

**MINUTES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
Tennessee Pediatric Society  
6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.; Friday, April 11, 2003  
Montgomery Bell State Park, TN

PRESENT: John Ring, MD, President  
David Kalwinsky, MD, Vice-President  
Joe Lentz, MD, Immediate Past President  
Mick Connors, MD, Secretary/Treasurer  
Robert Lembersky, MD, Program Chair  
Tony Smith, MD, Nominating Chair  
Tom Voychegovski, MD, President, Chattanooga Pediatric Society  
Patricia Davis, MD, Fellow At-Large, Middle TN  
Charles Campbell, MD, Fellow At-Large, East TN

Ex-Officio: Iris Snider, MD, Past President

Guests: Quentin Humberd, MD, Chair, Committee on Children with Special Needs  
Ovidio Bermudez, MD, Adolescence Advisor  
Melinda Lucas, MD, Injury Prevention Advisor  
Suzanne Yunghans, Retreat Facilitator and Executive Director of the PA AAP Chapter

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

Dr. Ring opened the meeting at 6:50pm with introductions, beginning with our facilitator for the weekend, Suzanne Yunghans. He reported on the survival of the Chapter through the saga of the same-sex policy of the AAP as well as TennCare and its continuing frustrations. He also commented on the challenges and opportunities posed by the growth of the Chapter and how we will discuss that during the weekend.

Consent Calendar

MOTION: A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the consent calendar, which included the minutes from the February 15, 2003 and the approval of new members.

Financial Report / Finance Policy

Ms. Fenner reported on the current assets of the Chapter, and Dr. Connors briefly discussed the grid of fiscal history presented. Dr. Connors went on to discuss the Finance Policy for Future Chapter Programs passed by the Executive Committee on November 19, 2002, and his concern with "billing" collaborative partners after the fact rather than anticipating all expenses, including staff, that the Chapter will incur at the front end. Consensus was made that we need to take a proactive approach to evaluating programs and the investment of the Chapter, including staff time, and choose our collaboration partners carefully.

ACTION: Dr. Connors will work on re-wording the policy statement.

### Covering the Uninsured Week

Ms. Mayo-Ligon updated the group on our activities associated with Covering the Uninsured Week, funded by a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant. Dr. Ring advised the organizers on their media message, and Ms. Mayo-Ligon staffed a booth at the Health Fair in order to distribute educational brochures. It was noted that this venture, should we have the opportunity to participate again, should be reviewed carefully regarding staff or volunteer time involved.

### Practice Manager Network

Ms. Mayo-Ligon reported that the next Pediatric Practice Manager Network will be held on May 9, 2003, and will be a full-day event covering coding and managed care contracts. Our coding educator, Ms. Clouse, will be the presenter on the coding issues.

### Program Committee

Dr. Lembersky reported on the progress of the September Pediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM) meeting, which has already received adequate funding and appears to be on target regarding the timeline. Dr. Ring noted that TNAAP will be hosting a reception for Dr. Carden Johnston, AAP President-Elect, sometime during the PEM Conference.

Dr. Lembersky also reported on the TNAAP Annual Meeting/ Open Forum which will be held in conjunction with Vanderbilt the weekend of November 8, 2003, unless they agree to change their date to November 15<sup>th</sup> due to the close proximity to the dates of the AAP Annual Meeting. The tentative plan is for TNAAP to host the pediatric cardiology CME for Vanderbilt's annual Amos Christie meeting.

ACTION: Dr Lembersky will ask Vanderbilt if the date can be changed to Nov. 15.

RESULT: Vanderbilt agreed to change the date to Nov. 15.

### Nominating Committee

Dr. Smith suggested that we consider restructuring the Nominating Committee to be comprised of those knowledgeable about the demands of being a Board member and knowing a good number of Chapter members. A number of options for the composition of the Committee were discussed.

MOTION: A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Executive Committee should explore the options and make a recommendation to the Board.

ACTION: Dr. Smith and Ms. Fenner will compile background and options and present to Executive Committee.

The possibility of staggering Board terms in order to keep continuity and historical wisdom amongst the leadership was also discussed. Another option was extending the terms of the Fellows At-Large to three years.

MOTION: A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the Executive Committee, in conjunction with Dr. Smith, will consider the advisability of staggering the terms of the elected officers and make a recommendation to the Board for action.

ACTION: Dr. Smith will work with the Executive Committee to determine if changes in election rotations are necessary.

### New Projects

Dr. Davis reviewed programs and funding sources available with NICHQ projects such as ADHD, tobacco/clean air, and asthma.

### TennCare

Dr. Snider provided an overview of the current status of TennCare under the new Administration. Manny Martins seems to have recognized the depth of the problems within the system. There will be single formulary plan after June most likely based on the Michigan plan, and the managed care company Universal will be closing its doors. Members present are welcome to meet with the Special Master, Dr. Richard Carter, tomorrow afternoon to discuss EPSDT and the consent decrees.

ACTION: At the request of Dr. Snider, Ms.Fenner will attempt to arrange a meeting with Dave Goetz, Commissioner of Finance & Administration.

RESULT: Dr Snider has arranged a meeting with Mr. Goetz for May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:pm.

### Legislative Report

Ms. Fenner updated the group on the status of three priority bills: the car seat bill, the school vending machine bill, and the newborn screening bill. The availability of a free advocacy workshop presented by one of our coalition members, CHART, was also noted.

### Future Meetings

Next year's retreat will be held at Fall Creek Falls State Park on the weekend of April 23-25, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm after Ms. Yunghans described the agenda for the next two days.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Fenner  
Executive Director