

**MPA Minutes**  
**November 17, 2010**  
**Hannaford Whitten, Rd**  
**Augusta, ME**

**In Attendance:** Chris Gauthier, Eric Jarvi, Ken McCall (UNE Rep), Larry Lamie, Bob Morrissette, Bruce Jarvi (Husson Student Rep), Emily Bourret (UNE Student Rep), Candy Danforth, Laurie Roscoe, Lisa Martin

**Absent:** Ahmed Abdelmageed (Husson Rep), John Murray

**Guests:** Sarah Vincent (Creighton University Student), Don Watson (MSHP)

**Meeting called to order:** 9:11am

**Minutes:** Pre distributed motion to accept by Eric, seconded by Bob, passed

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Pre distributed before meeting
- Negative numbers on profit & loss reflective of convention being paid this fiscal year, but income came at end of fiscal 2010
- Motion to accept Eric, seconded by Bob, passed
- Budget process
  - Proposed expenses for fiscal 2011 set at \$65,771.00
  - To be finalized at December meeting (printed copies to be available)

**MPA Office Report:**

- Office would like to see running balance in checkbook in addition to monthly electronic statement
- Sending save the date mailing to over 36 drug reps for both Spring and Fall
- Phone calls from Pharmacists from out of state asking for law programs to bone up on Maine law for licensure reciprocity
  - Instructed to go to Board of Pharmacy website

**MSHP President Don Watson:**

- Believe that there are lots of areas where our two organizations can work together
- Collaborative practice needs to be a priority for Maine, as well as MTM (Medication Therapy Management)
- Mac states that we collaborate in the MTM stakeholder workgroup to get state Medicaid program to pay for MTM (legislation forthcoming)
- Welcomes our members' attendance at their winter convention in January at Sunday River
- VP Roscoe echoed comments and added that we should testify together as one group
  - MPA wants to reinvent ourselves to represent ALL pharmacists in the state of Maine
  - We need to grow our memberships together
  - State should have "one voice"

**MPA 2011 Fall Spring Convention & Trade Show:**

- Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport

- May 20,21,22, 2011
- Speakers getting scheduled as we speak
  - Tom Avery not this agenda, going with drug diversion people to handle law piece
  - Explore possibility of dual track in Spring
    - Bob checking room availability
    - Bring to group at December meeting
  - Laurie suggested using state Academic Detailing program
    - Bob to get topics scheduled
  - Topics talked about to Eric at September meeting
    - Drug influence on laboratory test results
    - Complimentary therapies (non herbals)
    - New Dug updates
    - Ethanol lecture
    - Wound healing in diabetes
    - Pharmacokinetics
- Question of entertainment
  - Do we want anything at this show?
  - If so what is the budget to get quality
  - Defer to students to bring ideas to us
    - Think about it and bring back to December meeting

**Implementation of New Bylaws & Strategic Plan:**

- Tabled to December meeting

**American Pharmacists Month Celebration at State House:**

- Very successful event
- Lots of face time with the Governor
- Got a lot of experience with how to do this in April when the legislature is there
- Looking at March 16, 2011 10am-2pm for “Pharmacists Day at the Legislature”
  - Chris to talk to Scheduling Office after transfer of Power

**NASPA Adherence Project Grant:**

- Submitted on November 15, 2010
- Notifications by December 1, 2010
- Could net \$1000.00 to the association

**Clarification of CE credits for Immunization for Pharmacist License Renewal**

- Board reversed position that continuing education AND immunization training cannot be used for the same renewal
- Board now says that we can do that (i.e. get our certificate and use the credits as part of our regular renewal)
- Chris to blast results to our membership lists
- Shows our value to Maine pharmacists

**NASPA Fall Meeting Summary:**

- MTM Business Model Exchange
  - Common Themes
    - Are pharmacists counted as providers
      - Excuse not to pay for services
    - Pharmacy practice Acts
      - Look at model and make substantive changes
    - Importance of working with State Medicaid programs
    - Barrier to MTM practice
      - Pharmacy HIT collaborative
    - Insurance Commissions
      - Need to work with them to get payment

