MEAPA Board Meeting

November 20, 2021

Zoom Conference Call

1. 0805: Call to Order: Angela LeClerc, Bailey D’Antonio, Timothy Grace, Bill Griffiths, Claire Puffer
   1. Call in: Kimberly Caldwell, Andrew Osborne DNP, CRNA, APRN, Susan Decarlo Piccinillo, Amy Plante, Kathleen Moneghan, Chelsea Brown, Chris Bates Withers, Stephen Arnold, Noel Genova, Erin Muthig
2. Reports of Officers
   1. President’s Welcome
      1. 0807: Vote to approve minutes August –
         1. Timothy Grace - motion to approve
         2. Claire Puffer – seconds
      2. 0807: CRNA Maine legislative efforts
         1. Susan Piccirillo – CMS requires that in non-opt out states, CRNAs require supervision, looking to change to become opt state
            1. 3 states opted out during pandemic – Kentucky, Iowa, Arizona
         2. Maine Nurse Practice Act – does not include supervision requirement, many APRN colleagues do not have supervision
         3. Will we write a letter of support to present to governor so that they can have the same independent practice rights as the rest of their APRN colleagues
            1. Can reduce costs in facilities
            2. Want to attract CRNAs to this state
            3. Not asking for anything different – they ARE sole providers, have been for decades
         4. Andrew Osborne will send email with research on patient outcomes (anesthesiologist vs CRNA)
         5. Bill number? – Do not have one currently
            1. May try to bypass using “opt out”
            2. Planning to write to governor and sending with lobbyist
            3. Hope to meet with Governor Mills again
            4. No provision for new graduates at this time – they will look into this
         6. Another bill, LD 254 bill regarding billing was passed last year
         7. Further discussion – Grace: “independent providers” – we are NOT this, importance of verbiage
      3. Conference
         1. Amazing job, Chris!!!
      4. Awards
         1. Presented awards – need to work on outreach
         2. Try to get more nominees next year
         3. Request for a nomination letter to give to award recipient
         4. When the award is presented – put disclosure that nomination can be quoted but remain anonymous
      5. Scholarship (last 2018) (discuss/vote)
         1. Susan B. Vincent – Memorial Scholarship – may now restart this scholarship, has specific criteria, always a UNE PA student - $1,000 (cash vs to UNE?) for education finances (Timothy Grace), must be Maine resident, \*\*have been able to donate to this fund in the past\*\*
         2. 2023, 2024 – Will look to restart scholarship – Motion to approve – Kimberly Caldwell, Timothy Grace - seconds
         3. PA students can write a letter regarding scholarship, ad hoc group goes over letters and decide who gets scholarship
      6. Support for HRSA grant rural clinical PA education (UNE)
         1. Invite discussion with UNE about how we can support eachother
      7. Vote to fund LAS (Leadership and Advocacy Summit) attendance
         1. Set aside funds for 2 members to go
         2. Good way for our board to interact with other boards around the country
         3. In the past, Timothy Grace and Gretchen Preneta presented to 2 senators and 2 representatives (day 1)
            1. Day 2,3 – AAPA and different state boards present on what they are doing, managing finances, etc.
         4. Dates – unknown?
         5. Allocate $500 for the conference and submit expenses (Plane tickets, meals)
         6. Bailey makes a motion for 2 MEAPA members to attend 2022 LAS conference for $1000 per person, total $2000, write report for board, Kimberly seconds
         7. Tim, Kim, and Bailey are interested
            1. Will assess funds and see if we can support 3 members
   2. 0853: Treasurer’s Report: Kathleen Moneghan
      1. Review financials
         1. $35,000 total income
         2. Balance sheet – building up finances
3. Reports of Committees
   1. Education Committee: Chair, Chris Bates-Withers (30 min)
      1. Presentation of financials and survey results
         1. Learning points:
            1. Sustainability/environmentally friendly in the future
            2. Keep speakers on time
            3. Skipped sessions
         2. Interactive vs lectures – interactive sessions were very well received
      2. Plan for next year
         1. Logistics
            1. Having point person for each session
            2. AV support – no more laptop shuffling
            3. Spread thin with entertainment – keep it simple
         2. Student involvement in conference
            1. Putting on student “track” day at conference
            2. Taking team to student bowl
      3. Financial Summary – Revenue
         1. Outstanding payment from Astra Zeneca
