



**Board of Directors Meeting
November 5, 2019**

Present: Jay E. Rothkopf, MD, president; Drs. Mark Lopatin, MD; Stanley Askin, MD; Sherry Blumenthal, MD; Charles Cutler, MD; Walter Klein, MD; Jennifer Lorine, DO; James W. Thomas, MD; Robert McNamara, MD; Martin Trichtinger, MD; George Green, MD; Joe Grisafi, MD (Dr. Grisafi came to resign, left before the meeting started.)

Guests: Joe Allen, Raymond James Financial

Staff: Jason Harbonic (on behalf of Michele Boylstein); Brendan Leahy, Deputy Executive of MCMS

Actions:

- 11/5/19 -1 Meeting called to order by Dr. Rothkopf at 6:05 pm
- 11/5/19 -2 The board approved the consent calendar which included: Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2019; Board Conference Call Minutes – October 2, 2019; MCMS/BCMS CMS Physician Symposium Planning Meeting – October 28, 2019; and the Statement of Financial Activity ending September 30, 2019.
- 11/5/19 – 3 Motion to hold the Holiday Dinner at Nectar on December 3, 2019. Motion was approved.
- 11/5/19 – 4 Motion to research the court costs of increasing disbursement of Pyfer Fund from \$500 to \$1,000. Motion approved.
- 11/5/19 – 5 Motion to allow the Executive Committee to finalize the decision on taking the Pyfer Fund to court, pending court costs. Motion approved.
- 11/5/19 – 6 Motion to reinvest funds from the CD that comes due in November 2019 to a higher-interest vehicle pending cashflow needs. Motion approved.
- 11/5/19 – 7 Motion to name Dr. Stan Askin Treasurer of MCMS. Motion approved.
- 11/5/19 - 8 Motion to hold the March 2020 Board Meeting at the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. Motion approved.
- 11/5/19 – 9 Motion to reinstating the position of Political Whip at House of Delegates for 2020. Motion approved.

11/5/19 – 10 Motion to research and implement the ability to have internet call-in available at future Board Meetings. Motion approved.

11/5/19 – 11 Meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

Areas of Discussion:

- *Dr. Klein discussed the MCMS/BCMS Physician Burnout Symposium Meeting, aiming for a date in the Spring in collaboration with Bucks County Medical Society. Saturday, March 28, 2020 was mentioned as a possible date. The event would have 4 individual speaking for 30 minutes each including a Q & A session, breakfast served to attendees beforehand, and lunch provided to attendees with a networking opportunity after the speakers conclude. The event is going to focus on solutions to Physician Burnout, as well as mental health and addiction among physicians. If PAMED is given a speaking slot, they would contribute \$2,500 to the event. Planning of the event will stay between Bucks and Montgomery Counties, though members from surrounding counties would be welcome to attend.*
- *Do No Harm Recap – The event was held on September 9, 2019. About 70 people registered, with about 50 people attending. 9 hospitals and PAMED contributed financially to the event, which resulted in a profit. The event was well-received. Delaware and Chester counties have expressed interest in hosting a screening of the film.*
- *Holiday Dinner – MCMS Staff has been working diligently to find options for the Holiday Dinner. Dr. Rothkopf read through the options, and presented the costs associated with each option. The suggestion was made to move the dinner to a new restaurant each year. Members who have attended a board meeting in the past two years and Montgomery County delegates to PAMED House of Delegates will be invited to the 2019 Holiday Dinner.*
- *Pyfer Fund – The cost of going to court will be taken from the Pyfer Fund. If the cost of court is too high, the disbursement of funds will remain at the \$500 level. Discretion was left to the Executive Committee. The suggestion was made to send communication to any eligible member regarding the existence of the Pyfer Fund to help raise awareness.*
- *Membership Committee – Dr. Blumenthal stated that having the Women’s Physician section helped attract more women to HOD. Dr. Blumenthal would like to have a Women’s Physician function, which may attract more women. An alumni function at Jefferson will be used as a medical society recruiting opportunity.*
- *Joe Allen, Raymond James Financial – Joe reported that it was a good year on the markets. Treasury yields are low. The MCMS portfolio is diverse, and doing well. Joe advised that MCMS stay the course on their investment strategy. The three CD’s are doing well, with the first CD coming due in November. Those funds could remain at Raymond James (low-interest) or be reinvested at a higher rate. Dr. Rothkopf said that he would speak with Michele regarding the cashflow needs between the meeting and the end of the year.*

- *2020 Board Meeting Dates – The November 2020 Board Meeting was moved from Election Day to be held on November 10, 2020. The July Board Meeting that was listed on the schedule was removed. The May Board Meeting will be held on May 12, 2020.*
- *Lease of the Building – Dr. Rothkopf introduced the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce as a potential future meeting space for MCMS Board Meetings. The Chamber of Commerce meeting space is free for the first four meetings in a calendar year, with the subsequent meetings being held at a cost of \$50 per meeting. The idea was raised regarding having meetings take place at different hospitals in the county, which could be determined on a meeting-by-meeting basis. The March 2020 Board Meeting will be used as a trial run of the Chamber of Commerce.*
- *House of Delegates Update – From Montgomery County, Dr. Sherry Blumenthal ran and was elected for her position, while Drs. Richard Eisenstaedt and Mark Lopatin were unsuccessful in their bids. Dr. Trichtinger suggested having a political whip at House of Delegates in 2020 to help facilitate voting for members of MCMS. Dr. Eisenstaedt has interest in running again in 2020. Concern was raised that no one had the ability to track votes, so it could not be guaranteed that everyone from your delegation had voted. Dr. Trichtinger stated that the bylaws allow for the speaker to set fair voting rules.*
- *Legislative Update – Two candidates were endorsed by PAMPAC for Judge. MCMS endorsed Valerie Arkoosh. Prior Authorization and the CRNP bills are the most pressing legislative topics currently active. Dr. Trichtinger will be speaking with Dave Thompson at PAMED for the best dates to hold a Legislative Dinner in 2020. The question of providing transportation for attendees of the Legislative Dinner was discussed, while carpooling was also suggested. Legislation out of New York that implemented independent dispute resolution was discussed. The New York legislation resulted in lower payments to doctors.*
- *HB1862 – Dr. Klein raised concerns regarding how quickly HB1862 moved out of committee for a vote, and how important it is to have members support the amendments to soften the language of the legislation.*