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MSS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, May 15, 2017
7:00PM – 9:00PM
Conference Call Meeting

Members Present (all via ZOOM)  Staff Present
Gretchen Colbenson (Chair)  Juliana Milhofer
Elizabeth Fairbairn
Alex Feng
Ben Harris
Ethan Harris
Stephen Palmquist
Erica Sanders
Abby Solom
Risa Visina
Josh Warneke

Guests Present
None

I. Welcome and Introductions
The meeting began at 7:00PM via ZOOM.

II. MMA Board of Trustees Report
Risa Visina provided an update on the TCMS/MMA conversations. Noted was the declining membership for both organizations. Risa noted that the next meeting of the MMA Board of Trustees is May 20, 2017.

Executive committee members also discussed the nominations for the MSS seat on the MMA Board of Trustees. The following names will be put forward, as being supported by MSS, pending acceptance of all candidates:
   1. Alex Feng
   2. Erica Sanders
   3. Tom Schmidt

III. MEDPAC Board of Directors Report
No updates, as the MEDPAC Board of Directors has not met since January.
IV. MMA Foundation Report
At the most recent meeting of the MMA Foundation, several grants that the Foundation is working towards were discussed.

In regards to student representation, both Editt Nikoyan (rising MS2, Mayo) and Stephen Palmquist (rising MS4, Duluth) were confirmed until May 31, 2020 (or until they graduate); confirmation will need to be approved by the MMA Board of Trustees. Risa will continue her 3 year term through graduation (May 2018). Therefore, there is now representation from both campuses of the University of Minnesota Medical School, as well as the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine.

V. MMA Committee Reports
A. Ethics and Medical Legal Affairs
   a. First meeting in mid-April.
   b. Discussing included – Increasing recruitment of primary care providers from foreign countries and fast tracking them to primary care; Possibility of an alternative licensing track. Question of whether MMA should support this. Divided group, no consensus, will be approached again in June
   c. POLST order regarding end of life. Specific doctor order directing how EMS and physicians regarding end-of-life care

B. Medical Practice & Quality
   a. No report given.

C. Membership & Communications
   a. Committee will be meeting tomorrow, so no report given.

D. Public Health
   a. Topics included (1) public health at the state capitol; (2) healthy living as you age initiative; and (3) updates from the Minnesota Department of Health.

E. Finance
   a. No report given.

VI. MMA Business
a) Hands on Advocacy Project (HOA) update
   a. Plan is to wrap up the first year’s campaign by August 26th. The HOA project is currently focusing on health equity outreach. There will be a Native American Community Clinic open house on Friday May 19th 12pm-3pm.
   b. Working on a Somali listening session to hear more about their thoughts and hesitations on vaccines.
   c. Formulating an HPV information sheet
   d. Working on a advocacy video, as well as a video on how to talk to patients about vaccines.
e. Survey regarding what public health topic medical students want to work on will be emailed out by July 1st.
   i. Survey results would be used to evaluate which topic should be used for HOA next year. Results will also be used to gather medical student ideas to share with the Policy Council.
   ii. Erica will pull together a draft in the next few weeks and send out to the group for feedback
b) Request for funding for the HOA project.

The following motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously:

| Motion: To provide the HOA project with $75 in support for their attendance at the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) health fair, and the Native American Community Clinic open house. |

c) Physician Aid in Dying Survey Update
   a. Survey results and next steps will be discussed at the May 20th meeting of the MMA Board of Trustees.
d) AMA Policy Pep Rally Update
   a. The event will take place on May 28th in the Twin Cities. So far no report on if Duluth or Mayo are planning anything as of yet. The pep rally will be an opportunity to gather and discuss student proposed resolutions.
e) MSS Page on MMA Website
   a. Changes to website should be emailed to Juliana Milhofer, MSS staff.
   b. Ideas for things to include on MSS page:
      i. Dates for upcoming events.
      ii. Featuring a student group or a student.
      iii. Survey results.
f) Menthol Discussion
   a. Alex Feng discussed having MSS sign on to a letter of support that TCMS is sending, expressing their support for including menthol tobacco products in Minneapolis’/St. Pauls’ current flavored tobacco regulations.

The following motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously:

| Motion: Support signing on to this letter, pending MMA staff checking on current policy, as well as ability to have MSS provide support. |
g) MMA Annual Conference planning
   a. A social for medical students will be held prior to the MMA Annual Conference.
   b. There was a call made for issues to submit to the Open Issues Forum.
   c. Finally, MSS will coordinate carpooling to and from the conference, if needed.

h) MMA Socials
   a. May 23rd – Twin Cities
   b. May 24th – Rochester
   c. June 7th – Duluth

i) AMA Annual Meeting
   a. Twin Cities: Three students will be driving down on Thursday morning, and returning on Sunday morning. Requests for carpooling should be sent to Abby Solom.
   b. Registration is due May 26th.

j) MMA Awards
   a. Nominations are due June 30th.
   b. More info and instructions to nominate: http://www.mnmed.org/about-us/MMA-Awards
   c. Distinguished Service Award - Given to a physician who has made outstanding contributions in service to the MMA and on behalf of medicine and the physicians of Minnesota during his or her career.
   d. President's Award - Designated for individuals who have made outstanding contributions in service to the goals of the MMA - making Minnesotans the healthiest in the nation; making Minnesota the best place to practice; and advancing professionalism in medicine.
   e. Medical Student Leadership Award - Presented to a member of the MMA Medical Student Section who demonstrates outstanding commitment to the medical profession.
   f. James H. Sova Memorial Award for Advocacy - Given to a person who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of public policy, medical sciences, medical education, medical care or the socio-economics of medical practice. Sova was the chief lobbyist for the MMA from 1968 until the time of his death at the AMA meeting in December 1981.

VII. Component Medical Society Updates
    A. Twin Cities Medical Society
       1. Provided an update on letter sent from TCMS President, Matthew Hunt, MD.
    B. Zumbro Valley Medical Society
       i. No updates provided.

VIII. AMA Chapter/School Specific Updates
    A. Mayo Clinic School of Medicine:
       i. No updates provided.
B. University of Minnesota Medical School - Duluth campus:
   i. Jimmy McCluskey has been elected to a leadership position on campus. More information to come.
C. University of Minnesota Medical School - Twin Cities campus:
   i. No updates provided.

IX. Adjourn

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.