

MPA Minutes

March 16, 2011

Teleconference

In Attendance: Chris Gauthier, Ahmed Abdelmageed (Husson Rep), Kenneth McCall, Eric Jarvi, Laurie Roscoe, Larry Lamie, Emily Bouret (UNE Student Rep), Bruce Jarvi (Husson Student Rep), Lisa Martin, Candy Danforth, Bob Morrissette, Sara Vincent, John Murray

Absent: Steve Carr (Husson Student Rep),

Guests: Ed Greenblatt, Maine Benefits

Meeting called to order: 10:03 am

Minutes: Pre distributed prior, move to accept by Eric, seconded by Ahmed, approved

10:15-10:30am Ed Greenblatt, Maine Benefits, Discounts for our membership:

- Looking to enter into corporate relationship that could result in discounted benefits to our members
- Asking to be our insurance representative and be available to our members
- Disability insurance, Long Term Care, and Professional E&O
- Group plan priced for our members with benefit designed for each individual member
- Discounts offered on each product with carriers based on endorsed product
- Eric Jarvi asked if anything would be applicable to our student members
 - Absolutely per Greenblatt,
 - Disability, E&O, etc.
 - Will offer even though there is no income as students yet
- Chris to discuss with Board of Directors and get back to Ed
- Lengthy Discussion in Executive Session to discuss proposal
- Chris to contact Ed to purchase a table at the Spring Convention

Treasurer's Report:

- Running budget displayed for Board of Directors from Eric
 - We have 55.4% of our working budget left to spend for this fiscal year
 - Based on anticipated income this year. Anything adds or detracts from this total will affect where we stand with regards to budget.
 - Motion to approve by Ahmed, seconded by Mac, approved

MPA Office Report:

- March 1st convention mailing went to all active pharmacists, etc. – 1300 pieces
- Fourth mailing to vendors went out the following week regarding conference.
- IRS removed our fines from delinquent return that they lost
- We are now recognized as a 501-c6 tax exempt organization
- Receiving multiple donations to scholarship fund
- Multiple contacts with vendors for booth setup at Spring Convention

MPA 2011 Fall Spring Convention & Trade Show:

- Final Speaker slate is done and all talks are filled
- Online registration is up and running
- Pharmacy Minute to Win It for entertainment after raffle being handled by Eric, Mac, and Candy
- Will use our \$500.00 entertainment budget to pay for prizes for each event.
- Pharmacist Night on the Town is being planned by Emily at UNE at Re Ra's in Portland
- Chris to order Trophy for the Student OTC Healthcare Challenge
- 13 vendor interested in tables so far, 5 paid

APhA National Convention 2011:

- Survey sent to MPA members regarding APhA policy proposals
- 33 responses that show overwhelming support of the policy proposals
- We are the only state in the nation to engage our members this way.
- OK per Board of Directors to use MPA card to front expenses for Chris that will be reimbursed by his employer

Implementation of New Bylaws & Strategic Plan:

- Eric asked Laurie to forward membership committee vision for strategic plan that will be incorporated in sub-committee draft

Board of Pharmacy Report:

- Pre distributed by Bob
- Very exciting time
- New Board Members as of March 8, 2011
 - Courtney Olin, Will Sandstead, John Harris (will remain until new appointee found), Joe Bruno, Paul Chase, Shane Savage, Don Watson

MPA Fall Conference Leadership Presentation:

- Phi Delta Chi Association, Pharmacy Leadership and Education Institute (PLEI)
- Two day event to teach students, pharmacists, and technicians to be leaders in their fields
- Designed to close gaps in leadership and leadership skills
- Fixed licensing fee of \$2000, other costs may be involved; looking at total costs of \$4000-\$5000.
- Issue of associated costs, Eric looked at the potential of diverting scholarship funds (not a popular avenue), also have \$5000 in "other" category to use if we want.
- Chris to address room availability and costs involved
- Motion to table by Bruce, will address at next meeting

Pharmacists Day at the Maine Legislature:

- Hall of Flags reserved
- Chris to email specifics to Larry so he can contact chains
- Mac suggests having comments on particular hot topics ready
- Bob & Mac to put together a Speaking Points document
- Chris to handle catering independently based on total of \$1000.00 limit

Government Affairs Report:

- Reports pre distributed by Bob
- Very busy time in Augusta
- Maine Rx Plus to be eliminated via Governor's Budget, Bob to continue to update
- Our MTM legislation has not come up as of yet
- Motion by Eric that states "MPA opposes any proposed diversion of tobacco settlement funds towards balancing the state budget", seconded by Bruce
 - We are one of the only states in the country that uses these funds for education and smoking cessation
 - Mac concerned about spreading ourselves too thin.

- Bob concerned about opposes a friendly administration
 - Opposed, Eric J., Bruce J., John Murray in favor
- LD 774 – Makes Pseudoephedrine Products prescription only to possess
 - Motion to have Bob oppose this piece of legislation on behalf of the association by Bruce, Eric seconded, approved.
- LD 773 – Makes Pseudoephedrine trafficking a Class A crime if they have more than 300 units
 - We will monitor
- LD 346 – Switching payment from AWP to WAC
 - State has not contacted us to sit down and discuss as per the committee's request
 - Tabled as of right now

Membership Committee:

- Laurie no longer with Martin's Point, working with her home email
- Walgreens will reimburse pharmacists 50% of membership costs, and will reimburse 100% of active members
- Laurie to commit to scheduling another membership committee meeting
- See attached membership comparison.

Website Update/ Newsletter Report:

- Completely updated
- Facebook is active!!!

Technician Committee:

- Candy looking to send invites to certified techs
- Candy to try to get a list from PTCB and get to Chris to see if we can send convention invite

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2011, after Day at Legislature, Turnpike Hannaford

Other Topics:

- None

Meeting Adjourned: 1:15pm