- Credentialing body for Pharmacy
- Baeteena Black (TN) spoke on adherence
  - BC/BS of TN credentialing pharmacists as medical providers
  - Medicare very concerned about adherence
    - Outcomes based
    - Drums up more business
  - More than one time intervention
    - Continued follow up and motivational interviewing
  - Most successful pharmacists weren't most clinical
    - Greatest empathetic communication skills
- Alliance for Patient medication Safety (APMS) update
  - Designed button for us to use on our website
  - Third parties asking for QA program
    - PQC fits bill and gives State Associations revenue
- Bill Lockwood (Prescription monitoring program updates)
  - Discussed new ASAP standards
  - 4.1 & 4.1 use real time reporting
  - May want to explore with Dan Eccher
  - Computertalk.com for more details
- Joe Fine (Technical Director CMS)
  - First Databank no longer publishing AWP starting September 2010
  - Needs to be new benchmark for pharmacy
    - Options available to date will not work
  - Looking for new benchmark with RFP
    - National average dispensing fee of \$10-\$12 supported by other surveys (i.e. Alabama)
    - New ingredient cost portion requiring vendor net drug cost/ purchasing
      - Updated price on timely scale
      - Once vendor selected will bring all stakeholders together advising on implementation of the new benchmark
  - CMS will NOT allow any State Plan Amendments without cost of dispensing survey including ingredient cost change to the new benchmark price
  - Policy decisions have not been made to allow old dispensing fee surveys
- National Precursor Log Exchange
  - No longer need logbook
  - Real time POS or online
  - FREE to states and pharmacists
  - Nplexanswers.com
- DME attestation letters went out by end of October
  - Can download from CMS website
  - 1/1/2011 must cease DME sales if not accredited and no attestation on file with CMS
- NCPA looking for narrower definition of patient with regards to 340B
  - Wants uninsured and underinsured only
- MPA needs and anti trust policy

**APhA/MPA Immunization Program:**

- November 20, 2010
- Roughly 60 attendees
- Will net MPA \$1100.00-\$1800.00

**Board of Pharmacy Report:**

- Previously distributed by Bob
- Discussed situation regarding intern discipline from October meeting
  - Intern who held technician license was disciplined for working as intern
  - We STRONGLY feel that this individual was wronged
  - This case is an example of the broader problem of intern licensing in the state of Maine.

- Suggestion of a letter drafted by Mac to Board of Pharmacy listing our concerns with the process and have the other northeast Deans sign said letter
  - Motion by Lisa, seconded by Eric, passed

**Government Affairs Report:**

- Republicans now control the Maine House, the Maine Senate, and the Governor's office
  - First time since 1964 that anyone has total control
  - Chance to make real change
  - Need to meet all these Legislators
  - Bob Nutting, RPh is now Speaker of the House
  - Request meeting with the Governor
    - Meet with all Pharmacy leaders
    - Start now with all pharmacy leaders getting their issues with the Board of Pharmacy
    - Come up with a single position statement asking what we need from Governor
    - Chris to come up with list of leaders that should be involved

**Membership Committee:**

- Distributed by Laurie
- Membership Committee to continue to meet monthly and return reports to Board of Directors
- Tons of brainstorming to help increase membership
- Decision made to focus on pharmacist membership increase in 2011 then really attack corporate membership increase to 2012
- Focused letter on 1/1/2011 touting new era, new decade, new goals, etc. to our members having them join us in spreading the word.
- As of now: 16 retired, 149 active, 19 first year grads, 16 techs, 139 student, 7 corporate = Total 346 members

**Website Update/ Newsletter Report:**

- Newsletter to be posted online in the next 2 weeks
- Website "Members Only" page being constructed
  - Chris Campbell looking into functionality
  - Also involves Member Blogs

**Technician Committee:**

- Nothing to report

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 2010, 9:00 am**

**Other Topics:**

- Invite MSHP to be a member of the Board of Directors
- Motion by Eric to make Sarah Vincent official member of Board of Directors, seconded by Bruce, passed

**Adjourned 1:29pm**