



Board of Directors Meeting
Doylestown Hospital
Conference Room A
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
6:00PM

MINUTES

Bucks County Medical Society board members in attendance: Karl Helmold, MD; John Gallagher, MD; Marilyn J. Heine, MD; Jerome Burke, MD; Sean P. Butler, DO; Joseph G. O'Neill, DO

Also in attendance: Marion Mass, MD; Arvind R. Cavale, MD

Staff: Michele Boylstein

Item	Discussion	Action Taken
Welcome, and Call to Order		President Karl Helmold, MD called the meeting to order at 6:15.
Approval of July 11, 2018 meeting minutes	No changes were suggested to amend the July 22, 2018 minutes.	A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of July 11, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.
Resolutions	The board reviewed the resolution, "Effective Advocacy to Address Drug Shortages and Drug Prices." The resolution requests that PAMED support evidence-based collaborative policy to address drug shortages and drug prices, support legislation to prohibit pharmacist gag clauses to help ensure	Motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution as amended. Motion carried.

patients are informed of the least costly payment method for drug purchase, support efforts to increase supply chain transparency and pharmacy choice, and not take a position regarding the anti-kickback safe harbor for GPOs or PBMs until a time when data exists that specifically examines the effect of the safe harbor on drug shortages and drug prices. Discussion took place among the board on these issues. It was noted that gag prohibition bills are moving at the state and federal level. An amendment was suggested to change the action in the resolved clause on transparency from “support” to “advocate to ensure”.

The board reviewed a resolution presented by Dr. Cavale to enhance access to PAMED BOT meetings for authors of referred resolutions, for authors to have the option to present to the BOT or be available to provide information, and to enable further engagement for the author of a resolution throughout the consideration process.

Dr. Cavale may draft a resolution to encourage PAMED to consider advancing an Association Health Plan (AHP) for PAMED members.

Dr. Gejer has the option to renew for a 3-year term. At the end of 2018, Dr. Kansupada’s term will expire and Dr. Helmold will commence a 3-year term as Director. Per rotation, the next Vice President should be from Lower Bucks County.

The financial statement for August will not be available until later in September. Vanguard was contacted by the

The board agreed to help edit the resolution so the objective would be clearer. Once revised, the board will send the revised resolution to Dr. Cavale to approve. His revised resolution will need a decision by the board whether to support prior to the September 27 deadline for resolution submission.

If Dr. Cavale drafts a resolution regaining an AHP, the Executive Director will coordinate with the board for a conference call prior to the September 27 deadline to discuss, review and determine approval on Dr. Cavale’s proposed resolution.

The Executive Director and President will ask Dr. Gejer if he wishes to renew his position on the board.

Monitor

Board Positions

Budget

BCMS Treasurer and the Building and Contingency funds will merge into one fund in the next month to streamline operations and facilitate seeing the balance with nominal cost associated with merging the two accounts. Notification of this action should be seen on the next financial statement.

Membership

Membership counts were compared to last year's membership. This year's total physician members as of 9/1/18 are 643 with full membership at 726. It is believed that they have increased since last year primarily due to this year's CME requirements.

The Executive Director will provide the board with a breakdown on the active membership to determine how many physician members are employed versus independent (based on the profiles provided).

Legislative Breakfast

The Legislative Breakfast will be September 21 from 7:15am – 9:00am at Spring Mill Country Club. The list of legislators attending was shared with the board. The board suggested that it would be helpful to know the 3 main topics on which to focus and any requests at this time.

PAMED advocacy staff will be asked to suggest issues on which to focus and to provide speaking points to the attendees prior to the breakfast. The Executive Director will send out thank you notes to those legislators who attend.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

2018 Save the Dates:

- Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 PM – Doylestown Hospital

Respectfully submitted,

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Bucks County Medical Society Executive Director