



Board of Directors
September 11, 2018

Present: Dr. Mark A. Lopatin, presiding; Drs. Stanley Askin, MD; Charles Cutler, MD; James Goodyear, MD; George R. Green, 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

Staff: Michele Boylstein, Executive Director

Guest: Ida Micaily, Resident and MCMS 2018 HOD Delegate

Actions:

- 9/11/18 -1 Meeting called to order by Dr. Lopatin at 6pm
- 9/11/18 – 2 Moment of silence in remembrance of Sept 11, 2001
- 9/11/18 - 3 Extraction of minutes from May 15, 2018 was made by Dr. Steven Shapiro. No documentation in the request to support Dr. Shapiro for VP of PAMED candidacy was mentioned in the minutes. No letter was listed in the minutes, but it was actually written and signed by Walter Klein & Mark Lopatin. The information should have been included in the minutes but was missed as an oversight. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept a change to the board minutes of 5/15/18.
- 9/11/18 - 4 Motion made to approve Dr. Mark Lopatin as Board Chair for the next year. Motion seconded and approved.
- 9/11/18 - 5 Motion made to support Dr. Mark Lopatin in running for President of PAMED in 2019 on the floor of the House at the House of Delegates in October 2018, motion seconded and approved.

- 9/11/18 – 6 Safe Harbor Resolution was presented, and a section of the resolve was amended and stated to the board. Motion made to approve the resolution with the discussed revision, seconded, and board approved the revised resolution.
- 9/11/18 – 7 Women’s Caucus Bylaws Amendment was presented at the meeting and supported by the MCMS board. It is in the Official Call for the HOD in October.
- 9/11/18 – 8 Maternity Leave Equity Resolution was presented. Since the author was not at the meeting, there was no motion to support the resolution.
- 9/11/18 – 9 A motion was made, seconded and approved for the executive committee to come up with guidelines and parameters to vet events/items outside of the MCMS be posted on the society’s website and report back to the full board at the November 2018 meeting scheduled for the 6th.

Areas of Discussion:

- Dr. Lopatin provided an update on the PAMED Board Meeting that took place in August and the topics discussed at that meeting. Questions and discussion took place among the board members.
- Membership: Membership increased since May 31, 2018 by 76 members in active membership. It was mentioned that PAMED Society is viewed as a leader so in social media when they take a position on grassroots issues, it resonates with what we do. This may be playing a role in the increase in membership.
- Legislative Update:
 - Updates were provided on the JUA court case, upcoming elections within the county and governor’s race in addition to updates on the PAMED Candidacy for VP.
 - Marty introduced Ida to the board members and she spoke briefly about her residency and background. Also discussed was how the residents will be networking at the HOD.
 - Senate Bills Updates were given on the Telemedicine, CRNP, Opioid mandated bill, SB 895 (PAs) and Fair share act. Discussion ensued between members on these topics.
- President’s Report:
 - Promote Advocacy:

Dr. Klein is meeting with legislators and on the hill regarding his specialty. Inviting legislators to board meetings was discussed among the board and discussion on opportunities available for learning legislative issues and advocacy at a high level took place.

- Burn Out Lectures:
Dr. Klein is promoting wellness during his presidency and is making progress. He wrote an article that is coming out in the next issue of Bucks/Montgomery Magazine. He plans on speaking with local hospitals in the county about this issue and welcomes any input from other board members and suggestions. Discussion took place and group agreed that this topic can really gain some growth and gain traction as well as define our role as advocates for physicians.
 - 2019 Annual Business Dinner Meeting: We want to begin thinking about potential speakers for this event next year. If anyone has suggestions, please share with Dr. Klein or Michele.
 - Board Chair Election: Motion made to approve Dr. Mark Lopatin as Board Chair for the next year. Motion seconded and approved. Discussion took place on possibility of a board member's intent to consider candidacy in 2019 for PAMED Presidency. Further discussion took place on the logistics and process of how this is done at the house of delegates and other changes that might be required within the 2nd district should the board member do so.
- Resolutions & Amendments:
 - Safe Harbor Resolution:*
This resolution was presented to the board for their support. It was brought up at the PAMED board meeting in August, but PAMED voted not to support it. Discussion ensued, and resolution was amended to revise one of the resolve statements. Revised version was stated to the board. Motion to approve the resolution with the discussed revision, seconded, and board approved to support the revised resolution. The resolution will be submitted to the HOD prior to the submission's deadline.
 - Women's Caucus Bylaws Amendment:*
This was submitted and is in the official call of PAMED for HOD. Discussion took place among the group. No action is required of the board on this amendment. The board did agree that the author can be informed she has the support of MCMS for this amendment.
 - Maternity Leave Equity Resolution:*
There was confusion among the board with this resolution and the bylaws amendment submitted. Since the author was not at the meeting, there was no motion to support the resolution.
 - Role of the County Society (Local Events): Discussion regarding whether announcements posted on the society's website constitute endorsement by the MCMS. Questions were raised on who should make the decision on posting. Discussion ensued. A motion was made, seconded and approved for the executive committee to come up with the

parameters of guidelines to vet events/items outside of the MCMS be posted on the society's website and report back to the full board in the November board meeting.

- Membership 2020 Task Force: This was a for information topic. The board discussed the findings in the report and the separation of the counties and the state medical society. It will be brought up at the House of Delegates in October. The task force had reached out to other state societies that have de-unified. The floor was open for discussion. Questions, comments and discussion ensued.
- Inviting legislators to board meetings: the board agreed this was a good idea. Discussion continued regarding the importance of legislative issues. It was determined that coordinating these types of board meetings will be best planned after the election year.
- Holiday Dinner (Morton's Steakhouse, King of Prussia): this was mentioned as information. A board member suggested that the society pay for the dinner and it not be required to be paid individually. The treasurer agreed to review the financials and determine if we can cover the cost of the board to go to this dinner.
- Update on the office space lease: The landlord does not want to let us out of the lease. They will allow us to find a new tenant. We made it clear that we want out by 2020. We are waiting to hear back from the attorney on the 5% rent reduction requested by MCMS.
- Opioid Issues and Rehab Centers: Dr. Thomas presented information on this topic to the board in attendance. There is an ROPC (Regional Opioid Prevention Coalition) that held a meeting in June and will be holding another meeting in November. Hoping to get representation there. The June meeting was well attended. Opioids are a very big issue in the county and around the country. Discussion ensued. Additional information will be provided to the board members via email by Dr. Thomas.

The meeting adjourned by 9:00pm