



Board of Directors Meeting
January 8, 2019

Present: Dr. Mark A. Lopatin, presiding; Drs. Stanley Askin, MD; Charles Cutler, MD; George R. Green, MD; Joseph Grisafi, MD; Walter Klein, MD; Jennifer Lorine, DO; Jay E. Rothkopf, MD; Steven Shapiro, DO; James W. Thomas, MD; and Marty Trichtinger, MD; Kathie Allen; Judy Herman

Staff: Michele Boylstein, Executive Director

Actions:

- 1/8/19 -1 Meeting called to order by Dr. Lopatin at 6:03 pm
- 1/8/19 -2 The Executive Director will reach out to PAMED staff and share the additional items with PAMED that may not already be included in the updated website.
- 1/8/19 -3 Approved the consent calendar which included Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2018, Executive Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2018 as the Statement of Financial Activity.
- 1/8/19 -4 Approved the website parameters
- 1/8/19 -5 Approved the 2019 Budget
- 1/8/19 -6 Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Areas of Discussion:

- The Board Chair announced the winners of the William W. Lander, MD Medical Student Scholarship Award: Adjoa Mante, and Mary Chen. We will be inviting them to the Awards/Annual Dinner on June 3rd, 2019.
- Our deadline for application submissions on the Pyfer Fund were January 7th. We received 6 applications. The Chair will review the applications.
- MCMS received separate responses from Drs. Gallagher, and Pagan on the MCMS letter sent to Dr. Gallagher on November 8, 2018, in support of the initiatives that Dr. Powers mentioned in her speech at the House of Delegates in October 2018. A lot of the initiatives mentioned in the MCMS letter are already

in process and out on the PAMED website. PAMED board minutes on website are back as far as one year (Feb 2017). Board members asked if older minutes can be posted out on the website (i.e. like an archived file of minutes). PAMED is aware of this request and are working on it. Referencing Dr. Pagan's letter, in which he asked MCMS to review the website and share what else they would like to see on the website, the Board Chair opened up the floor for discussion. As a result of the discussion, the MCMS board asked for the following:

- Guidance for parliamentary procedures would be helpful
- A tab "How do I" to ask questions
- Improvements on search engine feature

The MCMS Executive Director will follow up with PAMED on these items. Some of these may already be in the recent updates to the website but the Executive Director will provide a status on the above list at the next board meeting in March.

- One of the calls at the HOD 2018 was a request for more town hall meetings. One was held on Monday, January 7, 2019. Discussion took place among the group. A question was raised about who the spokesperson should be representing PAMED at the town halls (i.e. President instead of Chairman of the Board). The MCMS Board Chair said he will pass along the concerns of the member to the PAMED Board of Trustees.
- Discussion took place among the group regarding the Venue Change (medical liability action). Comments are due by February 22, 2019. An eblast was sent out to MCMS board members today with a call to action to post comments and a sample letter was provided to help members in sending letters to the Counsel for the Civil Procedural Rules Committee of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Karla Shultz.
- Discussion took place regarding the Vision Commission for MOC reform. Comments are due by January 15, 2019. This call to action was sent out to MCMS members in an eblast. The board was encouraged to submit comments.
- The board was encouraged to go to www.practicingphysician.org for information about the ABIM update. There is also a gofundme page if anyone chooses to donate to it. The Board Chair spoke with Dr. Gallagher (Chairman of the Board of PAMED) on this and this item will be on the agenda at the February PAMED Board Meeting. This will be a strategic discussion at the board meeting as to what PAMED should do in this regard. Discussion ensued.
- The President provided the report on last month's Executive Committee conference call, December 11, 2018 to finalize the structure of the website parameters. The fee structure for CME events (free or cost) and non-CME events were shared with the board.
- We have a speaker for the Awards/Annual Dinner on Monday, June 3, 2019. It will be Dr. Jim Withers. Dr. Cutler gave a summary of the presentation he heard from Dr. Withers at an annual meeting in December. Dr. Withers is an advocate for helping homeless people on the street by providing medical care for them.
- Dr. Klein told the group that a survey was sent out to members about physician burnout. MCMS is sending out another reminder email to members for more responses. Dr. Klein is speaking with the Executive Committee at Main Line Health later this month to implement the same survey with the medical staff.

- The 2019 budget was presented to the board for review. The treasurer told the group that the budget will balance with the use of some of our endowment. Our biggest expense remains the rent for the lease of the office space and the events that we hold along with the pyfer fund. Unless we find a tenant ourselves, we won't get out of the lease until 2020. We were able to reduce the amount of Specialty Society Management Services (SSMS) by \$4,000 and will see if there is anything else that can help reduce that amount. The Board Chair did mention that the SSMS Executive Director informed him that SSMS was undercharging what was contracted with MCMS for the 2018 services provided. SSMS agreed not to charge for the difference owed. \$90K is projected for 2019 on the management services.
- Discussion took place among the group regarding costs of the Annual Dinner and reducing them. Several members agreed to form a committee to review other options for the annual dinner beginning in 2020. Members willing to form a committee were: Steven Shapiro, Jay Rothkopf, Walter Klein, Chuck Cutler, Joe Grisafi. Dr. Shapiro will Chair the committee. The goal will be to put forth a proposal for the board to vote, with the goal being to reduce costs for the annual dinner.
- The Membership Chair was not in attendance but the information on the membership report was included in the board materials to the board. Total Active Members – 970; Total Affiliate – 69; Total Associate – 172; Total Resident – 274; Total Physician Members – 1485; Total Administrative – 63; Total Student – 24; Total Members – 1572. We had an increase in membership by 391 members.
- Dr. Trichtinger updated the board on the Senate and House Chairmen that are changing. He provided some insight on the legislators and whether they were supportive of Physicians or not. Updates were given on the current issues that are of concern: Out of Network billing, Telemedicine, CRNP bill and JUA. Dr. Trichtinger discussed the move recently on Venue Change and gave a more in-depth history on it. PAMED sent an email out to all members giving updates in the PA legislation. Further discussion ensued. One member asked if there was any update on Informed Consent; no not yet.
- PA Alliance representative, Judy Herman, said that the PAMED alliance is disbanded. At the Spring meeting, they will vote on what they will do with the monies from the society. She thanked the board for their support of the Alliance.