

MINUTES

MSS Executive Meeting

January 14, 2012; 2:00 pm

MMA, 1300 Godward Street, Minneapolis

Members Present

Michelle Holwan
Brooke Rosen
Mark Bergstrand
Maria Bergstrand
Ryan Clark
Evan James
Kirk Wyatt
Blake Fechtel
Ma Kin Pyi Son
Shumaila Jarfani
Laura Gorsuch

Members Present via Teleconference

Rahul Suresh
Greg Mowrers
John Williams
Neeru Narla

Staff Present

Eric Dick

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mark Bergstrand – New Chair Elect for 2012

II. MMA Board of Trustees Report

Rahul Suresh

Report: Rahul was unable to attend the last meeting. Summary of minutes discussed is as follows. Becky Schierman, manager of quality improvement for the MMA, reviewed the comparative effectiveness research principles proposed by the quality committee for approval by the board. The board reviewed, modified and approved the principles. A legislative update was given. Additionally, the Board of Trustees approved all resolutions from the House of Delegates except for the following two:

1. RRC-1: State Controlled and Funded Family Medical Accounts which was initially referred to the Board of Trustees by the Resolution Review Committee was not adopted.

2. Resolution 302: Restore reimbursement for Consultation Codes which was initially referred to the Board of Trustees was recommended for further internal discussion and will be reviewed by the Committee on Health Care Access, Financing and Delivery.

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday 1-24-2012.

III. MEDPAC Board of Directors Report

Rahul Suresh

Report: Met on 1-9-2012. Discussed MEDPAC accomplishments in 2011 including development of a Facebook page for MEDPAC allowing them to reach and educate a younger audience.

MSS Discussion: Reduced membership rate for medical students is available. Encouraged MSS members to share Facebook page with classmates/colleagues. Brief summary of MEDPAC given by Rahul Suresh and Eric Dick for new MSS members.

IV. MMA Foundation Report

Last meeting was 11-2011. Student representatives not in attendance to give report.

V. MMA Committee Reports

A. Ethics and Medical-Legal Affairs

- i. Representative and alternate: *Erin O'Donnell and Ma Khin Pyi Son*
- ii. No update given.

B. Membership & Communications

- i. Representative and alternate: *Evan James and Blake Fletchel*
- ii. No update given. Next meeting on 1-16-2012.

C. Health Care Access, Financing & Delivery

- i. Representative and alternate: *Megan Chock and Rob Fraser*
- ii. Report: Joint meeting with the Health Care Quality Committee on 12-5-2011. The Minnesota Hospital Association has proposed a standardization of hospital paging systems across the state and requested that the MMA write a letter endorsing the policy. Additionally, Health Insurance Exchanges were discussed, focusing primarily on the purpose, source, logistics and consumer interactions with quality data.

D. Minority and Cross-Cultural Affairs

- i. Representative and alternate: *Brooke Rosen and Laura Gorsuch*
- ii. Report: Update on the EXPLORERS program at Harding High School; during December an NP spoke, next program scheduled for February.

E. Public Health

- i. Representative and alternate: *Neeru Narla and Benjamin Braus*
- ii. No update given. Next meeting on 1-26-2012.

F. Quality

- i. Representative and alternate: *Shumaila Sarfani and Kirk Wyatt*
- ii. No update given. Next meeting within the next couple of weeks.

VI. Component Society Updates

- A. Twin Cities Medical Society:
 - i. Annual meeting next week. Laura Gorsuch is the contact for the MSS.
- B. Lake Superior Medical Society:
 - i. No report given.
- C. Zumbro Valley Medical Society: Report given by Blake Fletchel and Greg Mowrer.
 - i. Dinner on 1-12-2012. Speaker addressed the rising costs of healthcare. Blake Fletchel was honored at the event for his work over the past two years.
 - ii. 50 medical students from UMN Medical School volunteered and put on a carnival recently.
 - iii. The society is working to put on a year-long donation drive with an annual competition between UMN Medical School classes. Currently encouraging winter clothing donations.

VII. AMA Chapter Updates

- A. Duluth:
 - i. No recent events.
- B. Twin Cities:
 - i. Lunch/lecture discussion of major resolutions from recent New Orleans AMA Conference. Sponsored AIDS benefit with Jazz Band and fundraised almost \$3000 for Camp Heartland.

VIII. AMA Business

- A. New Orleans AMA Conference highlights discussed.
- B. AMA Lobby Day coming up in Washington D.C. Several MSS members hoping to attend.

IX. MMA Business

- A. MMA Day at the Capital is coming up on 2-16-2012. Eric Dick gave an overview of this program. MSS Representatives for each school planning on sending emails and speaking to each class, inviting students to attend.

X. Other Business

- A. Region 2 meeting in Madison, WI is coming up. Recommend for those MSS members hoping to get involved in the AMA on a national level.
- B. Next meeting scheduled for 3-10-2012 at 2:00 pm. Encouraged MSS members to begin thinking about resolutions they would like to propose to the AMA.