



**Board of Directors Meeting
September 3, 2019**

Present: Dr. Mark A. Lopatin, presiding; Drs. Stanley Askin, MD; Frederic Becker, MD; Sherry Blumenthal, MD; Charles Cutler, MD; Joe Grisafi, MD; Walter Klein, MD; Jennifer Lorine, DO; Cheri Matthews; Jay E. Rothkopf, MD; Steven Shapiro, DO; James W. Thomas, MD;

Guests: Val Arkoosh; Janine Darby

Staff: Michele Boylstein, Executive Director

Actions:

- 9/3/19 -1 Meeting called to order by Dr. Lopatin at 6:02 pm
- 9/3/19 -2 The board approved the consent calendar which included Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2019, Executive Committee Call Minutes – July 9, 2019, Do No Harm Planning Committee Call Minutes – Aug 1, 2019, Annual Dinner Committee Call Minutes – August 28, 2019, and the Statement of Financial Activity ending as of July 31, 2019
- 9/3/19 – 3 Motion to have the staff meeting planner research 4-5 venue options for the upcoming Annual Dinner in December. Motion was approved.
- 9/3/19 – 4 Motion to approve Jay Rothkopf as the Board Chair of Montgomery County was approved.
- 9/3/19 – 5 Motion to endorse Val Arkoosh in her campaign for County Commissioner was approved.
- 9/3/19 – 6 Motion to endorse Mark Lopatin as a PAMED Vice President candidate was approved.
- 9/3/19 – 7 Motion to endorse submitted resolution 19-401 was approved.
- 9/3/19 - 8 Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm

Areas of Discussion:

- The MCMS President spoke about the upcoming Do No Harm event taking place at the Doylestown Health & Wellness Center on September 9, 2019. It has been co-hosted with the Bucks County Medical Society. The event will include a film about physician suicide with a panel discussion and brief PAMED update following the discussion. It should be provocative and a service we are providing to members. Sponsors

were solicited from hospitals in the Bucks and Montgomery county areas. It is being promoted to the members of both societies as well as the medical staff at all the sponsoring hospitals to attend the event.

- The Treasurer went over the financials and stated that not much has changed since the last board meeting. Investments are still about 1.5 million. Our building lease at the King of Prussia location ends at the end of 2020 and we need to create a plan for our meeting locations in the future.
- The Annual Dinner takes place in December and the board members present were asked if they want to go to Morton's again for that meeting and whether or not the society should cover the cost of the event. The board voted to have the staff meeting planner research and provide the board with 4-5 venue options to choose from, over the next several weeks.
- This board meeting was the last board meeting that Board Chair, Mark Lopatin was presiding. Dr. Rothkopf was uncontested as a candidate for the MCMS Board Chair position. Dr. Rothkopf stepped out of the room as the board members discussed. A motion by acclamation took place and Dr. Rothkopf was voted in as the incoming Board Chair for MCMS.
- With Jay Rothkopf being selected as the MCMS Board Chair, the position he currently holds as Treasurer will become an open position on the board. The Treasurer position will be discussed in depth at the November board meeting.
- The Annual Dinner Planning Committee met on August 28th to discuss the current dinner program. The chair of the committee provided an update from that discussion. The committee felt that the program should engage members to increase attendance, provide an opportunity for younger physicians to participate and promote networking among colleagues. Suggestions of a social evening with a brief review of what the county is doing for the members and community were shared. One of the thoughts discussed was whether MCMS holds a separate event for the awardees. The staff meeting planner will research possible locations and provide to the committee. The Executive Director will coordinate another meeting for the committee to meet after receiving additional feedback from the board. The Committee will report additional information on the Annual Dinner at a future board meeting.
- A legislative update was given on the current topics of concern. There are so many new house members that the old rules have changed. It's important to get members engaged and contact their legislator by phone or in person, especially the new legislators. Updates were provided on:
 - Prior Auth: The Prior Authorization Reform bill has not yet been introduced. Members are encouraged to contact legislators to ask them to support the bill once it is introduced.
 - Act 112: Amendments are being discussed for the Patient Test Result Information Act. The amendments would seek to clarify the term "significant abnormality", which could cause confusion for patients.
 - HB 100 – This amends the Professional Nursing Law, it is still in the committee on House Professional Licensure.
 - Act 96 – Act 96 of 2018, Pennsylvania's e-prescribing law is set to take effect on October 24, 2019.
 - Opioid legislation – planning on recommendations coming out in October.
- Val Arkoosh, MD was a guest at the recent MCMS board meeting and provided a brief summary on her background as a physician and how she became involved in politics and as the Montgomery County commissioner. She is seeking re-election this year, and is also seeking endorsement by the MCMS. Her

accomplishments as County Commissioner include reducing street homelessness by 45% in the last several years and being deeply involved in working with first responders in the opioid epidemic. Montgomery County has been one of the 1st counties in the Commonwealth to equip 50 police departments with Narcan. She has been actively working on the infrastructure of the county over the last several years. The board voted unanimously to endorse Val Arkoosh in her campaign for County Commissioner.

- Membership report was provided to the board. Membership is up a bit from last year.
- The board reviewed a PAMED VP Candidacy letter that was written in support of Mark Lopatin running for this position. The board approved the letter by unanimous decision. The letter will be sent out on behalf of the MCMS board in support of Dr. Lopatin's candidacy. It will be sent in late September to all delegates.
- The board reviewed all the 2019 resolutions that will be presented at the PAMED House of Delegates in October. Discussions took place among the group on multiple resolutions that were submitted this year. One in particular was 19-401 which speaks on Wireless Devices and Cell Tower Health and Safety. Discussion took place among the board members and a motion was made to endorse this resolution. Motion was approved. The Executive Director will provide an update to PAMED that MCMS endorses their support to this resolution.
- There will be a PAMED webinar for all delegates taking place on October 9th and 10th at 7pm – 9pm to review all resolutions. In addition, the 2nd District counties will have an ORB review for delegates taking place on October 16th at 6:30pm at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia to review the resolutions. That event is being sponsored by the CCC (Care Centered Collaborative).
- Discussion was raised on the success of the legislative dinner that took place in May. The dinner was viewed by PAMED as going well. But the group agreed that having more members and not just board members attending is ideal. It's also ideal to have a 2 to 1 ration of 2 members to 1 legislator. The Executive Director will work with the staff meeting planner and board on setting up a date now for next year's legislative dinner.