



## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOTES**

**Tuesday, August 18, 2020**

**Meeting started at 6:06 p.m.**

**In Attendance:** Sharon Geimer, MD, Christopher Milback, MD, Ashok Gupta, MD, Paul Bozyk, MD, and Cindy Dady

### **OCMS Ballot – President-Elect**

Cindy explained that Doctor Bhargava had declined to run for President-Elect. She said that the good thing is the President is the only position that can be elected by the Board. Cindy said that one issue is half the Board has already been President. Doctor Milback feels we need to be more descriptive to new Board members that they are encouraged to take a position on the Executive Board during their term. He suggested putting together a nominating committee or look for members outside of the Board who would be willing to run for a position, even if that means a Board member needs to resign to open a position. Doctor Geimer said that Doctor DiLorenzo would consider running but she was recently elected to a position in her specialty association.

### **Annual Meeting - Review of Board survey**

Cindy said she would give everyone a Doodle survey to set the date for the annual meeting and October Board meeting. Doctor Geimer suggested we not have the topic be COVID. Cindy said that two topics mentioned in the Board survey were a legislative update or telehealth physician wellness. Doctor Bozyk said it is always good to have a conversation on physician wellness with what physicians have been going through. He also suggested to have an advocacy update and invite Sarah Waun from MSMS to speak. He said this would promote the ways members can get involved in advocacy at the county level. Cindy said she would try to get someone from the AMA to talk at the federal level and Sarah to talk at the state level.

### **Approval of Accounting Proposal**

Discussion was started regarding signing the proposal for the accounting office to perform our taxes for the next fiscal year. It was noted there was not an amount in the letter, but Cindy confirmed that it was still the \$3,500. Doctor Geimer said that we should note that in the letter it is stated that if there are any questions with the IRS regarding our returns, we will be billed hourly.

### **MSMS Membership Issue**

Cindy mentioned the issue where MSMS has been putting some members that either live or work in a county that has a county society into an unincorporated county so they can keep the dues. She said this happened a few years ago with a pulmonary group. They wanted to drop their membership and MSMS

moved them to Livingston County to keep their dues. She said that MSMS is looking into the issue and that some of the groups in Livingston County were sold by the insurance group.

### **Current Legislative Issues**

Doctor Bozyk said that the surprise billing legislation is now in the Senate but has switched committees from healthcare policy to insurance which MSMS says they sometimes have issues with. He said the language in the bill said it should never be a patient issue and supports the concept of winner takes all. He said right now if it goes into arbitration it would be shared fees from both parties to pay for arbitration. Cindy confirmed with Doctor Bozyk there was legislation at the federal level that the AMA is supporting. He also said that the surprise billing issue was what prompted Beaumont to change their anesthesiology management group. He said their current group refused to expand their network, so they went with a new group that has an expansive network as Beaumont could accommodate.

Cindy also mentioned that Kevin at MSMS had contacted her to see if there was any way we could assist the Beaumont employees who were currently having a dispute with Beaumont leadership. He suggested possibly contract review. Cindy said that Doctor Forst was the only member on the list. Doctor Bozyk said that we should always promote member benefits, but he did not know Doctor Forst. Doctor Geimer said he is the Chief of Staff of Beaumont Troy. She reminded everyone that he excluded OCMS from having time on the agenda for any staff meetings.

### **OCMS Lease**

Cindy confirmed the upcoming lease renewal rate – she said they offered the same rate for five years. She said we must give a six-month notice. She said our lease is up on July 31, 2021. Doctor Milback said he was surprised at the terms and would not sign at the current rate or for five years. The Executive Board agreed to move forward in ending the lease and finding a smaller space. Cindy mentioned that she has an agent, Fred Schaad, who writes for the bulletin to assist us with finding a new location. Cindy said she would like to find an office with two or three smaller offices and a meeting room within the building that we could rent. She said they will look in Royal Oak, Troy, and Southfield area. Doctor Milback suggested the Pontiac area across from the hospital.

### **Other Issues**

Doctor Geimer asked if the Executive Board was part of the approval for the transfer of funds from the Stifel investment fund to the checking account. Doctor Milback said that it has been discussed previously with the whole Board. She said that it will need to be done shortly.

### **PM Programs**

Cindy mentioned the Elizabeth Woodcock program they had that morning which will be available for viewing. She also mentioned another program that she will be doing in October on Managing your Practice Operations in the New Paradigm. She said additional programs include an E/M update for 2021 in December, a COVID Human Resource Update in September, a front office program in the beginning of October and a possible BCBS event in October. She said the BCBS event will become a regular program for the practice managers.

### **Medical Student Recruitment Virtual Event – August 19<sup>th</sup>**

Cindy mentioned that tomorrow night there will be a recruitment event with the new medical students at OUWB that are interested in getting involved in organized medicine. Doctor Bozyk, Doctor Geimer and Doctor Mukkamala would be on the call. Cindy said she would send the agenda to Doctor Bozyk. She hoped it would help with membership this year since last year more students joined just the AMA.

Meeting ended at 6:51 p.m.