

**MAPA November Meeting**  
**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**6:30pm**

Members in Attendance: Sheri, Heather, Cathy, Beth, Jay, Meredith, Julie, Tia, Sarah

Quorum: Present

Minutes approved: No corrections. Minutes approved.

**Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee Report:** Hearing yesterday at State House on scope of practice bills. Testimony has been submitted in opposition of the Mass Medical Society Bill. Sheri and Heather will meet with Chairs of the committee to discuss role and scope of the PA.

Other legislative issues:

- Mass Medical Society reached out to have a meeting with MAPA – Sheri will be meeting with them in January. It will be to discuss the opiate epidemic (overuse and prescribing is likely to be the discussion)
- Board of Registration meeting: working on updating regulations by March 2016. Consider sitting down with Board of Registration to see if they need help with updates. Sheri to reach out to Dipu Patel.
- DPH: will need to start over with this committee as there are all new people there since the change to Governor Baker.

**Treasurer's Report:** Net positive month with some corporate sponsorship. Still need to pay for Western Massachusetts conference.

**Membership Committee Report:** No formal report today. Had been trending down, September was a good membership month. Julie will send out a report in the next week.

**Student Reports**

- Boston University Update: Enjoyed MAPA conference; especially challenge bowl. Women's health fair last month with BHCH.
- MCPHS-Boston Update: spoke with undergrads about the profession at MCPHS; food and clothing drive for local shelter; partnering with Pharmacy students to raise awareness for prescription adherence
- Northeastern University Update: enjoyed MAPA conference; PA week when to Boston Latin Academy to discuss PA profession with high school students; Hope house volunteering on Veterans Day; Service trip to Guatemala in the Spring
- Springfield: Bone marrow drive today for Be The Match

**PA Lobby Day** – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Programs are aware of the date (starts at 9am)

**Fall Conference Feedback:** Good turnout. Student track and challenge bowl was great. May try to change the reception to Saturday from Thursday. This would potentially allow for more people to be there for challenge bowl. Attendance totals: 172 people total; 82 of them were students.

**Spring 2016 CME Committee Update:** Date will be March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Lahey. Need a total of 5-6 speakers; still need 2-3 people. Have diabetes and cardio covered.

**Other Business**

*Website:* issues with resetting passwords/renewing membership. Jay is not hearing anything from outside of the board.

*PAC:* up and running; not live on credit card donations yet. No current link on the MAPA website – it has to be a new page. No MAPA logo; needs to have a separate logo. Would like to make it easy for a person who wants to contribute.

MAPA representatives at AAPA Leadership and Advocacy meeting in February 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2016: consider having someone go. Teach about lobbying, individual CME meeting and networking opportunity. Consider sending a student if possible, will need to look at cost.

*Baby Gift of \$200 for Kate recommended by board. Vote approved by board.*

*Newsletter:* Just did one in October. Consider one after the new year.

*Leadership Discussion:* continue discussion on how to pull people together to continue conversations about leadership. Want to reach out to PA's across the state to draw them together to have discussions about leadership. Consider January/ February date.

## **Adjourn**

### **Next meeting:**

Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm - Conference call