

NHMS Council Meeting Minutes

10/9/2024

Zoom and in person - Scheduled 5-6:30 pm

Present via zoom: George Letterio, Victoria Jones, Alan Hartford, Audrey Kern, Patrick Ho, Oge Young, Lucy Hodder, Eric Loo, Xinuo Gao, Shabnam Momtahan, Kim Licciardi, Marc Bertrand, Marie Ramas, Lin Brown, Frank Hubbell, Victoria Jones, Shabnam Momtahan, Eric Loo, Amy Lee, Melissa Martinez-Adorno. Xinu Gao, Ernie Tao, Jonathan Ballard, Patrick Ho

Present in person: Maria Boylan, Tessa Lafortune-Greenberg, Stephen Bishop, Ava Hawkes, Cathy Stratton, John Hink; Lucy Hodder, Jim Bartels, John Klunk, Travis Harker, Gary Sobelson, Eric Kropp, Danielle Albushies, Audrey Kern, Lisa Patterson

1. **President Report** Maria Boylan, DO
 - a. Motion to Approve minutes from 9/2024, seconded, passed unanimously
2. **CEO Report** Cathy Stratton, CEO
 - a. 1 month as CEO sharing highlights: opportunities for collaboration with DHHS and AMA for grants and support. Cathy digging through data to be well equipped to make recommendations
3. **Governance Committee Updates** Ava Hawkes
 - a. Governance Committee made up of officers on the Board.
 - i. Updates to the by-laws sent out to the Council prior to the updated by-laws being voted on by the membership at the annual meeting. The updated by-laws are available in a newly formed section of the NHMS website.
 - ii. PA discussion: PAs are welcome to be a member of the NHMS as long as they have a collaborative agreement with a physician. PA members shall pay dues as determined by the board.
4. **Nominating Committee** Eric Loo, MD
 - a. List of proposed nominees shared with the committee for discussion and comments.
5. **Updates** Ava Hawkes
 - a. Board and Council should be attending the Annual Meeting, please register.
 - b. 2025 Orientation (Saturday or Sunday in early December)
 - i. Draft and review legislative priorities for 2025. Attendance required to ratify and adopt the legislative priorities.
 - ii. Advocacy engagements: Ava joined the Concord Family Medicine Program to educate on updates regarding legislative content pertinent to them.
 - iii. Cathy and Ava have been working with the gubernatorial candidates to see if the NHMS can meet with each of them
 - iv. Reps from Specialty Societies should think about top 3 policy issues that can be communicated to Ava via a google form.

- v. OPLC BOM: 10/17 next meeting of the study committee. NHMS has been involved. MRSC dissolved. Lisa Patterson was on the MRSC and will sit on the study committee.
- vi. Study Committee for the PA independent practice is ongoing.
- vii. Legislative Updates: PDMP has an urgent need to fill a NHMS seat on this committee. We still need a volunteer to sit at the table for Medicaid Committee.

c. **AMA updates**

Travis Harker, MD

- i. Priority to focus on halting the Medicare cuts, prior auth, scope of practice
- ii. Travis and Alan were sponsors of a resolution regarding the unethical practice to discriminate against patients who have PCPs outside a system where they seek specialty care.
- iii. Alan authored a resolution regarding educating the public on lung cancer screening to potentially place on packs of cigarettes.
- iv. Travis welcomes ideas from all of us to bring forth resolutions to the AMA.

Motion to adjourn 6:30 pm, seconded and approved.

Submitted by Danielle Albushies, MD