



Board of Directors Meeting
November 6, 2018

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

Staff: Michele Boylstein, Executive Director

Guests: Richard Tosti, MD and Joseph Allen (Raymond James)

Actions:

- 11/06/18 -1 Meeting called to order by Dr. Lopatin at 6pm
- 11/06/18 -2 Our guest, Richard Tosti, MD was introduced to the board members in attendance
- 11/06/18 -3 Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the consent calendar which included Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2018, and September 11, 2018 as well as the Statement of Financial Activity.
- 11/06/18 -4 Motion was made and approved to table the discussion on website parameters until the January meeting, at which time the Executive Committee will come up with some parameters – after determining some basic criteria. Executive Director will coordinate a conference call for the Executive Committee call.
- 11/06/18 -5 The Treasurers report was presented to the board and it was shared with the group that we are just shy of \$20k positive than a year ago.
- 11/06/18-6 Motion was made, seconded and approved for allocating \$40k in CDs maturing in November 2019, 2020, and 2021. This now allows for \$80,000+ of disbursements annually over the next three years without having to worry about liquidating any other funds, partial or otherwise, at an inopportune time.
- 11/06/18 -7 Motion was made, seconded and approved for the MCMS board to support Dr. Lopatin as VP candidate.

11/06/18 -8 The board proposed a letter be written to Dr. Gallagher about the concerns raised on follow up to resolution authors from the HOD and written in a positive light. This letter would also be in support of Dr. Power's speech about keeping members informed of the status of resolutions throughout the year following the House of Delegates. Letter to be written by the MCMS Board Chair and submitted to board for approval and feedback so that Dr. Lopatin is transparent.

11/06/18 -9 Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Areas of Discussion:

- Dr. Lopatin announced he will be stepping down from the Board Chair position as of September 2019. If anyone wants to run for the position, they need to inform Dr. Lopatin or the Executive Director by August 15, 2019 in order to set up the meeting agenda in advance.
- PAMED's Top Physicians under 40, Montgomery County winners were announced. We will be honoring them at our awards dinner in 2019. One of the winners was in attendance, Richard Tosti, MD. Dr. Tosti said a few words.
- Information on the PAMED Everyday Hero Award, donating to PAMPAC and the Foundation were shared with the group.
- We are currently reviewing applications that were submitted for the *2018 Montgomery County Medical Society – William W. Lander, MD, Medical Student Scholarship* and award recipients will be announced soon.
- The MCMS Holiday Party will take place at Morton's Steakhouse on December 4, 2018 and begin at 6pm. MCMS will fund the dinner and Raymond James will sponsor the beverages for the group. Donations for the Toys for Tots are encouraged.
- The Executive Committee met on 10/9/18 to discuss the general principles and parameters for consideration of events/announcements being posted/shared with the MCMS members. Specifically, events including CME. General principles were determined:
 - *It must be information that is beneficial to Physicians and/or their patients*
 - *It must be consistent with the MCMS mission (strategic plan)*
 - *It should be consistent with the policies and position of the MCMS and PAMED*
 - *It should include a disclaimer (the one used on the recent Jefferson Health announcement posted protects us)*

Discussion took place among the group that some societies have a community page. Or they work on an agreement with another organization such as: if they charge a fee, either charge a flat fee or offer a discount to members. Further discussion took place and the board expressed concern on whether there is a clear plan on how to do it. Everyone was in agreement that rules and basic criteria should be determined first. A motion was placed to table the discussion. Further discussion took place and a motion was placed on the table and approved for the executive committee to come back with some parameters and report back to the full board in January 2019. The Executive Director will set up an Executive Committee meeting before January to discuss.

- Dr. Klein has made some leeway on burnout with physicians. Locally in his health system he has put together a presentation and will get a survey done with main line health. There were two doctors who started a survey about burnout and other criteria. A question was raised as to whether or not a survey could go out to MCMS members. The Executive Director will instruct staff to send out a survey to members.
- Question asked of the group if they had any thoughts on a speaker for the June 2019 Annual Dinner. It was determined that we solicit MCMS members for speakers via eblast and Pulse Points. Also, the date for the Annual Dinner may need to change to Monday, June 3rd due to the fact that PAMED is having a

symposium through the Foundation about burnout from June 5-6th in Harrisburg with a national expert on physician wellness and burnout.

- Joe Allen with Raymond James, MCMS investment firm, was introduced to the board. MSMS has maintained our investments. He discussed the MCMS withdrawals over the past few years and what's going on in the market over the past year, the past week, and what is anticipated after the election. Raymond James will take guidance from us on how we wish to manage or allocate the funds. Questions were asked by the group regarding how the markets will go with the election results. Discussion ensued, and Joe provided a few scenarios on managing the portfolio. Motion was made, seconded and approved for allocating \$40k in CDs maturing in November 2019, 2020, and 2021.
- The MCMS office space lease was discussed. The landlord is not willing to make any changes. It is scheduled for the lease to terminate in 2021. Jay will keep the board posted if any updates take place on the lease.
- The membership report was discussed. We are up from last year by 218 which doesn't count students. It was mentioned that we should publicize how our membership has increased. Some counties are doing seminars for members and there was interest among the group for MCMS to be engaging members with relevant opportunities like that.
- Updates were provided on the elections that took place at the PAMED HOD.
- At the PAMED HOD, Dr. Lopatin mentioned he is running for VP in 2019. Dr. Lopatin stepped out of the room and Dr. Klein took over the meeting. Discussion ensued over the board's support of Dr. Lopatin. Several members mentioned that Dr. Lopatin is straight forward, driven and raises awareness of issues that concern physicians. He's a leader who generates results. A letter will go out from MCMS similar to what was sent out for Steven Shapiro but its important that everything is out in the open and above any scrutiny.
- Updates on the MCMS resolutions submitted at the PAMED HOD were shared with the group along with a handout. Questions were raised about delegates that were residents. It was explained how the bylaws are written about residents being eligible to be delegates for counties. The board was asked if anyone wants to discuss the resolutions and the status of them. Rules and credentials were discussed as well as late resolutions coming from the specialty societies. Further questions were asked on the rules and credentials as to whether there was a change. One member explained that language was tweaked to clarify it but was not changed, the PAMED Board of Trustees has always had the power. Additional discussion took place on the way the House of Delegates works, the different roles the Board of Trustees, the House, the delegates play in all that takes place. It was mentioned that transparency should be encouraged, and trust verified in the best interest of physicians and their patients. There are inefficiencies in the system which is different than a distrust with the board (PAMED).
- One member mentioned that Dr. Powers spoke at the HOD in her speech about wanting to keep PAMED focused on the resolutions and have the authors periodically through the year would be apprised on what's going on as the board and staff work on them. Discussion ensued on staffing issues and lack of communication to resolution authors. A member proposed that we contact John Gallagher about these concerns. The group agreed that the MCMS Board Chair should summarize MCMS concerns in a letter to Dr. Gallagher and submit to the board for approval and feedback prior to letter being sent to Dr. Gallagher.
- Dr. Trichtinger provided a legislative update and discussion ensued on some of the current legislative issues to the board. He provided examples on how legislation makes changes. He also mentioned that the legislative landscape may change with the outcome of the election. Discussion took place and question was asked if one chamber changes hands does that change our (MCMS) issues? The answer was yes, it has the potential to change whether our issues move forward or not.