



Virtual Board of Directors Meeting  
January 12, 2021  
Zoom Meeting

Present: Jay E. Rothkopf, MD, Board Chair; Stanley Askin, MD; Sherry Blumenthal, MD; Charles Cutler, MD; George Green, MD; Walter Klein, MD; Mark Lopatin, MD; Jennifer Lorine, DO; Robert McNamara, MD; Mark Pyfer, MD; Steve Shapiro, MD; Neerav Sheth, MD; Martin Trichtinger, MD

Guest: Sandeep Bains, PharmD

Staff: Jason Harbonic, Executive Director

Actions:

- 1/12/21 – 1 Meeting was called to order by Dr. Rothkopf at 7:02 pm.
- 1/12/21 – 2 Motion to support CME activity was seconded and approved without objection.
- 1/12/21 – 3 Motion to approve the Consent Calendar was seconded and approved without objection.
- 1/12/21 – 4 Motion to approve the Lander Award winners was seconded and approved without objection.
- 1/12/21 – 5 Motion to keep the Pyfer awards to \$500 each was seconded and approved without objection.
- 1/12/21 – 6 Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Areas of Discussion:

- *Dr. Bains presented information on free CME virtual sessions provided by Alosa Health. These sessions would cover opioid abuse, chronic pain, acute pain, etc.*

- *The group reviewed the engagement letter and invoice from the attorney to pursue the Pyfer Fund revisions with Montgomery County following their rejection of our petition to increase the amount of the award and raise the age limit to 55. The group agreed to not pursue any further action. In addition, the group was interested in a list of eligible members for the purposes of additional marketing to that group as a way of increasing the number of applications.*
- *The group briefly discussed the various draft social media policies and agreed to table the approval to March, or vote online.*
- *President's Report – Dr. Lorine discussed offering a spring CME event and the group suggested the following topics: child abuse, risk management, patient safety, COVID vaccines, and media relations.*
- *Treasurer's Report – Reviewed the financial statement.*
- *Legislative Update – Dr. Trichtinger noted that things are mostly in a holding pattern and there's been a delay in MCMS legislative meetings.*
- *Membership Report – The group reviewed the membership report and suggested asking employers to pay for employed doctor's dues. The group also asked what doctors' budget for dues and who to contact at independent systems in the county such as Holy Redeemer and Main Line. They agreed to focus on independent practices and ask PAMED for a list of non-MCMS members.*
- *Dr. Blumenthal provided an update on the Redistricting Task Force, noting it came from a resolution at the PAMED House of Delegates. She is on the Apportionment Committee discussing how to apportion delegates, what to do when counties merge, etc. and asked the group for any input.*