

Maine Society for Respiratory Care

Board Meeting

Central Maine Medical Center - Lewiston

November 16, 2011

Board Members Present: Kate Turner, Keith Siegel, Steve McGrath, Jack Higgins, Cynthia Carleton, Sally Whitten, Diane Haskell, Laura King, (Bobbie Crockett, Karen Lane via phone), Amanda Albee

Don Cotta

Excused: Unexcused: Ben Cyr, Dr. Duval

Guest: Dr. Aronson

Dr Aronson spoke to the group before the start of the business meeting. Dr Aronson is a former RRT who remains active in the AARC and is a board member of BOMA. He is here to discuss what led up to the decision to no longer require CEU's in Maine.

Discussion ensued on the topic and the general feelings of the room were this was a poor decision and one that could possibly impact public safety. Further discussion as to whether this rule change was "legal" in respect that the board is charged to have 2 public members in addition to the 3 RT members and there are none from the public serving now.

Dr. Aronson will champion an effort involving the AARC to Re-Peal or Re-Open this issue. We should expect some actions to happen involving the AARC in the coming weeks. Dr. Aronson is willing to assist with this effort in any way possible, and suggests an MD / DO set on the licensure board in the future.

Meeting called to order by President Kate Turner @ 18:05

Secretary's Report: Copies distributed to everyone for review, Motion to accept by Keith, second by Kate. No discussion, Unanimous vote to approve.

Treasurers Report: by Diane distributed a written accounting of all expenses (see attached)

Review of all expenditures listed on hand out.

Diane discussed the expenses associated with opening an account to allow for credit card processing, the feelings of the board were it was cost prohibitive at this time and we would look to use pay pal as a means to allow for vendors to pay as well as for members to join and renew membership.

Discussion followed on the scholarship fund and it's current balance. It was explained at the last meeting we moved to proceed and not look back as we do not have a good mechanism to reconcile at this point.

Diane explained that she had transferred \$250.00 into the fund from a donation from a speaker at the conference.

Jack questions if future reports could show a beginning and ending balance to help clarify our financial picture.

Motion to accept Treasurers report by Keith, Second by Cynthia. No discussion, all in favor- motion passed with no opposition.

Motion to move a sum of \$ 1500.00 into the Scholarship fund from our general fund by Kate, Second by Laura. Discussion followed and it was agreed to make this adjustment, and to just "smile and move forward"

Unanimous vote to move \$ 1500.00 into the Scholarship fund.

Motion by Keith, Second by Cynthia to open a new Pay Pal account with our Tax ID # associated to it.

Discussion – this would allow Karen to no longer have the responsibility associated with this in her name as currently it is associated with her social security number.

Vote was unanimous to open a new Pay Pal account. Amanda as incoming Treasurer will set this up.

Delegate's Report: Keith reports a healthy trip to Tampa. While in Tampa Keith was able to speak with Dr. Aronson and connect about the recent changes in Maine discontinuing the need for CEU's. it is because of this connection that Dr. Aronson was present tonight and is willing to work to reverse this change.

Keith reported on 2 Resolutions that were presented and voted on in Tampa. A written description was distributed to all (see attached)

Discussion about the future of the Sputum Bowl – the comments made were to expect a Sputum bowl in New Orleans in 2012 with some modifications.

Keith will reach out to Cheryl West to see if she will speak at our conference in May.

Motion to accept Delegates Report by Laura, Second by Cynthia. All in favor, unanimous to accept.

PACT Report: Keith – CBO's scoring of the report still poses a problem for the Respiratory initiative. It is difficult to get them to re-score due to a lack of manpower and projects of larger dollar impact.

We have lost 2 Champions of the initiative; sponsors in both the house have either retired or lost re-election.

There are plans for a virtual lobby week in March, more to come as it gets closer. Copies of the Pact Report will be sent to Bobbie for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Lobstergram: Bobbie last issue went out, she is waiting on election results and articles for the next edition that will be mailed to every RT in the state.

Karen questioned if the announcement of our scholarship application would be in this issue. Discussion followed and it was agreed we would publish the announcement and direct applicants towards our website to get the actual application. Amanda to coordinate getting the application up and ready.

Website: Amanda reports continued problems with our current web host. Difficult to work with and now she is locked out. Group discussion about this very frustrating situation that has been ongoing for months now.

Amanda reports she has been involved in a trial with "Go Daddy" and is having some good results.

Motion by Cynthia-- to move our website to "Go Daddy" in December to be up and going Jan 1 and to also allow Amanda to post photographs as our background from a professional photographer in exchange for his information to be listed as a credit.

Second by Laura, no discussion – all in favor no one opposed. Motion carried.

ALA: Diane – Distributed a written report (attached) and discussed actions of the ALA Maine.

Program / Education Committee Report: Laura –

- Save the date to go out in Early to Mid January
- Location to be at Hollywood Slots
- Rooms to be confirmed
- Dates remain May 16 & 17
- Looking for topics for Speakers
- Discussed Sputum bowl KVCC vs SMCC student friendly competition.
- 30 new sputum bowl questions to be written for this and all existing questions will be reviewed by Laura.

Scholarship Committee:

New Business:

Meeting Dates for 2012 – Sally

February 22, in Portland

May 17, in Bangor at Conference

September 26 in Waterville

December 6, in Lewiston (Business Meeting)

By Law Committee: -- Keith reports he continues to review our by-laws as 2012 is the year we are due to renew. There was discussion on the number of Board Members at large and what we should target for a number under Section 2 Article 3 .

Election Results 2012 – President Elect 2013 -- John (Jack) Higgins

Treasurer – Amanda Albee

Delegate – Keith Siegel

Board Members at Large: Cynthia Carlton

Steve Enking

Norma Hay

Laura King

Chet Scammon

Darren Rainey

Sally will notify all candidates and make aware of meeting dates.

Motion to adjourn:

At 8:05 by Laura, Second by Cynthia. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Cotta RRT

Secretary MeSRC