



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes

In attendance:

Paul Bozyk, MD

Sharon Geimer, MD

Jason Schairer, MD

Ashok Gupta, MD

Cindy Dady

Meeting started at 7:13 p.m.

- **Executive Director Update**

Cindy gave the Executive Board an update on what has been going on related to her health. She had an issue with her shoulder that caused her to be in severe pain for the last two months. She said she hopes this issue has been resolved and she is in recovery. She said this and some family issues have caused her work to be inconsistent. She feels she is almost back to 100 percent and will be working to catch up.

- **New Member Approval**

Seven physicians were approved for membership. Doctor Geimer suggested giving the new members contact information for the Executive Board in case they had any questions.

- **OCMS Lease**

Doctor Bozyk asked what Cindy's opinion was of the OCMS lease. Cindy said she understood some of the comments on the Board survey that were concerned about moving costs. She felt the money they would be saving in rent will outweigh the moving costs. She said that paying the extra rent for space we are not utilizing is not an efficient use of membership dues. She said the savings in rent would allow her to do other things like hire a part-time person to do marketing and social media. Doctor Geimer said she was worried about the area where the new office will be. She said the Telegraph corridor tends to be very busy and feels our office will be lost in the industrial complex. Cindy said that physician members rarely visit the office and since we will no longer be having meetings at the office the location should not be an issue. Doctor Geimer's other concerns were related to costs that we may incur for furniture, phone set-up, new letterhead/envelopes, etc. She wants to look at what our future meetings will look like now that we no longer have a meeting space. Doctor Bozyk confirmed that if all the resources we need were

at the new space the our next step is to make a decision. Cindy will send out the survey again to the Board to confirm that as many take it as much as possible before the Friday deadline.

- **Membership**

Cindy said membership is slightly down. She said that the Henry Ford group has paid, and all the bigger groups have paid except the American Anesthesiology group. She said this was expected since Northstar Anesthesia is now the group Beaumont is using. Cindy feels that membership is changing due to COVID, more physicians are retiring early or going part-time. She said we have less non-paying dues members though this year than last year. She said she is concerned that some smaller groups that have been with us for long time haven't renewed yet. She also mentioned that she was in discussion with Kevin last year about Northstar. He contacted the Texas Medical Association, as Northstar is based in Texas, and they don't even have a membership there. She said she will keep working on all the NPDs for the next few weeks as March 1st in the drop date.

- **Update on County Exec Issue**

Cindy said they had their meeting with the MSMS facilitator Pete, a couple weeks ago but she was in Texas at the time moving her daughter and did not have a very good internet connection. She said we told them at the time that the county execs would like individual meetings with the membership department, the advocacy dept., etc. She said two of those meetings are next week. She said they are trying to keep an open dialog. She believes communication is an important issue for her. Doctor Bozyk said he was talking with other MSMS Board members and they do not feel this is a MSMS Board item to fix but more an issue for the Board to steer, more of an administrative issue for county execs and MSMS to work together to fix.

- **Virtual Game Event for Members**

Cindy said there are loads of options for setting up a game night for the members. Doctor Bozyk said we could set up something for the medical students, and we could have a fee which could be donated to their charity of choice. Cindy said she would talk to the medical students and then come up with some ideas for the member one.

- **2021 Events**

- a. Business of Medicine – Cindy explained this event is next week and is similar what we did last year with Washtenaw County. This year we have a physician from St. Joe's in Ann Arbor, Dr. John Hopper, that will talk on interviewing.
- b. New Legislator Meet & Greet – This event is scheduled for March 5th, we are collaborating with Wayne County Medical Society. Josiah and Scott from MSMS will be leading.
- c. Malpractice Event w/ Ven Johnson – Cindy said they rescheduled the event to March 24th.
- d. Education Event w/ The Doctors Company – We will have a Medical Malpractice 101 event possibly in March.
- e. Information sharing in the Era of the Cures Act – Cindy said her speaker fell through on this. Doctor Bozyk said that we would need to have this by April 1st due to the required changes taking place.
- f. Ideas for annual meeting – Cindy said this is no hurry, but she is wondering if they think we will have an in-person annual meeting this year. Doctor Schairer said he would at this time have a hard time predicting six months from now. Doctor Bozyk

asked if there was anything in the bylaws that said when the actual annual meeting is supposed to take place. He suggested moving it up and having it outdoors.

- Open Items for Discussion - Doctor Bozyk said he would like to set up times with GME directors to discuss organized medicine. Cindy, Doctor Bozyk and Doctor Gupta will discuss this and develop a list of names.

Meeting commenced at 8:16 p.m.

Next Board of Directors Meeting is **Tuesday, March 9th – 7:00 p.m.**