

NHMS Council Meeting Minutes
9/11/2024; Zoom and in person - 5-6:30 pm

Present via zoom: George Letterio, Audrey Kern, Victoria Jones, Alan Hartford, Audrey Kern, Patrick Ho, Oge Young, Lucy Hodder, Eric Loo, Xinuo Gao, Shabnam Momtahan, Kim Licciardi, Marc Bertrand, Danielle Albushies

Present in person: Maria Boylan, Seddon Savage, Tessa Lafortune-Greenberg, Stephen Bishop, Kirsten Singleton, Ava Hawkes, Cathy Stratton, Eric Kropp, Seddon Savage, John Hink.

1. **President's Report** Maria Boylan, DO
 - a. Motion to Approve minutes from 8/2024, seconded, passed unanimously once the edit was made to change Dr. Perencevich's first name from Neil to Nick.
 - b. Dr. Oge Young will be stepping down. Linda Martino, PA will be stepping down.

2. **CEO's Report** Cathy Stratton, CEO
 - a. Presentation to review the duties and composition of the Board and Council

3. **Director of Advocacy Update** Ava Hawkes
 - a. Clarity brought about what Tier 1, 2 or 3 for advocacy opportunities entail.
 - b. Time period for legislators to file bills
 - i. House and Senate in October will take up bills that have been vetoed.
 - ii. House filing period has opened for incumbents: LSR (Legislative Service Request "pre-bill". The filing period opens early November, ends late November/Early December. A house member's bill must be public.
 - iii. Senate filing period has not opened yet. The Senate bills do not have to be public.
 - iv. 2025 is a budget session year. Legislators and Policy Makers will be different. Budget cuts are coming given lack of COVID funding. Changes to the Interest and Dividends Tax will also be reason for budget cuts. NH fiscal policy institute is a website with current updates and explanations.
 - c. Many bills are expected to be filed that fall in our priority categories. Will need to establish a legislative platform for 2025.
 - d. Discussion regarding the likely bills that will push for mandated child abuse education as a CME requirement. NHMS prefers not to have a law that would establish a CME requirement for any topic.
 - e. BOM update HB1222 enabled the BOM to come up with rules around the waiver process for PAs who want to practice independently. HB1222 establishes a study committee. First meeting is next Wed. Work of committee due on Nov 1.
 - f. PA Society has distributed a letter regarding the NHMS lack of support for HB1222 and the PA society decision to hold on filling the PA seat on the Council: This letter was sent Certified to Maria Boylan as President. A letter authored by Maria will share our response to their letter. The PA society will be presenting their goals to the Board of Medicine.
 - g. We need to discuss the role of a PA on the NHMS Council in the future.

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

Next meeting 10/9/24; 5-630 pm.

Submitted by Danielle Albushies, MD

