

Maine Society for Respiratory Care

Board Meeting

Maine General Medical Center - Waterville

September 15, 2011

Board Members Present: Kate Turner, Keith Siegel, Steve McGrath, Jack Higgins, Cynthia Carleton, Sally Whitten, Diane Haskell, (Ben Cyr via phone.), Don Cotta

Excused: Laura King, Karen Lane, Amanda Albee

Unexcused:

Meeting called to order by President Kate Turner @ 18:00

Secretary's Report: Previously approved via E-Vote No further discussion

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

Review of all expenditures listed on hand out. Discussion on a sum of money from the silent auction \$ 351.00 that remains outstanding.

Jack questions marketing expense listed, Diane explains that it was for printing of brochures.

Kate volunteers to research Golf and Silent Auction proceeds from previous conferences that need to be transferred to the scholarship fund.

Keith made a motion to transfer \$250.00 to the scholarship fund to avoid bank service fees and not research past monies, but to just move forward. Sally 2nd Unanimous vote to accept.

Discussion on credit card processing of vendor fees for next years conference. Diane to look at options.

Motion to accept Treasures Report as written by Keith, 2nd by Sally Unanimous vote to accept.

Delegate's Report: Steve reported on Delegates meeting in Vail as Keith was unable to attend after arriving due to hypoxic conditions from elevation.

Steve reported on the following resolutions:

7-11-01 involving un-cashed revenue sharing checks and the motion to have checks un-cashed to be communicated by the AARC. This motion was passed.

20-11-02 was a motion to re-evaluate the discontinuation of the sputum bowl – the result was a decision to brainstorm an alternative to replace the sputum bowl.

5-11-04 was a resolution to hire a full time Executive Office position acting as a liaison at a cost of \$125,000.00 per year. This was defeated.

00-11-03 involved free standing ER's that do not have RT's on staff. This resolution passed the house, but was defeated by the BOD.

No new resolutions were presented; the AARC President spoke on 2015 and beyond. Reminders about free CEU's on the AARC website. And an update on membership numbers – we are 51,000 members strong.

PACT Report: Jack reported there are new dates for the Washington effort, they are early march (8,9 or 9,&10) we have the same goals as last year, he feels we are better positioned for success, however our bill needs to be attached to another bill in order for it to be successful.

There was an informal PACT meeting in Tampa.

Keith requested we let the AARC headquarters know he is a member of the PACT as he is not officially recognized.

We need a pact member to represent us from the 2nd district.

Lobstergram: Bobbie 3rd issue went out. – Everyone expressed gratitude and congratulated Bobbie on doing such a great job.

Bobbie reported costs were decreased on this issue. Discussion followed on decreasing the frequency of the Lobstergram to twice per year. Sally agreed to

coordinate the effort to make this change possible. There was then discussion on need for revisions to our existing by-laws

Sally made a motion for Keith to chair our by-laws committee, 2nd by Cynthia, all in favor.

First draft revisions will be due by Nov 16th.

Next edition of Lobstergarm to be mailed to every therapist in the state, it will include the election results.

Website:

- Don's info needs to be updated
- Steve is not an Alternate Delegate as listed.
- Should include conference dates and locations

ALA: Annual meeting is set for Oct. 14, Diane to moderate and will remain leadership chair for 1 more year.

Kurt Spalding will be the guest speaker on the clean air act.

Program / Education Committee Report

Kate Reports the location for next conference to be at Hollywood Slots in Bangor on May 16 & 17 2012.

We will have a block of rooms for the 15th and 16th.

We have a need for speakers, and each board member was asked to drop 2 names for potential speakers for the event.

We will have no golf and no sputum bowl.

Scholarship Committee:

Bobbie and Sally reports the application continues to be re-worked, with tremendous efforts by Bobbie, they expect we will see a final revision to be voted on soon with an application deadline of 1/31/2012.

Motion to adjourn:

At 8:40 by Steve, Second by Cynthia. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Cotta RRT

Secretary MeSRC