

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2017
University of Missouri-Columbia Hospital, Room M562
Columbia, MO

Board members in attendance were: Heidt, Schwarz, Char, Koburov, Sampson, Koboldt, and Bausano, and Carlisle. Board members present via conference call were: Poirier, Owen, McMurry, Andrews, Braithwaite, and Pinson. Resident board members present were Donnawell and Nystrom. Others in attendance via conference call include Jorgen Schlemeier and Sarah Luebbert.

A motion was made to approve minutes, second was received and the minutes were approved.

Legislative Update

Dr. Heidt provided background information and an update on this topic. Currently we are waiting on BOHA to provide guidance and to approve the changes they proposed earlier in the year. The board will create a standard that we feel is appropriate and will release a letter to membership on this. We will not be pushing BOHA to create rules at this point. The Health and Legislative Policy Committee will draft this. 4 hours each of stroke, trauma, stemi

Non-Emergent Visits/Anthem: This issue is continuing to move forward. Conversations were had with Anthem that they are not reviewing the medical files before denying claims. They are denying the claims based on the ICD-10 diagnoses codes that are submitted. Anthem is stating that the ED physicians need to be coding better in order for the claims to not be denied. We are working with ACEP on this along with the other states that are dealing with it as well. ACEP has sent out a survey to the public asking about what they believe the insurance company should pay for with ER visits.

Jorgen and other lobbyists from medical groups are meeting with Sen. Wieland to discuss this issue. We have also communicated with radiologists about the imaging issues that are impacted by this Anthem change as well.

Sen. Bill 5 passed the 2017 legislature and it deals with abortions. The new requirements have a 72 hour requirement to educate the mother on the possible complications when having an abortion. OB-GYNs will have to file a complication report, but there is a mention of emergencies. We will watch as this moves forward but it doesn't appear that ED physicians are impacted. It was recommended that we write a letter to DHSS that will exempt EDs from these rules. Jorgen will draft this with assistance from Dr. Heidt.

Legislation has been discussed to file in 2018 session that would require insurance payments be made to the hospital instead of to the patient. The board agreed this would be a good legislation.

Committee Reports

Finance

Dr. Poirier reported on the financials. Total income is stable, it's a little less than first quarter of last year but we didn't transfer management fees from ITLS until the next month. Expenses are a little higher because of board retreat. ITLS has doubled its income from last year at this quarter, this is due to the renewal cycle. Dues are expected to meet budgeted amount.

Education & Programming

No report

Grants/Awards

Dr. McMurry reported that the committee met last week via conference call to review resident research grants. We received 4 applications, two of which we are recommending to the board. We are not granting full funding for either of the grants

The board approved the grants recommended for funding.

The committee would like to create a plaque that would list the award winners each year for the RR Hannas and the Lifetime Achievement award. Would like to create a digital plaque for website as well.

Communication

Dr. Schwarz reported that the website subcommittee had their annual website review with MayeCreate. The website will need to be redesigned next year. In FY18 we will be adding a pop up functionality to create awareness of events and issues, and a website directory. Our analytics are showing the site is performing well. We will likely try to sell ads on our own next year. We will also be looking into moving the current ads on the top of the website to the side. We have increased the security on the site.

Legislative

Dr. Pinson reported the committee will be creating a paper on the TCD CME hour requirements. Sending a survey out to the committee to decide what priorities they want to focus on over the next two years. We are gearing toward being proactive instead of reactive.

Membership

Based on the Sept. 30 numbers we are at 598 members. It appears the medical students are the area that we have decreased. The complimentary number is where we have also seen a decrease. Will check with ACEP to find out why the big difference. We hope to capture some of the students that are attending the SAEM regional meeting this weekend.

Would like to collect comments from members as to why they belong to MOCEP. These will be added to a form letter to go to people that have lapsed.

EMS/ITLS

Dr. Braithwaite reported that Bob Page is no longer going to be our coordinator of ITLS for Missouri. Sarah will be taking over the daily responsibilities in the interim while we are looking for a new coordinator. The ITLS process will need to be cleaned up along with the Policy & Procedure manual which hasn't been updated since 1997.

ACEP Board Candidates

There was discussion on the candidates up for election at ACEP17. We will have a dinner on Friday night for Councilors to attend and make final decisions on voting. The board asked how we could assist Dr. Braithwaite on her campaign as vice-speaker.

ACEP Resolutions

Missouri has sponsored one resolution and co-sponsored one. Resolutions were discussed.

Missouri Reception at ACEP17

Sarah provided an update on the reception.

SEMPA Update

Terry Carlisle reported that SEMPA is going to submit language for legislation for 2018 to allow PAs to put blocks in for acute care only in the ED. They are working with the anesthesiologists to finalize language all can agree to.

New Business

Dr. Andrews provided an update on the state EMS committee. The regulations are out-dated and the list of ambulance service directors is 7 years old. The group is working to update the regulations and the lists.

Meeting was adjourned.