

Spring MMA MSS Meeting Minutes

Preliminary Conference Call

5.21.2011

- Discussion regarding AMA Annual Conference
 - Collaboration between schools regarding attendance
 - Coordination regarding discussion of resolutions, later scheduled for 5.30.2011
- Discussion nominations for the MSS Student Section Award
- Attendance: Dennis Gerhardstein (MMA), Blake Fechtel (Mayo), Laura Gorsuch (UofM TC) Mark Bergstrand (UMD)

AMA Conference Discussion via Conference Call

5.30.2011

- General Conference Info (Shayla):
 - What happens with resolutions
 - Many resolutions are meant to be studied, committees are formed to study those that ask for study
 - Some are sent to the house of delegates of the physicians
 - Some ask for law enactment
 - There are 44 resolutions this year
 - MMA does not vote, though there is a member who speaks on behalf of the state
 - This member speaks if state members voted on the resolutions
- Resolutions of interest:
 - 4: Health Professions Student Access to Immunizations
 - No call to vote
 - Did not establish that there was a problem with lack of vaccination, just wanting to not have to pay for it.
 - Where would the money come from?
 - 6: Protecting Medical Student Summer Research Compensation
 - Voted against
 - Concerns for where funding would come in cash-strapped schools.
 - Students do it anyway
 - 8: Mindfulness Education to Address Medical Student Burnout
 - Voted against
 - Felt it should be dealt with on a school-by-school basis
 - Some agreed with the sentiment of the resolution but felt it could be acted on in a better way (not the GME's e-Letter or other emails)
 - 12: Enacting a Global Health Service Corps
 - Voted against
 - Felt federal dollars should be used for loan forgiveness to encourage grads to go to rural and inner city areas instead of abroad.
 - Deferment without interest accrual would be supported
 - 14: Study of the Impact of Mayo vs. USA on Medical Residents and their Employers
 - Voted in favor of the resolution as written.
 - Felt a study would be in order prior to the AMA taking a stance regarding the supreme court ruling

- (late res 1): Studying Medical Student Work Hours
 - No call to vote
 - Unsure that medical student work hours are a significant problem
 - Unsure how these work hour restrictions might fit in with developing resident hour work restrictions.
- 20: Cytochrome P-450 System Interaction Pamphlet
 - No call to vote
 - Some felt a pamphlet might not be the best way of distributing this information
 - Potentially difficult for patients to understand
 - Some felt it would be very helpful for patients and physicians for patient education
- 22: HIV Viral Load Testing following Indeterminate Western Blot
 - Voted in favor of the resolution as written.
 - Help catch patients who may not come back
 - Help reduce mental stress caused by false positives
 - Particularly makes sense if the number of Western Blots coming back indeterminate are low
 - Potentially consider replacing ELISA with the RNA testing
- 25: Novel Technologies in Biometrics and Medical ID Bracelets Used to Enhance Security and Quality of Care
 - No call to vote
 - Were mostly in favor of the idea, but felt timing was premature
 - Concerns regarding cost of implementation
 - Concerns regarding security of healthcare information
- 29: Investigating the Contribution of Insurance-based Segregation to Healthcare Disparities
 - Voted in favor of the spirit of the resolution, no vote on the resolution as written
 - Concerns regarding some of the Whereas clauses.
- 34: Averting antiretroviral treatment rationing in the United States – Strengthening the AIDS Drug Assistance Program
 - Voted in favor of the spirit of the resolution, no vote on the resolution as written
 - Concerns as to where funding will come from
 - Concerns regarding how this fits in with the Affordable Care Act
 - Want AIDS patients to receive the treatment they need, but are unsure where the funding currently comes from, where it is to come from in the future, and how this resolution would change either of these.
- 36: Supporting Voluntary Organ Donation from Death Row Prisoners
 - Voted in favor of RESOLVED clauses 1,2, and 4, with amendment in RESOLVED clause 3 to read “support” in place of “advocate for” on line 32.
- 38: Addressing Safety and Regulation in Medical Spas
 - No call to vote
 - Broad support for further regulation to ensure safety
 - Concern for those who might lose their jobs if physicians only could perform these procedures
- 39: Using Free Clinics to Provide Medical Homes to Uninsured or Indigent Patients
 - Voted in favor of RESOLVED clauses 1 and 2. No call to vote on RESOLVED clause 3.
- 43: Maintaining Insurance Coverage and Empowering State Choice
 - Suspended discussion and/or voting pending further research
- Attendance:
 - UofM TC: Becky Stepan, Shayla Wilson, Laura Gorsuch, Carolyn T. Bramante
 - UMD: Mark Bergstrand
 - Mayo: Blake Fachtel, Michelle Holman, Rahul Suresh, Neeru Narla, Megan Chock, Ma Khin Pyi Son