Katz, , Pam McColl, , Julie Purcell, Cole Turno(BU), Rhys Hackford(Tufts), Tony Pellegrino, Oren Berkowitz. Quorum present.

Meeting Minutes: Approved August minutes.

Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee Report: Pam, Bianca, and Beth met with Dipu (chair of Licensing Board). They are in the process of getting a new member up and running (this process takes months). Considering blurb in newsletter to bring PA's to the board.

Treasurer's Report: In equal to out. Still need to pay Heather. Website prices are doable. Looking forward to fall conference. The inflow for the Fall CME will help the website. We receive 3 deposits a year about \$3,000 at a time for affinscape.

Membership Committee Report: Stagnant. Hoping for a bump with Fall CME. Julie wants to get a letter out to lapse letters. Need to look at the list of lapse and compare with the license renewal list for the State. Brian trying to get the message out to Western Mass PA's as well. Julie will be at the Western Mass CME and will have an opportunity to make a pitch for MAPA membership

Student Reports:

Rhys (Tufts): finalizing incoming class for January. Busy prepping for PA week.

Tomorrow is student meeting to work on details of the week. MAPA is willing to help in any way.

Cole (BU): finishing up the first 3rd of the med school curriculum they are on. PA week is undergoing planning now. May be having a luncheon with BMC PA's (+ MAPA reps).

Hashing out details for a women's health clinic in October (vitals, oral health, nutrition counseling). Poster session admissions to the CME committee are being discussed as well.

MCPHS: new rep at end of month. Current rep at AAPA Student Health Policy Fellowship in Washington, D.C.

CME Committee Update: Western Mass CME moving forward, trying to spread the word to PA's. Cambridge program approved for 31.5 hours of CME (Breakout sessions: CXR, orthopedic exams, suturing, EKG, Leadership track). 1-4:30 student track. 5pm Challenge Bowl. Low sign up so far for the conference (approximately 45). AAPA mailer has it listed as well. Usually need to get to about 100 to break even. Lagged last year as well, then boost at the end. Postcard mailer went out last week. Pam and Bianca working on Challenge Bowl getting moderator and judges.

Challenge Bowl: Pam is in need of questions (Beth Buyea can send questions to Pam).

Poster Session: Link on website. Reached out to local program directors to send the message. Oren will reach out to them via telephone call. A few student abstracts from BU will be submitted. There may be some clinical ones coming in. Hoping for 6-12 for the session. First year this is happening, so hoping it will pick up steam in the future. May be able to offer an incentive (\$50 gift card + pharmacology conference in the Spring).

Other Business:

Website: Bianca and Jay in touch with a recommended developer. She reviewed the website and gave templates that she thought would work better (on a newer platform). Quotes are \$3500 - \$3700. Jay and Bianca will take the lead on this moving forward. Takes 2-3 months to build it. Still questions about the database, so people may need to

logon and update their password in order to access the membership information. Question raised about whether we are considering a mobile app and whether it could help with membership because of ease of access. Jay will talk to developer about it.

PA Week: Brigham has a celebration each year. May be a place to drop CME postcards. Lahey does a recognition lunch on the 8th and a PA award. MAPA is happy to be at these to help with promoting membership.

PA Programs: Julie went to Northeastern last week. Did not hear from Springfield. Will reach out to Tufts and MCPHS Worcester in late Fall for their orientations. Pam, Bianca, and Beth went to MCPHS in August.

PA creation: Motion to approve MAPAPAC with second option of Mass PA Political Action Committee. Second and approved. Jay will talk to web designer about a separate link and Meredith will look to see if a URL is available.

PA Grants: Pam will follow up on this

Google Group: Julie has gone through it. Program Directors, students and board are on the list.

Next Newsletter: Due in October (after conference).

Next Meeting: October 8th, 6:30pm MCPHS Griffin Building Room 511

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Buyea