

MINNESOTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Nominating & Leadership Development Committee
MMA Conference Call
September 10, 2008

MINUTES

Members Present:

Michael B. Ainslie, MD
James Dehen, MD
G. Richard Geier, MD - Chair
Frank Indihar, MD
David D. Luehr, MD
Jerry Rogers, MD

Non-Voting Members Present:

J. Michael Gonzalez-Campoy, MD, PhD

Staff Present:

Robert K. Meiches, MD

1. Call to Order

G. Richard Geier, MD, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Minutes from the August 27, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Committee Appointment

Committee appointments were **reviewed**. Each set of recommendations included input from staff and from component medical society executives. Following discussion the NLDC **approved** the committee appointments as presented with the following notations:

- **Committee on Administration and Finance**
 - Pending a decision by Del Ohrt, MD, to renew for another term.
 - Benjamin Chaska, M.D., West Metro, to fill vacancy if Dr. Ohrt declines
- **Committee on Accreditation and Continuing Medical Education**
- **Committee on Communications** (2 vacancies)
- **Committee on Ethics and Medical Legal Affairs**
- **Committee on Legislation**
 - Pending a decision by Benjamin Whitten, M.D., Chair to step off the committee or serve as ex-officio member should he be elected President-elect
 - Recommendation is to fill this opening with Laura Dean, M.D., East Metro. Committee discussed Dr. Dean's unique position (spouse of a Representative in the Minnesota Legislature). Dr. Ainslie, Chair of the Board of Trustees, will discuss the issue with Dr. Dean prior to BOT discussion.
- **Committee on Minority and Cross Cultural Affairs** (1vacancy)
- **Committee on Medical Practice and Planning**
- **Committee on Public Health and Preventive Medicine**
- **Committee on Quality Health Care**

All physicians who applied for committee membership were granted a position with the exception of one resident (who could re-apply through Resident and Fellows Section), and two physicians who did not express interest in the existing committee openings.

3. MMA At-Large Trustee – Board of Trustees

As a follow-up to the discussion from the last meeting Robert Meiches, MD, CEO, **presented** the name of Aaron Friedman, MD, as a recommendation from the University of Minnesota Physicians to fill an At-Large Trustee position on the MMA Board of Trustees. Dr. Friedman has recently relocated to Minnesota and has great experience working within organized medicine. He is the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics. It was **moved, seconded and unanimously approved** to nominate Dr. Aaron Friedman as At-Large Trustee for one, three-year term.

4. Annual Work Plan

The annual work plan was reviewed as this will be the last meeting for this year's committee. It was recommended that the committee spend additional time working on leadership succession with specific suggestions to begin review of board members and committee members, and to begin to identify "up and coming" physicians who can move to positions within MMA leadership.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chair, G. Richard Geier, MD at 7:30 p.m.