



Virtual Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2020
Zoom Meeting

Present: Jay E. Rothkopf, MD, Board Chair; Stanley Askin, MD; Charles Cutler, MD; George Green, MD; Joseph Grisafi, MD; Walter Klein, MD; Mark Lopatin, MD; Jennifer Lorine, DO; Robert McNamara, MD; Mark Pyfer, MD; Steve Shapiro, MD; James Thomas, MD

Guests: Neerav Sheth, MD; Joe Allen, Raymond James Financial; Katie Jordan, PAMED Membership Liaison

Staff: Michele Boylstein, Executive Director; Brendan Leahy, Deputy Executive Director

Actions:

- 9/8/20 – 1 Meeting was called to order by Dr. Rothkopf at 6:03 pm.
- 9/8/20 – 2 Motion to approve the Consent Calendar was seconded and approved without objection.
- 9/8/20 – 3 Motion to postpone the 2020 Holiday Dinner and revisit in the Spring was seconded and approved without objection.
- 9/8/20 – 4 Endorsement of Mark Lopatin, MD for PAMED District 2 Trustee was approved unanimously.
- 9/8/20 – 5 Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Areas of Discussion:

- *Healing the Healer – Healing the Healer will be held as a series. The first session will discuss the financial impact of COVID-19, with an official date TBD. Heather Farley, MD will be hosting the second session on Burnout during COVID-19 on Saturday, November 7. CME will be provided, and there will be access to view a recording of the session after it is held.*

- *Meeting Locations for 2021 – The lease for the building is ending in January 2021. In-person meeting locations are not currently a pressing issue due to COVID-19, but the Chamber of Commerce is still an option that MCMS should consider. Meeting at Montgomery County hospitals was also discussed, but that is not likely to occur during the COVID-19 pandemic.*
- *Annual Dinner 2021 – Meeting in-person this year for the Holiday Dinner does not seem feasible given the restrictions due to COVID-19. MCMS plans to have a formal recognition of Dr. Lorine as President at the 2021 Annual Dinner.*
- *Scope of Practice - California just approved a Scope of Practice bill, it seems as if the CA governor will sign and become an independent practice state. Discussion was held on the pilot program with Nurse Practitioners in PA.*
- *Montgomery County Immunization Coalition – MCMS was invited to join the coalition to help promote the importance of receiving your flu shot. Monthly calls will discuss how to address concerns of flu and COVID simultaneously, importance of flu shot to the public, etc. Michele and Dr. Rothkopf participated in the first MCIC call.*
- *President’s Report – Dr. Lorine shared an overview of the Lorna Breen Healthcare Provider Protection Act, which provides grants to help to physicians improve their mental health.*
- *Portfolio Review – Joe Allen from Raymond James Financial joined the meeting to give an overview of the Montgomery County Medical Society’s investment portfolio. Despite the ups and downs of the market this year, MCMS remains in good financial standing.*
- *Membership Report – Total physician membership is down slightly compared to this time last year. Katie Jordan, Membership Liaison at PAMED, joined the call to help discuss membership in PAMED and how to differentiate the benefits of state and county membership.*
- *Strategic Plan – Dr. Rothkopf mentioned that we need to revisit our strategic plan. It was on the agenda but will be a long discussion so the board will discuss at a later date.*
- *Social Media and Grassroots Advocacy – MCMS and staff will work on developing social media guidelines. This will provide MCMS with a plan in place to address social media with a timely response in issues regarding physicians.*
- *One member mentioned that it would be useful if the county medical society could utilize a tool like the National Provider databank where physicians could use against hospital administration. Possibly implementing a tool or adding a facet to the existing tool where physicians could add their input. Discussion took place amongst the group.*
- *Dr. Thomas’ Request for MCMS Endorsement for AMA Delegate/Alternate Delegate position – Dr. Thomas requested the endorsement of the MCMS board as he plans to seek the nomination for either the AMA Delegate or Alternative Delegate from the floor. The MCMS Board discussed*

Dr. Thomas' request for endorsement while Dr. Thomas was moved to a Zoom Breakout Room. At a point during the board's discussion, Dr. Thomas texted Dr. Rothkopf, Board Chair, to withdraw his request for endorsement by the MCMS Board. The MCMS Board chose not to complete a vote regarding Dr. Thomas due to his choice to withdraw his request for endorsement.