

Virginia Podiatric Medical Association
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 24, 2010 • Richmond, Virginia

This meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Zelen at 10:04 am.

Those attending were: Chuck Zelen, Annik Adamson, Randy Clements, Roland Ramdass, Marc Pinsky, Thomas Leecost, Simon Mest, Arnold Beresh, Mark Dollard, Sandy Schustek, Gary Effron, Dr. Agnew, Robert Hallivis, Dr. Vantre, Dr. Cho, Dr. Wilhelm, and Dr. Girvan. Staff member Jean Kirk also attended. Bea McDougle and Andrew Vehorn attended for Capital Results. A quorum was determined.

Membership Report

Dr. Zelen presented the membership applications: Dr. Wilson, Dr. Han, Dr. Bouraee, Dr. Kushlak, Dr. Ogdelanh. There being no objection, these doctors were elected into membership. Current membership is 247 paid, active members.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

There was discussion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Dr. Hallivis moved, Pinsky seconded and none objected. The motion carried.

There was discussion about Traveler's reimbursement of the lost funds. All monies have been reimbursed. All rights of action have been released to Traveler's Insurance.

Treasurer's Report

A written report was provided. There was discussion about the current financial state of the association. Dr. Clements explained the current process required to have checks signed at this time. Dr. Zelen discussed the requirements for annual audit.

Dr. Mest introduced Bea McDougle and Andrew Vehorn from Capital Results. He discussed the issues surrounding the statute. The MSV indicates that by statute, DPMs do not have the privilege to diagnose. The bill was introduced to add the diagnosis allowance. There was discussion regarding whether diagnosis was ever specifically in the podiatric practice act.

Dr. Beresh moved to allow Bea to confer with a panel of three DPMs (ad hoc committee) about on-going language relative to podiatrist's being allowed to diagnose, with support from the Board with legal counsel and Board's support through committee. Dr. Ramdass seconded. Motion carried by majority.

Bea explained that Gov Kaine removed all Medicaid funding for podiatrists. Bea found two folks to submit amendments to the budget. House appropriation chairman indicated that you must also indicate how to pay for it. We did not submit cost savings analysis. Texas study was distributed. Bea and Andrew have met with the clerks, as well, and distributed information.

Relative to February 4th, events are planned for the entire day. Dr. Zelen asked that division presidents contact their membership. Clinic attire with lab coats will be worn. A specific schedule will be sent out to the membership. Legislative Day begins at 6:30 am. DPMs attending will be asked to confirm their attendance to Dr. Mest.

There was discussion about asking Medicaid patients to sign a letter in the office while checking out, to send to the legislature.

Officers Report

President's Report was provided earlier.

Northern Virginia

Dr. Wilhelm reported

Richmond

Dr. Pinsky reported.

Hampton Roads

Dr. Agnew reported. Dr. Agnew reported on the CPME 320 issue (30 changes proposed; available for comment until April). Indicated that there were many applications for one residency position at EVMS.

Southwest

Dr. Cox did not attend. No report provided. Dr. Zelen reported.

APMA Delegate's Report

Dr. Dollard reported.

Standing Committee Reports

Dr. Effron reported on the Annual Meeting

Dr. Leecost reported on Medicaid. He discussed the cut of optional services.

Dr. Wolfson did not attend for the Ethics and Grievances Committee. He would like to be replaced.

Dr. Wilhelm reported for the Bylaws Committee. He moved to accept changes on Section C as put forth. Dr. Adamson seconded. Motion amended to include Article 16, take out two other members and the chair to decide the number of members. Dr. Vantre seconded. The motion carried. The proposed changes will be provided to the membership for vote.

Dr. Stern did not attend and no written report was provided.

Dr. Beresh reported for the Hospital Committee.

Dr. Dollard reported for the Insurance Committee.

Dr. Mest reported on the Medicare issue. Information was sent to each Board member.

Mid Atlantic Conference (Dr. Dollard)

This year's meeting will be held on November 19 at the Virginia Fairview Marriott.

Rad Tech Course

Twenty people participated in the Rad Tech course and 16 passed. Next one will be offered in June 2010.

Dr. Ramdass discussed the need for a Young Member to attend. Dr. Zelen suggested Ryan Fitzgerald.

Dr. Mest reported for the PAC Committee.

Dr. Clements reported for the Young Members's Committee. Members are asked to contact the pre-med advisor at local universities to increase those interested in the profession.

Dr. Mest had previously reported for the Legislative Committee.

Dr. Zelen reported on old business. Keeney Corporation was discussed, in relation to lobbyist.

EMR Committee was previously given \$5000.00 budget. Dr. Dollard indicated that this may be soon utilized. If EMR is not in place by a certain period of time, DPMs will begin losing money. Need information on website so that docs will know what they have to have in place by when. Dr. Beresh indicated that DPMs MAY NOT qualify under the meaningful use issue.

Dr. Dollard asked that the Board consider splitting the cost of executive director's attendance at the March ASPE meeting. Jean will discuss with NC president.

Please be aware that all Medicare HMOs will be requesting notes. Send the notes. Respond asking about what dates. Do not have to give them the entire chart, per provider, within the dates requested. Have a professional coder review your notes before sending. Regular Medicare RACs can't do anything in central VA because Trailblazer has not released it. Requests will be seen in mid-October. RACs can go back only three years. The extrapolation rule is still in place.

Dr. Beresh reported for the Nominating Committee. Annik Adamson for President, Robert Hallivis for Vice President, Randy Clements for Secretary, Mark Pinsky for Treasurer, Dr. Beresh for At-Large Seat, Dr. Mest for APMA, and Mark Appleton for Region 8. Rob Hallivis moved, Annik seconded and all were in favor.

New Business

Educational Fund. Dr. Mest asked that the Board consider making a donation. Dr. Dollard and Mest requested a \$1000.00. Dr Dollard moved, Simon seconded and all were in Favor.

Virginia Diabetes Council would like a delegate from the membership. Jean will send regrets. Gary would like to continue to serve. Tabled due to Legislative Day.

Dr. Zelen discussed Dr. Feinberg's situation. Dr. Effron asked that allocation be made in his honor to the APMA Educational Fund. Dollard moved, Beresh seconded and all were in favor. Zelen asked that Seth contact Dr. Feinberg. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Good and Welfare

Dr. Pinsky's daughter was accepted to Radford.

Gary is the board liaison, but Upton will handle the finances. Arnie, Larry and Gary will handle scientific portion.

CPME 720 changes expected, taking attendance 4 times each day and complete a survey.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean U. Kirk, Executive Director