



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOTES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Virtual Meeting

In attendance: Paul Bozyk, MD, Sharon Geimer, MD, Ashok Gupta, MD, and Jason Schairer, MD

New Member Approval – Two members were approved for membership in OCMS, Danielle Barnes, MD and Saroj Misra, DO.

OCMS Lease – Cindy went over the new lease option Grand Sakwa was offering OCMS. She said while they were offering a discount on our lease, \$5/sq.ft., we still have space we are paying for that we are not utilizing. Cindy said she has not been able to look at other spaces but will be doing soon. She said most spaces are running around \$16/sq. ft. Doctor Geimer suggested asking Grand Sakwa about extending the lease for one year at the new rate and if not to take their offer of the new rate at three years.

County Executives & MSMS Issue – Cindy said she has not been as outspoken on the issues that the county execs have had with MSMS. She said she prefers to solve everything in a reasonable way. She said currently there is a lot of animosity between the counties and state. She feels the problems include - a communication breakdown; that other counties are looked at differently based on their size; and the issue of changing the bylaws so that any member can be put in a county whether they work or live there (thus MSMS keeps the dues and the county misses out). She said to some of these issues she thinks it would help to have a staff person that works directly with the counties to make sure they get everything they need.

Cindy said at this time there are no meetings between the county and the state. They have hired a facilitator to work with the counties. Cindy said she has scheduled her meeting on December 1st. Doctor Bozyk said he feels there has been a loss of grassroot efforts in medicine. He said that members of the MSMS Board are having a meeting tomorrow to talk to Board members that represent certain counties to get their input. He said he will speak out in support of the county basis of a state society. He feels we need MSMS to promote the county as much as we promote them, maybe even more. He said he will update Cindy and the Board with the results of the meeting. Cindy said we need to find the value in each other, no matter what size we are.

GME Membership/Education Ideas – Cindy said that it is important to promote membership to our residents and assist them with education. She said that they are planning the Business of Medicine event for January 13th for younger physicians and January 27th for established physicians. She said her and Doctor Bozyk were discussing additional ideas for residents such as how to not get sued. Doctor Bozyk said it is very beneficial for the society to have resident and fellow involvement and at this time education is relatively inexpensive especially now with virtual meetings. It was suggested

to have a noon pop up conference. Doctor Bozyk said he welcomes any ideas for these pop-up conferences.

Upcoming Events/2021 Planning – Cindy went over the events coming up in December, the E/M 2021 Update and the BCBSM Telehealth event with their medical director from west Michigan. She said she is struggling with deciding what to plan for 2021. She said she knows a lot of practices are struggling. Doctor Bozyk said he does not see anything being in person until at least late spring. He said they may need to have the MSMS House of Delegates virtually again.

Open Items for Discussion

A discussion was started regarding the vaccine. This was mentioned as an idea for a possible education event. Doctor Schairer said that unfortunately the information is changing so rapidly.

Doctor Bozyk said he is working with a group of physicians and legislators to come up with solutions for COVID related items like testing, where do patients go post hospitalization, money to make post hospitalization destinations. This group is meeting every Wednesday.

He also said that we would like to start having meetings with local legislators that value working with us and improving health policy. Cindy said that she would like to work with Wayne County to have another new legislator event.

Cindy explained that Doctor Schairer was attending as he was applying for the President-Elect role.

Lastly, Doctor Gupta mentioned the value he sees in having a member directory. Cindy said she would put it on the agenda to discuss at the January meeting.