

**MAPA Board Meeting  
February 21, 2009, St. Louis, MO**

Attendance: Paul Winter, Luis Gomez, Keely Cook, Stacy Vienhage, Anne Garanzini, Carol Danter, Jorgen Schlemeier, Patrick Hammond, Monica Fiehler, Dawn Calabrese; Tobie Bisges, Christina Bruning via conference call

Call to meeting—Paul

Approval of October minutes—motion by Paul, second by all.

**Legislative Update—Jorgen/Paul**

**Controlled substances**

- Possible requirement for 300hrs (clock hrs training by physician, not necessarily on site) and/or 120hrs on site--requirements to run together v. not depending on support from physicians.
- Most likely hourly requirement will be prospective, even for veteran PAs, rather than retrospective w/ experience
- For HPSA, will be 300 clock hrs only. Cannot write w/o physician present until hourly requirement met
- Language is that supervising physician will certify requirements met
- Hour requirement came about to maintain similarities to NP agreement

**Hearing Review:**

- Bill heard in Professional Registration committee this week—Paul and Dr. Cox testified in favor of controlled substances, schedule 3-5
- Chairman Jay Wasson—in favor of us
- MAOPs—went on record opposed
- Family Practice Physicians—opposed to the filed bill but not necessarily to changes made in language
- Mo State Medical Association—neutral
- Hospital Association—did not testify
- Next steps
- House bill 275
- Now assigned Senate bill #406, to go to senate committee—has gone to Financial & governmental operations committee in past
- Delbert Scott—sponsoring us, also committee chair
- Will go to committee 1<sup>st</sup>, then to senate floor. Once goes to floor, then to start contacting rep's. Hoping to vote out of committee next week
- AAPA no longer releasing contact info on MO non-MAPA members but may be contacted through AAPA

**Handicap license plate issue**--anticipate will be added to one of the transportation bills eventually

**Medicaid imbursement**—has been corrected. To check on reimbursement for PAs in surgery due to concern's from Stacey's hospital. Jorgen will check on this also.

### **BOHA Update**—Christina

- New obstacles for waiver renewals=board members now trying to require applicants to provide list of all health care facilities in 50mi radius (which never was in the Bill). Meeting in January put freeze on renewals 2' to above.
- Unclear if board will now want to make this a requirement for new waiver applications
- Question of how to pursue this matter—options =1. talk to Tina Steinman; 2.having legislatures call Tina voicing disapproval; 3.pursue legal action. If this option pursued, will involve more cost and unclear how will affect our causes in future
- Opinion from Jorgen that legislative pressure may be most effective. After controlled substance bill has a few more weeks, will then try to have as many people possible contact legislatures concerning unfair treatment
- Next date for PA advisory committee meeting=March 8, 2009
- Christina's appointment as PA rep to PA advisory committee will up in March. No one else applying for position at this point, Christina will serve until new person appointed
- Felt would also be helpful to eventually have PA on BOHA as a voting power

### **Treasurer's Report**—Dawn

- Total \$56,000—down overall
- Approx \$27,000/yr for Jorgen, \$6700/yr to AAPA for legislative retainer—may be beneficial to discuss w/ members to gain support for PAC fund and donations
- Better account of expenditures from CME committee still needed. Will try to work on CME budget for 2009 to get better feel what/how many participants needed to break even

### **Membership Report**—Keely

Approx 160 total.

### **DAL Reports**

#### **SW**—Stacy

- Met w/ new MSU class, resulting in 10 student members recruited
- Enthusiasm for MAPA/legislative issues from students and pre-PA students
- Monthly meetings still drawing 15-20 people, enthusiasm from these people limited

#### **NE**—Luis

- Drug sponsored dinner meeting several months ago, 15-20 attendees
- Once OK by Paul/Jorgen for members to contact legislatures, Luis will be contacting by phone/email w/ their info on who each member's Rep. is and how to contact/go about it
- Possibility of dinner soon to go over these issue w/ goal of each previous attendee bringing 1 new person

#### **SE**—Patrick

- Membership continues to be low, trouble w/ getting contact info for people in area and w/ any kind of response

#### **NW**—Tobie

- Regional meeting planned for Mar 28, goal of having 20 attendees

### **PA Program Reports**

#### **SLU**—Monica

- All faculty positions now filled
  - Student members expressing enthusiasm/interest in MAPA and wanting to know how to help
  - Goal of having all students identifying legislatures to begin
- MSU—Matthew**
- Unavailable. Have not had elections for new class rep yet

**CME Report—Ryan**

- Unavailable
- ?next conference July 16<sup>th</sup>
- Board members may attend conference for free—to try to gain support from board members for conference
- Question raised for 2010 of changing title/offering “board recertification” rather than specifically family practice, to try to attract more of specialty PAs

**New business**

- Patrick—offer from his practice to take PA students for neurosurgery
- All board positions other than Pres will be up for reelection this summer
- President Elect position still open

**AAPA House of Delegates**

- Tobie, ?Dar Heikkila, ?Dave Renner as alternate
- May have unlimited alternates. Everyone to try to keep list of people going to conference as potential alternates
- If above delegates end up not going to conference, will need to sign form to allow alternate to have voting power

Next Meeting May 9 v. April 25—TBD  
St. Louis, MO 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
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