



Bucks CMS
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Wednesday, July 10, 2019
 Joseph Ambler Inn
 6:30pm

MINUTES

Attendance: Drs. Burke, Mirsky, Heine, Gallagher-Braun, Kansupada, Levin, O'Neill, Pao, Wydro, Sigmond, Frankel

Called in: Dr. Karl Helmold

Guests: None

Staff: Michele Boylstein, Rebecca Doctrow

Item	Discussion	Action Taken
Welcome, Introduction, and Call to Order	Introduction of those in attendance	Dr. Jerry Burke, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
Approval of Minutes	April 14, 2019; May 8, 2019; June 13, 2019	Motion made to approve minutes. Seconded. Approved.
Treasurer's Report	Discussion on May statement and investment funds. In a stable situation with low risk.	Accepted as information.
Bylaws Update	Discussion on bylaws committee work and updates. Many updates are being	The Board agreed with the proposed changes thus far. The Bylaws Committee

	<p>suggested for the bylaws.</p> <p>Question for discussion: Past criteria for Active Member stipulated a requirement to reside in Bucks County or convenience to meetings (where you practice). Should this requirement be included in the updated version?</p> <p>Question for discussion: Should residents and fellows have the right to vote? PAMED allows residents and fellows to vote. We want those who practice to have the most influence. If we allow them to vote we may have a larger delegation in the HOD. The Board also discussed whether to add a Board position for a resident or fellow in Bucks County. Discussion ensued on voting v. adding board position v. both v. neither</p>	<p>will continue its work to update the bylaws. Pending Board approval, once suggested revisions have been completed, the bylaws amendments will be presented to the membership for consideration.</p> <p>Motion to include stipulation that and Active Member resides or works in Bucks County. Approved. Seconded.</p> <p>Motion to allow Residents to become voting members. Approved. Seconded.</p> <p>Motion to add a board position for a Resident. Approved. Seconded.</p> <p>ACTION: Michele will check with PAMED how a resident or fellow makes the declaration of county society for membership.</p>
<p>Funding Discussion</p>	<p>Dr. Burke introduced <i>Do Not Harm</i> film. Concerns of poor attendance, but it's an important topic that has touched members of the community. We were able to secure a venue and date for the film, and speakers for the panel, splitting the cost with Montgomery County Medical Society. We have started to receive commitments for funding from local hospital presidents to help with the cost. We may have additional costs for SSMS staffing services, food, and film producer</p>	<p>Motion made to have Bucks CMS to support endeavor not to exceed \$5,000. Seconded. Approved.</p> <p>Motion made to share expenses with MCMS. Seconded. Approved.</p> <p>Motion made to seek CME for attending the program. Seconded. Approved.</p> <p>Motion made to solicit medical staff presidents and CEOs for \$1,000.</p>

	<p>travel. Potentially free to members, nominal fee for non-members. Board discussion ensued.</p> <p>Discussion on Physician Burnout Symposium. Tabling the symposium until next year so that we can be better organized with PAMED and district-wide effort.</p>	<p>Seconded. Approved.</p> <p>ACTION: Michele will check regarding CME and patient safety credits.</p> <p>ACTION: SSMS Marcomm team to create marketing materials for hospitals.</p> <p>ACTION: Michele to send out letter from Dr. Burke to hospital medical staff presidents and CEOs requesting financial support. Will also send letter to Bucks CMS Board hospital medical staff representatives to encourage them to personally ask their respective hospital medical staff Medical Executive Committees.</p> <p>ACTION: Michele will send a letter to residency program directors to invite residents and fellows.</p> <p>ACTION: Tabled discussion on the Physician Burnout Symposium.</p>
House of Delegates	<p>Dr. Heine mentioned resolution deadline of July 31. The Bucks CMS Board would need to review any resolutions and decide in advance of the deadline whether to endorse. No Board member mentioned any current or forthcoming resolution. Thanked those who stepped up to be a Delegate and Alternate.</p>	<p>Accepted as information.</p>
Membership Update	<p>Michele gave an update on the membership numbers compared to last</p>	<p>Accepted as information.</p>

	year. About 50 new active members.	
New Business / Legislative Breakfast	Dr. Burke led a discussion on the upcoming legislative breakfast to take place September 13. Spring Mill Country Club is not available. Suggestions: Northampton Country Club, Doylestown Country Club, Warrington Country Club.	ACTION: Janelle will seek out other locations for the September 13 date.
Legislative Update / Related Issues	<p>In Congress, HB3502 to address out of network billing includes a favorable framework with independent dispute resolution, based on New York's bill. 48 bipartisan co-sponsors. House committees are meeting on other bills to address this issue. The Senate HELP Committee reported out an unfavorable measure that does not include an appeals process. Congressman Fitzpatrick is a cosponsor of the physician-favored proposed legislation. We need to get momentum behind HB3502 to help ensure that independent dispute resolution remains in the negotiations.</p> <p>Pennsylvania SB25 would provide nurse practitioners with independent practice. It is currently in the House Professional Licensure Committee. The Committee Chair has expressed support for the physicians' position, but the nurse practitioners are actively advocating for independence more vocally than grassroots physicians.</p> <p>The Supreme Court whose committee proposed an amendment to the Venue Rule is deferring action until legislatively required research is done that would assess impact of the rule change.</p>	ACTION: Board members are encouraged to engage on legislative and political advocacy issues.

	<p>A brief update was presented on the proposed CVS/Aetna merger. The case is currently in federal district court with a decision awaited later this summer.</p> <p>Dr. Pao mentioned a fundraiser to be held in September at his home for Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick.</p>	
Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM by Dr. Burke.

Upcoming Bucks CMS Board Meetings

Bucks CMS Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 11, 2019
6:30 p.m., Doylestown Hospital

Bucks CMS Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2019
6:30 p.m., Doylestown Hospital

Submitted by: Marilyn Heine, MD, Secretary and Rebecca Doctrow, Deputy Association Executive