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OCMS Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
Zoom Virtual, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes

Board members in attendance:

Barry Auster, MD
Hamid Banooni, MD
Vashali Bhargava, MD
Paul Bozyk, MD
Anna DiLorenzo, MD
Sharon Geimer, MD
Ashok Gupta, MD
Sherwin Imlay, MD
David Lee, MD
Rahul Mehta, MD
Christopher Milback, MD
Manveen Saluja, MD
Jason Schairer, MD
Joseph Skoney, MD
Joann Smith, MD

Also, in attendance:

Cindy Dady, OCMS Executive Director

Paul Bozyk, MD, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes – Doctor Gupta made motion, Doctor Geimer seconded, minutes approved.
- Approval of November Executive Board Meeting Minutes – Doctor Schairer made motion, Doctor Imlay seconded, minutes approved.
- Approval of New Members – one new member was approved for membership.

Review of 1st Quarter Financials 2020-2021

Cindy and Doctor Gupta reviewed the financials. Cindy said the retired/life dues letters were sent out late so dues are low compared to last year. She said bulletin advertising last year did well, and she hopes to continue. Current membership dues are down as we expected but our expenses are low because of COVID. Doctor Schairer asked how our numbers are for the younger physicians. Cindy said we have 207 residents due to the three groups we have

acquired with St. Joe's, Ascension and Beaumont. She said we still struggle with getting members from OUWB. The last two years we have only averaged around 20-25 students. Cindy mentioned that education is very important to residents which is one reason why we obtained these groups. She said we have had a couple events for the medical students. Doctor Lee said that he feels the loss of student recruitment is not being able to be involved in the advocacy process at HOD due to COVID.

Cindy continued with the budget, saying the rent went down because our operating costs went down again this year. She said her salary is slightly higher because the accountants escrowed some of her salary last year. She will be having the accountants help her fix it. She explained that our investments are doing wonderful. They were up 17% in 2020.

COVID-19/Vaccine

Cindy wanted to know information on obtaining the vaccine as she receives calls weekly. Doctor Smith said that Beaumont has opened their vaccine appointments to 65 and over. You need to make an appointment through Beaumont MyChart. Doctor Mehta said St. Joe's is setting up an app so you can make an appointment online. He said they are uploading the vaccine information to Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR). The expectation is that this is going to be your ticket to get into concerts or travel. Doctor Milback said they are taking appointments currently for 65 and over at Henry Ford Macomb. He said they are offering it to private offices and Doctor Geimer said Beaumont is also. Doctor Mehta said it is easier for the bigger hospital systems to administer the vaccines because they have the storage facilities. He also suggested to go to the CDC website to look for information to post on questions on getting the vaccine. Doctor Bozyk asked if we could drive some traffic to the website with information on the vaccine from the hospital systems in Oakland County.

OCMS Lease

Cindy said she went to look at other spaces. She said a new space could be relatively cheaper. She said it comes down to whether we want to keep the conference table because if we do, we should stay in our space. She mentioned to consider where do we want to spend our membership dues. If we decided to get rid of the conference table, we could cut off 700 square feet of our space. She said the current landlord did come in at \$18 square feet for three years and two underground parking spaces. She said that if we decide to get rid of the conference table, we can find a new space with a shared conference facility within it. Some Board members were concerned about the moving costs. Doctor Bozyk feels going into a smaller space with a shared conference facility will generate significant cost savings for the society. Cindy said she has looked at space in Troy, Bingham Farms area. She said in Troy it was harder to find a location that had a shared conference room onsite. It was suggested if some of the Board members could look at the potential spaces. Doctor Banooni and Doctor Gupta said they would go look at the spaces. Cindy said she will also go back to the landlord and see if they will match the lease rate of the other spaces. Cindy said she will also survey the Board to get each of their personal opinions on the lease.

OCMS President-Elect Candidate

Doctor Bozyk said Doctor Schairer has offered to take on the President-Elect position. Doctor Schairer said he was motivated to join the Board in 2017 to contribute to organized medicine. He said he has enjoyed the outreach and feels his role will be enacting the will of the Board of Directors. A motion was made to approve Doctor Schairer for President-Elect. Motion passed.

MSMS Board Report

Doctor Bozyk said there was not much to report since the meeting was not until the end of January. He said they hired a new advocacy person, Josiah Kissling. He said MSMS is working on new legislation for telemedicine, immunity, prior auth and surprise billing.

MSMS County Exec Issue

Cindy said there have been issues with the state and counties on communication and membership issues. Cindy said the one that she has an issue with is putting members in unstaffed counties. This means MSMS keeps the dues and the counties lose them. She said that currently she has talked to the facilitator, Pete. Then they had a meeting with Pete and the county execs. Then on January 25th they will meet with Pete, MSMS and the county execs. Doctor Bozyk said he met with some of the MSMS Board of Directors from the larger counties and they were going to take the results of the discussion to the CEO of MSMS. Cindy said she feels that the value of the grassroots level of the county has been diminished. Doctor Bozyk feels we should be a first point of contact for community physicians and then escalate their needs if there is something we can't manage for them.

Upcoming Events/Projects

- Business Side of Medicine – tentatively scheduled for February 16th
- Malpractice Event – tentatively scheduled for February 10th
- New Legislator Event – currently planning with Wayne County Medical Society
- Cindy also mentioned that Doctor Lee sent her a list of possible topics that the residents want in education.

Open Items for Discussion

- Doctor Gupta made a comment on attendance at the Medical/Legal Committee. He felt it's important for Board members to attend. Doctor Smith said she would attend. Cindy will have Michelle at OCBA add her to the email list.
- OCMS Member Directory – Cindy said Doctor Gupta had suggested developing a directory again. Cindy said the issue we had with the last directory was getting advertisers. They all want digital ads now. She will investigate the costs.
- OCMS Board Conflict of Interest Statements – Cindy mentioned that she will be mailing out the Conflict of Interest Statements to the Board in the next month or so.
- Doctor Saluja suggested we have a diversity inclusion statement on our website. Doctor Bozyk said that it's a timely suggestion and the physician community is a good mouthpiece for that.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.