



Virtual Board of Directors Meeting  
March 9, 2021  
Zoom Meeting

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

Staff: Jason Harbonic, Executive Director

Actions:

- 3/9/21 – 1 Meeting was called to order by Dr. Rothkopf at 7:00 pm.
- 3/9/21 – 2 Motion to approve the Consent Calendar was seconded and approved without objection.
- 3/9/21 – 3 Motion to adopt social media policy 3 was seconded and approved without objection.
- 3/9/21 – 4 Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Areas of Discussion:

- *The Pyfer Fund was discussed. The list of people who were contacted for the Pyfer Fund was out of date and many had moved or were no longer eligible. A suggestion was made to contact those potential recipients earlier and more frequently and not just via email, maybe via phone calls and letters were suggested. The number of applicants increased from the last meeting. The group questioned how the membership lists were updated, and it was explained that PAMED houses the data. Dr. Rothkopf and Jason Harbonic agreed to meet to discuss how to make sure the list of eligible recipients more manageable and accurate.*
- *Three social media policies were presented to the board for a vote. The board was reminded of the issues that prompted the policies. The 3<sup>rd</sup> policy presented is most specific and comprehensive. There was no further discussion regarding the policies presented. Dr. Rothkopf*

*and Jason Harbonic will work on tweaking the 3<sup>rd</sup> policy to specify the difference between speaking personally and speaking on behalf of the MCMS board.*

- *President's Report – Dr. Lorine discussed the apathy about involvement – what is appropriate for a virtual event? When can we hold in-person events? Should we reach out to new members to personally welcome them? It is hard to get people together with closures. It was suggested to plan an in-person member event to promote engagement at an outdoor venue (Elmwood Park Zoo?) this summer if it is safe. A question was raised as to whether we should honor our 10-, 25-, 50- year awardees at this event, but there is a concern that they will have less comfort level venturing out to the first event. Drs. Lorine & Rothkopf will work on planning this event.*
- *Membership Report – There was a discussion on how difficult it has been to come up with any strategies relating to membership during this time. The board will move forward with phone calls to welcome new members. Another suggestion was a “Doctors Lounge” – a physician support group / meet the board virtual event. Wine or beer tastings. Drs. Lorine and Rothkopf will work on these suggestions.*
- *Treasurer's Report – Everything is going well.*
- *Legislative Update – Dr. Trichtinger provided an update on the JUA lawsuit, the venue rule issue, the upcoming PA Supreme Court election, and the bills being reintroduced in the new legislative session.*
- *New Business –*
  - *The Lander Award for Excellence in Primary Care was discussed. Drs. Lorine and Rothkopf will discuss a way to promote and honor awardees.*
  - *The staffing change at the CCC was discussed.*
  - *The Community Care Grant from PAMED was announced and suggested we share with our members.*
  - *The lawsuit against ABIM was dismissed. ABIM is suspending certifications for another year due to COVID. ABIM is replacing their knowledge check with a longitudinal exam, which is better than the knowledge check, other than a timed element imposed on the exam. PAMED has formally opposed the timed element of the exam.*
  - *An article was published in the Philadelphia Inquirer that Jefferson physicians are being asked to refer patients for fundraising. PAMED is aware of the issue and has taken a general stance against the practice.*
  - *There will not be a Legislative Dinner this spring.*
  - *House of Delegates will be held virtually for 2021*