



Bucks CMS  
 Annual Business Meeting  
 Wednesday, May 5, 2021  
 Online Zoom Meeting

At the conclusion of the Annual Membership Meeting that commenced at 7:00 pm

**MINUTES**

Board Members, Directors, Liaisons, and Members Attending: Drs. Richard Leshner, Jerome Burke, John Gallagher, Judith Gallagher-Braun, Marilyn Heine, Bindukumar Kansupada, Robert Mirsky, David Pao, Marion Mass, Richard Charney, Daniel Coletta, Alan Cohler, Daniel Latta, John Pagan, Usha Marfatia, Donald Parlee, Hannah Do, Karen David, Joseph Guagliardo, Donald Rauh, Steven Rosenberg, and Rachael Sampson

Guests: Drs. Michael Dellavecchia, PAMED President and Mark Lopatin, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Trustee; David Thompson, Senior Director of Governmental Affairs, PAMED

Staff: Michele Boylstein, Janelle Witters, Lauren Martini

Item	Discussion	Action Taken or Planned
<b>Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order</b>		Dr. Leshner, President, called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	April 14, 2019 Board Minutes	Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
	Dr. Leshner recognized members who serve on the Bucks CMS Board, members who represent the Bucks CMS at the PAMED House of Delegates, and those who are liaisons. He expressed appreciation to Dr. Robert Mirsky for his dedicated service as Bucks CMS President during 2020.	
	Dr. Leshner requested a moment of silence for those members in the community who were lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	

<p><b>Virtual Meetings Update</b></p>	<p>Bucks CMS and Montgomery CMS held a two-part virtual program, Healing the Healer, in the fall of 2020. Bucks CMS Past President, Dr. Jerry Burke, and Montgomery CMS Past President, Dr. Walter Klein, were the program chairs for this virtual event that included CME. Part 1 of the series was on the financial impacts of COVID-19 on physicians and practices, led by Dr. Wilson Jackson, PAMED Vice President. Part 2 addressed physician wellness, presented by Dr. Heather Farley who leads the nationally recognized wellness program at Christiana Care Health System.</p> <p>Bucks CMS had a virtual session with state legislators from Bucks County and a great exchange of ideas.</p> <p>The Bucks CMS Board continued its regular meetings virtually and met twice with the Bucks County Department of Health Director, Dr. David Damsker, to discuss the status of the pandemic and the COVID-19 vaccine roll out.</p> <p>Members were surveyed to assess their access to vaccines for themselves/staff and their interest to administer the vaccine to their patients. Information was provided to members who requested details on this issue.</p> <p>Dr. Marilyn Heine authored an Op-Ed that was printed to the Bucks County Courier Times to encourage the public to be vaccinated for COVID-19.</p> <p>The Bucks CMS and Montgomery CMS work together on our shared Physician Magazine. The magazine is printed and circulated to CMS members and offices in the community.</p>	<p>Members were informed that if they would like to access the archived Healing the Healer program and obtain CME, to see the Events section of <a href="http://buckscms.org">buckscms.org</a>.</p> <p>Members were thanked for providing content and all were encouraged to participate in doing so. Members interested in submitting an article were asked to write to <a href="mailto:buckscms@pamedsoc.org">buckscms@pamedsoc.org</a>.</p>
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<p><b>Nominating Committee</b></p>	<p>Nominating Committee Chair, Dr. Heine, announced that the committee is welcoming nominations for leadership positions within the Bucks CMS and that a notice to members is to be sent shortly to obtain nominations for the upcoming election.</p>	<p>Notice will sent on behalf of the Nominating Committee to members to encourage interested members to provide nominations.</p>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<p>Finance Committee Chair, Dr. Gallagher, reported that income has been holding steady with an increase in members either renewing or joining Bucks CMS this year. Our investment income has been doing well. Our expenses have been down due to COVID-19, we have increased our assets higher than the last 3-5 years. We were able to donate to the Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP) for the years 2020 and 2021 of which, Bucks CMS is a board member. We will be looking into grants again in the near future for other organizations in the community.</p>	<p>Accepted as information. A decision will be made soon regarding dues for the 2022 year.</p>
<p><b>Bylaws Committee Update</b></p>	<p>Bylaws Committee Chair, Dr. Heine, presented the proposed extensive modernization to the bylaws. The Bylaws Committee also included Drs. Chris Frankel, Bindu Kansupada, and John Pagan. The committee had sent proposed bylaws amendments to the Bucks CMS Board who approved the recommended changes that were then sent to the entire Bucks CMS membership. After receiving feedback from members several additional amendments were proposed.</p> <p>Among the changes, the membership categories were aligned with those of PAMED, provisions were removed regarding the Board of Censors, removal of most disciplinary provisions from the county level, updates were made to reflect unique features of Bucks CMS; and modernization of the nominations process including electronic ballots, the amendment process, current meeting schedule, and quorum.</p>	<p>Motion was made and seconded to approve the updated bylaws as amended. Motion carried.</p>

<b>Old Business/New Business</b>	The upcoming judicial primary election was mentioned. A question was raised whether PAMPAC is supporting any candidates in this primary. It was learned that PAMPAC is not supporting specific candidates in this judicial primary, but will consider candidates in the general election in the fall.	Members were encouraged to donate to PAMPAC to support candidates who support issues important to physicians.
<b>Adjournment</b>		The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

**Upcoming Bucks CMS Board Meetings**

Bucks CMS Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 14, 2021  
6:30 pm, Virtual Zoom Meeting

Submitted by: Marilyn Heine, MD, Secretary and Michele Boylstein, Interim Executive Director