

MINNESOTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

via Teleconference

August 4, 2008

MINUTES

Members Present:

Michael B. Ainslie, MD
James D. Dehen, MD
G. Richard Geier, MD
Roger Kathol, MD
Daniel Maddox, MD
Lyle Swenson, MD
David Thorson, MD

Staff Present:

Robert K. Meiches, MD
Erika Nelson

Members Absent:

Carolyn McKay, MD

Call to Order

Michael B. Ainslie, MD, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m.

1. Resignation of George Schoephoerster, MD as President-elect

The recent resignation of Dr. Schoephoerster was discussed.

2. Key Issues

- ◆ Does the Board fill the president-elect position at this time or what for the House of Delegates to fill the seat in September.

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Board should not the president-elect position at this time deferring to the House of Delegates in September.

- ◆ What should be the process for identifying a new president.

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and recommended the following:

- Dr. Schoephoerster's resignation will be communicated to membership via MMAonline
- Nominees for the president position will be requested
- NLDC will convene in late August/early September to discuss options and prepare a slate of candidates
- NLDC will bring a slate of candidates to the House of Delegates for election

3. Annual Meeting Restructure

Following discussion, the Executive Committee recommends to the Speaker and Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates, the following changes:

- ◆ Keep major events essentially the same
- ◆ NLDC will announce the slate of offices on Wednesday evening
- ◆ Nominations for all officers will remain open throughout Wednesday evening

- ◆ Following the Component Medical Society Caucuses on Thursday morning, convene the House for election of MMA President and proceed to reference committees
- ◆ The remainder of elections will be held as usual on Friday morning

4. Dr. Schoephoerster's Future Role in the MMA

Dr. Schoephoerster has been very active in the MMA, particularly in the area of healthcare reform and is one of two representatives on the Health Care Reform Review Council. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously recommended that Dr. Schoephoerster be encouraged to stay actively involved with the Board of Trustees, be invited to attend Board of Trustees meetings as a guest, and that he be permitted to continue in his role as a representative on the Health Care Reform Review Council.

5. Next Steps

Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously agreed that the following communication should occur:

- ◆ Electronic notice to all MMA members regarding Dr. Schoephoerster's resignation and the process for nomination and election
- ◆ Repeat electronic communication to all members via MMAonline
- ◆ Electronic and hard copy written communication to all delegates

6. Adjournment

Michael B. Ainslie, MD, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.