         2. Food is biggest expense
         3. Total expenditures: $17,529.67
      4. 2022 Updates
         1. Resuming CME webinars in Spring 2022 – wound care with Stephen Saylor
         2. Tentative Conference dates (Sep 21-23 Sebasco Harbor)
         3. Other considerations – Cliff House? Samoset? – larger resorts, we may outgrow Sebasco
      5. 2022 Education Committee
         1. Christopher Bates-Withers: Education/CME Chair
         2. Bailey D’Antonio – Publicity/Social Media Liaison
         3. Kim Caldwell – Fundraising/Exhibitor Relationships
         4. Kate Worcester – Member Liaison
         5. Amy Plante – Member at Large
      6. 0925: Motion for $10,681.06 to Sebasco Harbor – Chris makes the motion to approve the payment
      7. Angie seconds
      8. Motion has passed
   2. Governmental Affairs Committee: Chair, Stephanie Podolski
      * 1. Return of residual grant money
        2. MooseRidge monitoring
        3. Assistant Physician bill\*\*\*, Steph to meet with Brunswick
           1. Medical school students who do not have a residency
           2. Want to practice like physician assistants practice
           3. First attempt at having a bill sponsored, once lobbyist was informed, sponsorship was dropped
           4. Did not make it to a committee, though, it may be back
           5. We are not in support of this
        4. Congressperson
        5. SEMPA guidelines, rural EM
           1. American College of Emergency Physicians – “APPs are not needed in EDs” and have the AMA backing
           2. Stephen Arnold from Reddington Fairview – their team far outweighs what SEMPA has, CAQ qualification
        6. Physician assistant 🡪 Physician associate name change – MHA (Maine Health Association – Maine’s ASA) do not approve of this name change
        7. Grant $ to give back to AAPA that we did not spend on LD 1660
        8. Laura Harper - paid monthly to monitor bills and if they are concerning/if we should weigh in
        9. Partnership for Expert Care
           1. Radio campaign
           2. Anti-scope creep/smear campaign
           3. Truly funded by AMA?
           4. **\*\*^Put on Laura’s Radar**
           5. *Noel G: 207-671-9076 for comments/questions*
   3. Membership Committee: Chair, Kim Caldwell - \***\*Chris provided Kim with access to website**
      1. Strategy for new membership
         1. Want to drum up new membership – referral system? i.e. Give $50 discount on annual renewal membership fee
         2. Cheaper to pay for 2 years at a time rather than just 1
      2. Strategy for retaining membership
   4. Social media committee: Erin Muthig/Bailey D’Antonio
      1. Conference posts
         1. Looking forward 🡪 hashtag next year, or if you tag MEAPA’s account and comment on our post, can win a prize at the end of the conference
      2. Continuing to repost Maine CDC, AAPA
      3. Working more closely with education committee to promote CME webinars in Spring 2022
   5. DEI (Diversity Equity and Inclusion) committee: Beth Held-Dobos – Beth to update at next meeting, will be doing a piece on PA from Afghanistan
   6. Budget and Bylaws committee: Tim Grace
      1. Motion to vote on new bylaws
         1. Updated pronouns
         2. Added online voting
         3. Membership registration online
         4. Changed membership categories – streamlined
         5. Eliminated honorary membership
         6. Clarified what students can vote on
         7. 0945 Motion to approve bylaw changes: Kimberly Caldwell motions to approve
         8. Seconds: Timothy Grace seconds
         9. Passed
   7. PA mentorship committee: ???Interest
   8. 0953: House of Delegates – Erin Muthig (Chief Delegate)
      1. Vote to fund the delegates to AAPA for 2022 – will resume HOD meeting
      2. 2 HOD seats open this Spring 2022 – think about people who may be interested
      3. Historically we have funded all 3 of our delegates to go to HOD, cost varies depending on year, have covered flights and hotels for 3 nights
      4. Rob and Erin want to go, touch base with Steve Blessington to decide how many will be in attendance
         1. Motion for up to 3 delegates to attend the HOD: Bailey D’Antonio
         2. Second: Tim Grace
         3. Approved
4. Unfinished Business
5. New Business
   1. Sustainability from administrative perspective
      1. Uploading all documents/scanning them to one online location – Tim Grace
   2. Sustainability from position perspective (formal “road map” or orientation for new position)
      1. Responsibilities recently outlined, to be updated overtime
   3. Review pillars of OTP-PA Board discussion
   4. Website photos have been updated!
6. 10:04 Motion to adjourn: Tim Grace
7. 10:04 Second: Chris Bates Withers
8. 10:04 Adjournment