MEAPA Board Meeting

November 12, 2020

Zoom Conference Call

1. Call to Order: Jed Jankowski, Kathleen Monahan, Anna hurling, Bailey D’Antonio, Tim Grace, Stephanie Podolski, Erin Muthig, Valerie Carpenter, Angela Leclerc
   1. Call in:
2. Reports of Officers
   1. President’s Welcome
      1. Dana Howard Roberts Sr (wife of Linda Roberts, PA)
         1. Dedicated much of her time to conference management and other issues during her time on MEAPA
         2. Planning to send condolence card to Linda offering support after the loss of her husband
         3. Considering making a small donation in his name from MEAPA
      2. #stopthecreep
         1. statement put out by AMA implying that APPs are practicing outside of their scope of practice affecting patient safety
         2. Request from NHSPA
            1. Requesting that our two chapters put out a joint statement in response to this movement by AMA
            2. Is this worth our time to fight?

Plan: wait it out and monitor the movement before determining whether we address this formally

Consider: a statement staying positive to the work we are doing here in Maine without directly addressing the AMA

* + 1. AAPA advocacy grant- $15K
       1. Review potential services offered by MooseRidge
          1. Proposal shared by Angie via email 11/12
          2. Need to determine services we want to utilize

**Legislative monitoring versus Hybrid model legislative monitoring and advocacy**

**Will vote early next week**

* + - * 1. LD1660: if the rulemaking has issues moving forward, we may need our lobbyist to discuss with active legislatures to move the process forward; other issues may be related to further restricting APPs as a whole, specifically trying to counteract the law we just passed
        2. Should be able to apply again next year (with the idea of establishing a Maine PA board)
    1. Review awards on website
    2. Congratulations to awards recipients: good traffic on social media, now posted on website
       1. Gretchen Prenata – Robert Latham Award
       2. Outstanding Healthcare Professional – Kate Worcester
       3. Maine PA of the Year – Sarah Skolfield
  1. Treasurer’s Report – Kathleen Moneghan
     1. Review financials
        1. $51,400 in the back as of October
        2. not much movement in either direction since July
        3. We are up 31% in membership income!
        4. Getting started with online bill pay
     2. bookkeeper: Denise Damboise
     3. Angie’s uncle David doing tax preparation
     4. Thanks for your help Tim!

1. Reports of Committees
   1. Education Committee – Chris Bates-Withers, Kate Worcester
      1. First online CME event complete!
         1. Kate Worcester on COVID
         2. Excellent feedback!
      2. Next events December and January
      3. Please share with your fellow APPS
         1. NPs can’t claim this CME but may want to participate
   2. Governmental Affairs Committee –Jed Jankowski (thank you!!)
      1. AAPA grant application (Stephanie Podolski-reason for application)
      2. Rulemaking comment period ended 10/30
         1. Vote made by BOLM and Osteopathic board to adapt rules – awaiting final approval and changes
            1. Delayed by “state of emergency”
         2. Success in having comments by PAs and physicians
         3. FTC letter with Senator Sanborn’s support and what this means
         4. AAPA letter to BOLM
         5. Next steps
   3. Membership Committee – Stephanie Podolski
      1. Review statistics since July with our transition to mypanetwork
         1. Current members: 226
         2. Membership income all time high
      2. Plans for new member recruitment
         1. Group memberships
            1. Maine General Health – renews annually
            2. UNE faculty – renews annually
            3. Potential\* Reddington- Fairview
            4. Steph has information and templates she can share to support group memberships
         2. Sending personal notifications to each expired member this week
         3. Tim trying to organize all PAs in the state
      3. New platform MyPAnetwork makes member data extrapolation very easy and organized
   4. Social media committee: Erin Muthig
      1. Facebook insights:
         1. gained 65 followers since September
         2. good engagement – especially on PA awards posts
         3. one promoted post with upwards of 2000 views, compared to 100 usually
         4. Promoted post: cost $25 to post, receive a $50 credit for future post (haven’t spent this yet)
            1. Planning to use for upcoming membership drives, online CME, etc.
         5. Starting to increase Linkedin presence
   5. DEI committee: Beth Held-Dobos
   6. Budget and Bylaws committee: Tim Grace
      1. Meeting in December to review sections needing to be updated
      2. Email Tim if you would to be included in this meeting
   7. PA mentorship committee: Valerie Carpenter
      1. Still in the brainstorming phase
      2. Bailey identifying some UNE students that may want to be involved in the planning
   8. House of Delegates – Erin Muthig – Gretchen Prenata
      1. Rules or policies to be voted on at HOD this month
      2. Title change investigation
         1. Overwhelming support for name change
         2. Narrowed to 4 name options
         3. At next meeting will deliver final investigation report
      3. Resolutions
         1. APPA deciding to affirm
            1. PAs are opposed to entry level doctorates
            2. PAs are against specialty exams
            3. limit NCCPA’s role in governing our profession
2. Unfinished Business
   1. Crisis Outreach
      1. Any additional initiatives for the immediate future (December/January)
3. New Business
4. Adjournment 8:13 pm on 11/12/20