

MPA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 11th, 2010, at 10:00 am

New, Green Hannaford Store

Cony St. Augusta, ME

In Attendance: Chris Gauthier, Larry Lamie, Bob Morrissette, Ahmed Abdelmageed (Husson Rep), Steve Carr (Husson Student Rep), Ken McCall (UNE Rep), Eric Jarvi, Candace Danforth, Emily Bouret (UNE Student Rep), Lisa Martin

Absent: Laurie Roscoe, John Murray

Guests: Ron Reed, Anne Jordan, Sarah Vincent

Meeting Called to Order: at 10:00am

Anne Jordan, Commissioner, Maine Department of Public Safety (½ Hour)

- Spoke to us regarding prescription drug diversion in Maine
- Drug overdoses in Maine way on the rise, over 90% due to prescription drug overdose
- Higher yearly fatality than automobile accidents
- 9/25/10 National Rx drug take back day
 - o Police collect drugs
 - o DEA pays for disposal
- We will blast email membership details of event to share with patients
- Ahmed suggests having pharmacists volunteer at police stations to help with take back
- Listened to our frustrations with fraud issues, and anecdotes of situations that we have encountered
- Eric suggests feature in our newsletter for pharmacists
- Ahmed suggested offering CE's for pharmacists
- Bob suggested standardized flyer for every pharmacy, MD, etc to give with controlled substance prescriptions
- We can write a grant RFP to get funding to do these types of things
- Eric suggested adding these issues and changes to law curriculum at the two schools
 - o MDEA committed to teaching block at both schools on these issues

Minutes: Pre distributed, motion to approve Jarvi, seconded McCall, approved

- Approved minutes to be posted to the website and members emailed to the membership
- Pre distributed reports added to meeting minutes before posting
- Motion by Jarvi, seconded by McCall, approved

Treasurer's Report & Budget Planning: (Lisa)

- Predistributed to board members
- Lisa went over the numbers
- Still short \$2000 membership budget, beat conference budget by \$400.
- Total budget stands \$318.00 to the positive.
- Motion to accept Morrissette, seconded Jarvi, approved.

MPA Office Report: (Larry)

- Four vendors for Fall Conference
- Many requests for vendor info made to office
- Scholarship checks mailed out

MPA 2010 Fall Conference & Golf Tournament (Bob-Chris-Larry)

Schedule/Awards/Exhibitors/Sponsors all set

- Room block ends today
- Chris to blast email other hotel choices to membership
- CE application mailed out
- Will get prizes and signs in the next two weeks
- Eric brought up that we should invite the four scholarship recipients to banquet with their dinner covered, seconded Ahmed, approved
- Eight fifty year pharmacists, three have RSVP'd; will mail others their award.
- Chris to make golf program
- ASP's are going to pay for Shuttle Bus for Pharmacists night on the town
- Chris will blast email reminders about pharmacist night on the town
- Students will register as a technician member and identify as student

New/ Proposed Bylaws

- Final draft pre distributed to Board members
- Made some grammatical changes
- Rejected the name change and stay with Maine Pharmacy Association
- Mac suggested Mission statement change that was inserted
- Motion to accept document with changes by Gauthier, seconded by Larry, approved

Board of Pharmacy Report: May-June (Bob)

- Pre distributed
- Bob stressed the outcome is usually not good for the pharmacist if there is not representation
- Most of the complaints were NOT dismissed
- Lisa suggested that we try to vet people onto the board of pharmacy

- The members of the Board are making decisions based on assumptions and not facts
- Technicians are moving to annual starting around October, stay tuned

Government Affairs Report:

Attorney General: Meeting (Bob)

- Most of these handled by Anne Jordan this morning
- Libby Mitchell did not respond back about talking to us

Membership Committee (Chris)

- 222 total members, 15 technicians, 34 students

Website Update/ Newsletter Report (Chris)

- Nothing new to report

Technician Committee (Candy)

- Nothing to report at this time

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 13th

- Candace to check with turnpike Hannaford.

Other Topics:

- Thank you from MMA for our donation to MPHP
- APhA Immunization Program Partnership
 - Motion to offer program by Jarvi, seconded by Mac, approved
- Maine Pharmacists Month Proclamation
 - Motion to pursue from Jarvi, seconded by Abdelmageed, approved
 - Chris to explore with Bob

Adjourned : 1:33pm