

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tennessee Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Tennessee Pediatric Society
11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 15, 2003
Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville, TN

PRESENT: John Ring, MD, President
David Kalwinsky, MD, Vice-President
Joe Lentz, MD, Immediate Past President (p/t)
Robert Lembersky, MD, Program Chair
Mary Keown, MD, Membership Chair (p/t)
Patricia Davis, MD, Fellow At-Large, Middle TN

Ex-Officio: Iris Snider, MD, Past President
Russell Chesney, MD, Past President

Guests: Rep. Gene Caldwell, MD, Honorary Chair, Legislative Committee
John Stritikus, DDS, TN Society of Pediatric Dentistry
Ed Perdue, DDS, TN Society of Pediatric Dentistry (p/t)
David Moroney, MD, BlueCare Medical Director
Joel Bradley, MD, CPT Coordinator (p/t)
Rufus Clifford, MD

Staff: Catherine M. Fenner, Executive Director
Patrice Mayo-Ligon, Program Director
Ruth Allen, EPSDT Director
Jacque Clouse, Coding Educator

Following the TennCare Committee meeting with Bureau Chief Manny Martins, Dr. Ring opened the Board meeting at 11:20am with introductions, beginning with our new Coding Educator, Jacque Clouse, who started February 1st. It was noted that a quorum was not in attendance, and therefore any motions would be voted on by the full Board electronically following the Board meeting*. It was also noted that this meeting had been rescheduled due to the snow cancellation of the January 18th meeting, and a motion followed:

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to move the winter Board meeting from January to February, due to the frequency of inclement weather in January.

Consent Calendar

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent calendar, which included:

Minutes of the September 14, 2002 Board meeting
Minutes of the November 19, 2002 Executive Committee conference call
Minutes of the December 12, 2002 Executive Committee conference call
Annual Evaluation of Executive Director
New Members

TennCare

Dr. Snider provided an overview of the TennCare Committee meeting with Manny Martins, which was held prior to the Board meeting. The minutes of that meeting are attached.

It was decided that leaders should meet with the Special Master, Dr. Richard Carter, to define more specifically and come up with small groups of members to advise in the various issue areas he has requested. (*A meeting has been planned for Saturday, April 12th.*)

Covering the Uninsured Week

Ms. Mayo-Ligon updated the group on our activities associated with *Cover the Uninsured Week*, funded by a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant. She asked for names of those interested in attending the Town Hall Meetings and described some College Day activities planned. She will also staff a booth at the Health Fair in order to distribute educational brochures.

Tennessee Pediatric Foundation

We are still working with the attorney to solidify the legal filing of our 501(c)(3). Since he is operating on a pro bono basis, we are not in a position to rush him. We hope to have everything completed by the next Board meeting.

Program Committee

Dr. Ring announced the reappointment of Dr. Lembersky as Program Chair for 2003. Dr. Lembersky showed a PowerPoint presentation he developed based on the email communications between Board members regarding the pros and cons of getting back into the CME business. Discussion segued into whether or not we should continue the Open Forum and whether or not it could provide CME credits, as well as what should constitute an Open Forum. Coupling a non-traditional session such as coding with a traditionally medical session such as cardiology came up as an option, as well as using the regional coding training sessions as an "Open Forum".

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded that we should move forward with the Open Forum, which will be held in conjunction with a CME session on pediatric cardiology at Vanderbilt this fall; our annual awards event will take place sometime during that same weekend.

Dr. Lembersky also reported on the progress of the September Pediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM) meeting, which has already received enough funding to cover all expenses. Dr. Ring noted that TNAAP will be hosting a reception for Dr. Carden Johnston sometime during the PEM Conference.

Member mailing list / Vendor contact list

Ms. Mayo-Ligon updated the group on the status of the policy statement regarding distribution of our mailing and vendor lists.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to approve the rental rates on the attached form dated February, 2003.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to not provide our vendor contact list to other organizations.

Membership

Dr. Keown reported on the renewal status for FY03 Chapter membership dues. The attached list includes Chapter members that have not renewed and our Fact Sheet; please make personal contact with those you know. They will be dropped from the roster at the end of April (and have already been dropped from the AAP's roster).

Legislative Report

Dr. Lentz reported that the children's hospitals have not embraced the idea of having a lobbyist that is an employee of the Chapter, but do like the idea of having a lobbyist to represent their interests.

Legislation discussed included newborn screening, car seats, dental hygienists scope of practice, malpractice, firearms, and the content of K-8 vending machines. The group agreed that it was in the best interest of children to oppose SB 56, the genetic newborn screening bill.

Future Meetings

The next Board meeting and this year's planning retreat will be held at Montgomery Bell State Park April 11-13, 2003. The retreat will be facilitated by Suzanne Yunghans, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania AAP Chapter.

It was agreed that the 2004 Annual Planning Retreat shall be held at Fall Creek Falls.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Fenner
Executive Director

** All 5 Motions were approved by the Board electronically following the Board meeting.*