



Virtual Board of Directors Meeting
May 11, 2021
Zoom Meeting

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

Staff: Rebecca Doctrow, Executive Director

Actions:

- 5/11/21 – 1 Meeting was called to order by Dr. Rothkopf at 7:03 pm.
- 5/11/21 – 2 Motion to approve the Consent Calendar was seconded and approved without objection.
- 5/11/21 – 3 Motion to leave the dues where they are for the 2022 membership year was seconded and approved without objection.
- 5/11/21 – 4 Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Areas of Discussion:

- *Discussion on having a legislative dinner later in the fall. There was a question if there was anything pertinent to speak with the legislators about – PAMED's Dave Thompson is asking the members to call legislators, but many of them are still not meeting in person. A zoom meeting was suggested, but the hope of Thompson is that individual board members call their legislators. Drs. Rothkopf, Lorine, and Rebecca will talk offline about a virtual option.*
- *Discussion on having an annual meeting later this year if possible. Drs. Rothkopf, Lorine, and Rebecca will discuss offline about a possible fall or winter date.*

- *President's report – Dr. Lorine spoke about doing a summer event for new members. Dr. Lorine will send out hand-written notes to new physician members who joined in 2021. Rebecca mentioned that there are only a handful of new active physician members each month, and several board members offered to assist with the phone calls. Mention Pyfer fund for those who are eligible. Pyfer fund should be advertised earlier than usual.*
- *Treasurer's Report – The March 31 financial report was reviewed. Things are going well and Zoom seems to be saving money for the association.*
- *Membership Report – Membership is stable, especially at the active physician member level.*
- *New Business*
 - *June Member Event – MCMS will hold a new member event in early- to mid-June at a local winery, specifically Karamoor Winery. The event should be advertised as a limited number of people able to attend. Ideally the attendees won't have to pay for attendance, but it will depend on the cost of the event. Day and time will also depend on the venue's availability and costs. Dr. Blumenthal volunteered to take the lead on the event.*
 - *Magazine Advertising Leads – Hoffmann Publishing is having issues with advertising leads, especially due to COVID. The board was asked if anyone had leads on advertising to let Dr. Rothkopf know.*
 - *2022 Dues – There was a discussion on the dues for 2022. In 2021, the dues for active physicians were dropped by 20%. It is reasonable to leave them as is for 2022 since MCMS is not hurting for money.*
 - *Diversity Initiative – Dr. Sheth reported on the PAMED Diversity Task Force and suggested that MCMS take the lead on programing that can help further diversity and equality in Medicine. One suggestion was a webinar on race, implicit bias, etc. with a speaker, and invite the speaker to an in person q&a with that speaker. Start a diversity task force for MCMS. There was a discussion about adding a diversity scholarship, perhaps from the Pyfer Fund. Dr. Rothkopf and Dr. Sheth will work together offline to progress the project.*
- *Legislative Update – Dr. Trichtinger updated the board on the upcoming PA Supreme Court election and PAMPAC's role. The 2022 election for US Senate and PA Governor is coming up, and anyone interested in working for those races should get involved now. He also discussed HB 681 (restrictive covenants), and suggested that physicians contact their representatives in support of HB 681, and to contact Dave Thompson with any questions. SB 225 (prior auth) is moving quickly in the Senate, but not in the House. IMG Parity – Governor plans to sign the bill if it gets to his desk. CRNP – effectively a dead issue temporarily. Dave Thompson is requesting information on how they feel about PA supervision. Dr. Blumenthal brought up HB 958, requiring physicians to see patients regardless of vaccination status, she will research and report back to the board.*

