



LOUISIANA PSYCHIATRIC
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Executive Council Meeting

Minutes

January 14, 2015

Participants: Rob Dahmes, MD, Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Jo Fitz-Gerald, APA Assembly Representative, Kimberly Gordon, MD, ECP Representative, Ben Lowenburg, MD, Tulane Resident-Fellow Representative, Pat O'Neill, MD, Federal Legislative Representative, Dean Robinson, MD, President, Lee Stevens, MD, Past President, Maegen Vincent, MD, LSUNO Resident-Fellow Deputy Representative & Cathy Thompson, Executive Director

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes from the December 10, 2014 Council meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

2015 Spring Meeting -

An update on the Spring Meeting was provided. Mrs. Thompson reported that topics and speakers are confirmed. She stated that Louisiana members and non-members will be receiving the brochure invitation the week of January 26, 2015. A question was posed regarding sponsors of the event. Mrs. Thompson said that Professional Risk Management Services, American Professional Agency, Inc. and Janssen have committed to participate thus far. Dr. Robinson suggested contacting the private hospitals. River Oaks was also recommended as a potential exhibitor. Mrs. Thompson said she will follow up and report the results back to the Council.

E-Newsletter -

Dr. Fitz-Gerald stated that communication provided using this venue should be brief updates and links to information in lieu of articles. Mrs. Thompson reported that she has set up a Facebook account that can be linked to the publication. She also stated that she does not use Twitter. Mrs. Thompson said that Dr. Lee Michals had agreed to work with her on the project and asked if any other Resident-Fellow representatives would be willing to help get the social platform in place. Dr. Vincent said she will assist. Mrs. Thompson said she will send an email out to she and Dr. Michals to set up a phone conference to discuss a plan of action.

NEW BUSINESS

LSMS Delegate & Alternate for House of Delegates Meeting -

Mrs. Thompson reported that she received correspondence from the Louisiana State Medical Society requesting a delegate and alternative delegate representative from the LPMA. Discussion was held concerning who might be available. Drs. Fitz-Gerald, Stevens and Dahmes are signed up as delegates representing Shreveport Medical Society and Orleans Parish Medical Society respectively. Dr. Robinson requested an email be sent to LSMS-LPMA members who are not currently signed up as delegates to see if any of them can participate. Mrs. Thompson will follow up.

Ethics Committee Follow up Review Team Members Needed -

Dr. Colon stated that an initial review took place concerning the current Ethics complaint. If there is a need to proceed further, a follow up review team will be called.

2015 APA Meeting in Toronto, Canada -

It was stated by Mrs. Thompson that the APA has again agreed to cover airfare and two hotel nights for the District Branch executive directors to attend the meeting. She asked if other Council members will be attending specifically if Dr. O'Neill will be able to attend the Joint Sponsorship Committee Meeting. Dr. O'Neill said he plans to attend. Dr. Robinson said he also plans to be attendance. Dr. O'Neill reminded everyone that they will have to have a passport to travel to Canada. Mrs. Thompson said she will provide reminders to the membership regarding the need for a passport. She also stated that the LPMA will have a large number of Fellows who will be recognized during the APA Convocation.

2015-2016 Election of Officers -

Mrs. Thompson stated that a meeting of the nominating committee needs to be held at the Spring meeting to suggest nominees for the position of President-Elect. She also said terms are expiring and/or need reappointment for, Secretary-Treasurer, APA Representative, APA Deputy Representative, Ethics Committee Chair and Membership Committee Chair. The position of Public Affairs Representative also needs to be appointed. Dr. Fitz-Gerald said that when she served as the LPMA Public Affairs representative it provided her a great opportunity to gain leadership experience. She suggested consideration of a resident-fellow member to serve in this position. Mrs. Thompson said she will find out from the APA if they are still providing this type of training and report back to the Council.

Other Business -

Dr. Dahmes said a meeting of the Schexnayder Fund Committee is scheduled for January 21, 2015 and that a full report will be provided at the General Business Meeting held at the Spring Meeting.

Having no other business to discuss, an adjournment was called and seconded. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. using "Go to Meeting".