

**LMA**  
LOUISIANA PSYCHIATRIC  
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION  
Executive Council Meeting  
Minutes  
May 13, 2015

Participants: Rob Dahmes, MD, Secretary-Treasurer, Marc Colon, MD, Ethics Chair, Ed Foulks, MD, Past President, Kimberly Gordon, MD, ECP Representative, Ben Lowenburg, MD, Tulane Resident-Fellow Representative, Lee Michals, MD, LSU Shreveport Resident-Fellow Representative, Pat O'Neill, MD, Federal Legislative Representative, Dean Robinson, MD, President, Mark Townsend, MD, APA Deputy Representative, & Cathy Thompson, Executive Director

Attending as a guest: Mary Margaret Gleason, MD

The meeting began at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes from the April 8, 2015 Council meeting were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2015 Election Results -**

Mrs. Thompson reported that all ballots received within the deadline have been counted and the results are:

Dean Robinson, MD	President
Mark Townsend, MD	President-Elect
Kimberly Gordon, MD	Secretary
Rob Dahmes, MD	Treasurer
Mary Jo Fitz-Gerald, MD	APA Representative
Mark Townsend, MD	APA Deputy Representative

Congratulations and appreciation for willingness to serve was extended to elected officers for 2015.

**Fall Meeting -**

It was reported that the Fall Meeting planning is progressing. HIV and Media Training speakers have been confirmed and will be provided by the APA. APA Department of Government Affairs have also been asked to send a representative to do an advocacy training. And a request has gone out inviting Senator Bill Cassidy to be the Keynote speaker. The number of presenters currently will total 4.0 continuing medical education credits. Discussion took place regarding the need to add topics and speakers to provide a minimum of 6.0 credits.

Suggestions for additional topics included: HIV legal issues, confidentiality, commitment laws and duty to warn; Telepsychiatry - license requirements, options for employment, liability issues, supervisory issues and collaborative arrangements; and the planned October Medicaid changeover from Magellan Behavioral Health to Bayou Health.

Dr. Robinson asked Mrs. Thompson to schedule another Fall Meeting planning committee meeting to discuss finalizing program topics and speakers.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Recommendation to Create an Officer Travel Reimbursement Review Committee -**

Dr. Dahmes requested approval to create a committee to review officer travel reimbursement requests. He also suggested that the members of the Schexnayder Fund Committee (Drs. Bob Barnes, Chuck Chester and he) be selected to serve as the review committee.

### **MOTION (PASSED)**

A motion to create a committee to review officer travel reimbursement requests was unanimously approved by Executive Council members. The Executive council further agreed that Drs. Rob Dahmes, Bob Barnes and Chuck Chester serve as the Review Committee.

Dr. Robinson asked that officer travel reimbursement guidelines and limits be established and be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled Executive Council meeting. Dr. Lowenburg suggested going to the GSA website to get the established state reimbursement guidelines.

### **Request by Dr. Ken Roy, LPMA State Legislative Representative to Oppose HB 6 (Authorizes the Use of Medical Marijuana in Louisiana) -**

Executive Council members reviewed HB 6. Discussion took place by Council members regarding the bill. Dr. Robinson requested that Mrs. Thompson check to see when the bill will come up for a vote. He also asked that Dr. Roy be contacted to ask if he is willing to write a letter with reasons to oppose the legislation and if so, return it to Dr. Robinson for review/approval/next steps.

### **Bick Awards -**

Mrs. Thompson reported that the Bick Awards winners have been selected and the certificates and award checks have been mailed to the respective Medical School contacts for dissemination. She stated that the winners will be announced in the E-newsletter following their having received the awards.

### **Resident/ECP Event in Shreveport -**

Dr. Lee Michals stated that the event held on May 9 in Shreveport was a success. He said that he had hoped for a better turn out and that future events should not be held when other activities are going on in the city. Mrs. Thompson expressed appreciation to Dr. Michals for providing his home as the venue and for his hard work to make the event a success. Council members agreed and extended their thanks to Dr. Michals.

### **Behavioral Health Integration Advisory Group Update -**

Dr. Gleason provided a written report from the Behavioral Health Integration Advisory Group that will be disseminated to the Executive Council.

**Executive Director Compensation Review/Recommendation -**

Drs. Robinson and Dahmes recommended Mrs. Thompson be approved to receive the following compensation package:

- The annual fee for management services (25 hours per week) from January to December is \$30,000 (\$1,250 paid bi-monthly on the 1st and 15th of each month).
- Additional hours required to perform duties will be billed at a rate of \$25 per hour in excess of 50 hours per pay period.
- 15 days of paid leave time added (includes vacation and sick leave). Written approval from LPMA President will be obtained for vacation requests 10 days in advance. Sick leave time will be submitted to the Treasurer for record keeping.
- An additional monthly payment of \$300 will be paid to ED for Health Insurance on the 1st of each month.
- All other terms and conditions of the May, 2007 agreement will remain in effect.

Dr. Robinson said that he will provide a recommendation letter in support of the compensation package for Mrs. Thompson. Dr. Dahmes stated that unless reason to oppose the above recommendation is received for further discussion, the above recommended compensation package will go into effect on July 1, 2015.

**Other Business -**

Dr. Lowenburg reported that he will be stepping down from his position of Tulane Resident-Fellow Representative on the Executive Council and asked for support of Dr. Veronique Haymon to take his place. Dr. Gordon stated that she would like to see Dr. Lowenburg continue his work on the Executive Council and asked if he has an interest in either continuing his current position or his consideration to serve as Early Career Representative. It was also recommended to consider Dr. Chris Davis for Tulane Resident-Fellow Deputy Representative. Dr. Lowenburg expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Executive Council.

Having no other business to discuss, an adjournment was called and seconded at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. using "Go to Meeting".