MINUTES

MSS EXECUTIVE MEETING
Saturday, January 21, 2017
10:30AM – 1:00PM
1300 Godward Street NE, Suite 2500
Minneapolis, MN 55413

Members Present
Gretchen Colbenson (Chair)
Elizabeth Fairbairn
Ethan Harris
Katelyn Madigen
Stephen Palmquist
Annabelle Soares
Abby Solom
Susan Sun
Risa Visina

Members via Teleconference
Alex Feng
Catherine Gao
Ben Harris
Joy Liu
Payal Patel
Erica Sanders
Kale Siebert
Noelle Thew

Guests Present
None

Staff Present
Juliana Milhofer

I. Welcome and Introductions
The meeting began at 10:30am at the MMA office and as a virtual conference call on ZOOM.

II. MMA Board of Trustees Report - Risa Visina
MMA Board of Trustees met via video conference on January 9th. Focus of the meeting was a budget review, and 2017 and 2018 budgets were discussed. Strategic priorities of the MMA include: health of Minnesotans, making MN a better place to practice. Main issues: opiates, prior authorization, quality improvement.

Day at the Capitol is Feb. 15th. Juliana Milhofer, MMA staff, will help coordinate with medical schools to make sure that day is open.

There is an open position on the MMA Board of Trustees. Previously MMA-MSS board would vote on position for MMA Board of Trustees. The new system is that students will be nominated and forwarded to the nominating committee. Anyone can nominate medical students. Nominations will likely be in March/April. Get in contact with Risa if you are interested. visin006@umn.edu.
The next board of trustees meeting is on Feb. 11 from 8am - 12pm at Midland Hills Country Club. At that meeting, medical students will give a presentation on a survey of medical students about what students know about the MMA and how the MSS is using that information.

III. MEDPAC Board of Directors Report - Elizabeth Fairbairn
Dave Renner, MMA Director of State & Federal Legislation, has taken over as the new staff for MEDPAC. Mr. Renner is identifying ways that we can support legislators to make decisions.

During the last election, MEDPAC endorsed 18 candidates - 17 of whom won. Call for students to become MEDPAC Board member to help support their efforts to involve students. MMA Website → Advocacy → can join MEDPAC, it is $5 for students.

It was also noted that MEDPAC has an open student position.

IV. MMA Foundation Report Risa Visina
A. No updates.

V. MMA Committee Reports
A. Ethics and Medical Legal Affairs – no meeting
B. Medical Practice & Quality – no meeting
C. Membership & Communications – no meeting
D. Public Health - Kale Siebert
   a. Committee met on January 18th. Presenter spoke on the role of sugar-sweetened beverages and their role in the obesity epidemic. The example was the availability of those beverages in hospitals because patients might assume that they are healthy because they are in hospitals. Another speaker was Arnie Vainio, MD. Dr. Vainio spoke about public health issues on the Fond Du Lac reservation.
   b. Next Meeting: April 26th. Issues that will be discussed by the committee in 2017 include - Aging and dementia, mental health services for children, anti-biotic stewardship, and racial bias in criminal justice.
E. Finance – no meeting
F. Other:
   a. Juliana will check-in with MMA staff for committees regarding students who have not yet heard updates on their committees.
   b. Gretchen will create google doc for students to write their experiences as a committee member.

VI. MMA Business
A. Day at the Capitol
   a. $10 for students to attend and it will be held at the capitol. Starts at noon for students.
   b. Lobbyists will speak informally with students prior to the start of the day. Juliana will send parking information. Schedule starts at 12:30pm and activities are planned until 6:30pm.
c. When registering, students can choose either their home address or school address. It is encouraged to register with your home address if it is more rural because you are more likely to get one-on-one meetings. Being part of group, more likely if you have an address in the cities, you can learn from others in the group.

d. Lunch is on your own before the event begins. If cost is a concern, students can reach out to Juliana or Gretchen and there may be the opportunity to be sponsored.

e. Students are able to advocate for multiple issues but should identify whether they are doing so on behalf of themselves or the MMA. MMA will distribute talking points for federal health reform in the next couple of weeks.

f. Any coordination should be done through Juliana. In addition, Abby will handle coordination for the Twin Cities campus and Annabelle for Mayo.
   i. By Friday, Jan 27th, Facebook posts and emails will be sent out to all students. Templates done by the 24th.
   ii. By the end of January, plans for carpools will be set up and advertised.

VII. Hands on Advocacy (HOA) – Elizabeth Fairbairn and Erica Sanders
   A. Goal: Provide a way for students to learn how to engage in advocacy. Run a 1-year advocacy project.
   B. 20 students are signed up and participating. The project team have outlined goals and developed strategic plans.
   C. Lunch lecture, Jan 31st for the Duluth campus and Feb 6th or 7th at the Twin Cities campus.
      a. Duluth lecture with motivational interviewing (MI) for talking to parents about vaccines.
      b. Twin Cities lecture will be discussion of ethics of vaccine policy reform.
   D. Will be advertising MMA and Hands on Advocacy at these talks and offering concrete ways for students to get involved. Events planned in Somali, Native American, and Latino communities about vaccines. Many pharmacists are also involved in the projects.
   E. Setting up mentor relationships for the students. Applying for grants including a $10k grant.
   F. Have a workshop to teach students how to talk to parents and doctors about vaccines.

   Motion: Allocate $300 for HOA to provide 2 lunch lectures (1 at Twin Cities and 1 at Duluth).
   Motion passes unanimously.

VIII. Component Society Updates
   A. Twin Cities Medical Society
      i. Annual meeting at Surly Brewing. Gretchen will seek support for HOA,
   B. Zumbro Valley Medical Society
      i. None

IX. AMA Chapter/School Specific Updates
   A. Mayo:
      i. No updates
   B. Duluth:
      i. No updates
C. Twin Cities:
   i. In the process of getting bank account set-up.

X. AMA Business
   A. AMA annual meeting: Student meeting is June 8-10.
   B. AMA Advocacy Day
      i. Washington, D.C. -- March 9-11
      ii. Registration fee: Approximately $125 or registration fee (includes hotel and some meals)
      iii. Professional Student Government will provide up to $200 per student to travel to academic conferences.

XI. Other Business
   A. MMA funded evening Match Day event for University of Minnesota Medical School in 2016. Due to budget issues, the MMA was unable to provide support for 2017. Juliana requests that MSS look into supporting funding for the 2018 event.

VII. Adjourn
   There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19PM.