

**Wisconsin Academy of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
Green Bay, Wisconsin
July 18, 2009
MINUTES**

Present: Norine Friell, Jim Ginter, Clark Collins, Lou Falligant, Lori Hubacek, Anne Hletko, Kim Shefchik, Amanda Byom, Emily Johnson, Kathy Majewski, Deb Sanfilippo, Dawn Nehls

Staff: Eric Ostermann, Shawn Sornson

Call to Order

President Jim Ginter called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. He thanked the Board for his term as President as well as for the Board's hard work over the past year. He then passed the gavel to incoming President, Norine Friell.

Review Agenda

Clark Collins requested that future agendas include the Political Action Committee report listed under the report from the Legislative and Government Affairs Committee report.

Ginter added that the approval of standing rules be included on future agendas, following the line item to review agenda.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary's report. Approval of minutes from the April Board meeting were tabled until the October board meeting. The minutes from the April General Business Meeting were incorrectly presented at this meeting instead of the April Board meeting minutes.

The following Board reports were presented as written:

Treasurer's report
Chief Delegate's report
Executive Vice President's report
Executive Director's report

The following Board reports were not presented:

President's Report
Past President's report
Foundation report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Diversity. No report submitted. Friell hopes to appoint a committee chair soon. Ostermann suggested the Board task the Policies and Standing Rules Committee to write a policy for this committee.

Legislative and Government Affairs. Collins reminded the Board of the September 1 date when the Med 8 rule changes go into effect. Sample prescribing guidelines will be included in the upcoming *Spectator* as well as be mailed/emailed to all PAs, hospitals & clinics in the state. Additionally, the most recent Regulatory Digest from the Department of Regulation & Licensing contains a paragraph about the

Med 8 changes, along with a link to these changes on DRL's website. DRL has emailed the Digest to all licensed PAs in the state.

Political Action Committee. Collins reminded the Board to make a donation and would like to see 100% participate. He encouraged them to ask others as well. The goal is to reach \$10,000 by the end of 2009. Donation forms can be downloaded from the website as well as requested from the WAPA office. This form must accompany payment.

Professional Wellness. Dawn Nehls made a motion to approve the revision of policy #200-12 of WAPA's Policy & Procedure Manual, last revised in 2000, as submitted. Motion approved.

Professional Practice

Anne Hletko reported she spoke with the Executive Assistant at the DRL regarding the Med 8 rule changes and requested an article be placed in the Regulatory Digest as well as in an email to all licensees.

AAPA has put out information on MA & Medicare reimbursement. This information should be made available on WAPA's website. Amanda Byom will work with the WAPA office to place this information.

Hletko asked the Board to review the draft prescribing guidelines and forward any questions, comments and suggestions to her as soon as possible. The guidelines will be mailed/emailed to as many PAs in the state as possible as well as be included in *Spectator* and posted on the website. The target date is August 1.

Public Relations

Kim Shefchik reported that WAPA's exhibit display has been updated and that a soft-sided carrying case will be purchased to replace the old pink hard-sided case.

Spectator

Lori Hubacek announced the deadline for articles to be submitted for the August issue is July 24. Hubacek also informed the Board that she would be interested in becoming the new Membership Chair, as David Papermaster recently resigned that position. Hubacek's appointment is pending appointment of a new *Spectator* editor.

Eastern Regional Reps

A regional meeting has been tentatively scheduled for October 1 at Titledown Brewery in Green Bay.

Northern Regional Rep

A regional meeting will be held in Minoqua, possibly in September or October. Would like to have a pharma sponsor for the meeting.

Southeastern Regional Rep

A regional meeting has been tentatively scheduled for September 28 in Milwaukee.

The following committee reports were presented as written:

Policies & Standing Rules

Membership

Website

Western Regional Rep
UW-Madison Student Rep
Marquette Student Rep

The following Committee reports were not presented:

CME
Executive Committee
Diversity
Nominations and Elections
Southern Regional Rep
UW-La Crosse Student Rep

NEW BUSINESS

Friell will task the Policies and Standing Rules Committee to write a policy for this committee. There was no additional new business.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

Adjourn. Hletko/Ginter moved to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.