

NHMS Council Meeting Minutes

12/11/24

Location: 2 Capital Plaza; Concord NH - 5:00 pm- 6:30 pm

Attendance in Person: Patrick Ho, Travis Harker, Gary Sobelson, Nancy Husarik, Lisa Patterson, Melissa Martinez-Adorno, Stephen Bishop, Maria Boylan, Lucy Hodder, Terra Wilkins, Cathy Stratton, Kirsten Singleton, Ava Hawkes

Attendance Remotely: Danielle Albushies, Marie Ramas, Audrey Kern, Frances Lim-Liberty, Richard Johnson, Marc Bertrand, Amy Lee

1. President's Report

Dr. Patrick Ho

- a. Patrick welcomed the Council and reminded them that there is a Council Handbook in the private Council Portal. All are encouraged to read the handbook. Council Members Introduced.
- b. All Council members need to complete a 2025 Conflict of Interest form. Those not in attendance will receive an email with the form attached; they need to be sent back to NHMS right away.
- c. Approval of October 9th Council minutes; Seconded, passed unanimously

2. CEO Report

Cathy Stratton

- a. Staffing update: Cathy announced that Friday is Ava's last day with NHMS; she will be joining the AMA in Chicago in January. The Council members thanked her for her service and wished Ava success in her new role. Cathy is working on short and long term lobbyist solutions.
- b. Cathy reminded Council members that amended by-laws have been posted in the portal as well as minutes from the General Session at the recent Annual Meeting. Any who were not in attendance are encouraged to review them.
- c. The PA's are considering adding a member to the Council to the currently vacant seat

3. **Legislative Update**

Ava Hawkes

a. Ava presented an overview of the legislative process in NH, followed by a review of LSR's (placeholders for bills) that NHMS will likely want to follow in 2025. She flagged 140 LSRs ranging from anti-vaccine to reproductive health/abortion, licensing and public health. She cautioned that the legislature this year is strongly Republican with a super majority in the Senate, making it easier to override Vetoes. The Board and Legislative Committee will need to review the LSRs and decide where to focus and put resources. Session begins January 8th

Motion to adjourn meeting, seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm

Submitted by Danielle Albushies, MD