

**MAPA Board Meeting Minutes—St. Louis, MO March 24, 2007**

Attendance: Paul Winter, Luis Gomez, Dawn Calabrese, Connie Farrow,  
Michelle Ebenroth, Terry Carlisle, Caroline Hardin  
Conference Call: Joe Touchener, Tammy Maxwell, Ryan Pock, Jorgen Schlemeier,  
Stacy Vienhage

Minutes from 1/07 meeting approved

**Legis. Update**—currently spring break

- Bill is out of House and Senate committee
- Should be on senate calendar by mid-next week
  - Mo state med assoc and hospital association signed off on wording of the bill
  - Osteopaths and family practice possibly to sign off on wording soon, too
- Hopefully debate time soon—then vote
- Hopefully pass w/o amendment
- Implementation date set for 8/28
- Supervision compromise=66% with clause to apply for waiver in HPSAs w/ supervision designated by individual PA/physician agreement (which must be drawn up and signed by each PA/physician team by April 1)
  - Compromise—smoother path w/ other health care organizations support, as a way to ensure as much support as possible and minimize chance of politics interfering
- BOHA—does not anticipate problem with progression of waiver
  - Once apply for waiver—up to only BOHA and PA commission only, not outside parties
- Radiation bill. Need to add PA's to “licensed practitioners” list so don't need to apply for separate radiation tech license—(using radiation)
- NP's controlled substances bill—unsure if will gain support
- White coat (lobby day) day—April 3, 25 PAs to make trip so far
  - Meet 9:00 in rotunda, have rep's/senators known
  - 9:50 Catch as coming onto floor
  - 12:00 reconvene for updates
  - handout w/ talking points

**Treasurer's report**—Dawn Calabrese—please see copy in minutes book

**Membership Report**—Tammy Maxwell

- ~415 licensed PAs in MO not including federal institutions
  - 154 current members, up 8 since 1/07 including 7 new fellows
    - 113 fellow members
    - 130 students
    - 1 honorary
    - 5 affiliates
    - 5 associates

## **DAL Reports**

-NE – Luis Gomez

Next meeting March 29, 6:30 (10-15 RSVPs)  
dinner/lecture on enoxaparin for DVT prophylaxis

-SW - Stacy Vienhage

Monthly meetings going well

-NW - Greg

Unavailable

## **Student Report**

-MSU – Michelle Ebenroth

Finishing 1<sup>st</sup> sem for 1<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> years finishing 1<sup>st</sup> clinical rotation

Plans for attending white coat day

Organizing donation drive for Ozark food bank

-SLU – Byron Beck

Unavailable

## **Media relations update—Connie Farrow**

-Important to talk to reporters, gain awareness through personal approach

-Will be educating more reporters on background behind compromise

-Letters to editors coming soon

-Key talking points—

Access to health care and quality of life living in rural areas

<1% malpractice suites from PAs (against PAs not giving quality care)

## **CME Report--Ryan Pock**

-July 19-22, Radisson Hotel, Branson, MO

-Brochures mailed out this week

-Most speakers confirmed

-Online registration and conference schedule will be available on new website

## **New business**

-MAPA exhibition for meetings around state—need for coordinator (not official board position)—Heather Brinkman, volunteered—put in touch w/ David Ashner at AAPA

MAOPS convention next month (Apr 25-29), MAPA signed up for

-SLU student came up with online reimbursement form

-Legislative update to be mailed out to all licensed PAs this week

-New website—hopefully up and running soon, now need more content

-Conference call still going on Fridays, 1pm

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting July 21, 3:00 MAPA conference, Branson, MO

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Hardin

