



NHAFP Annual Meeting Minutes 05/29/15

Members present: Doug Dreffer, MD; Robert Kiefner, MD; Louis Kazal, MD; Laura Fry, MD; Bob Soucy, DO; Gary Sobelson, MD; Amy Schneider, MD; Peter Mason, MD; P. Travis Harker, MD, MPH; John Meigs, MD, FAAFP; David Kehas, MD; Paula Leonard-Schwartz, MD; Molly Rossignol, DO; Melissa Duxbury, MD; Tanya Luttinger, MD; Trish Clancy, MD; Hilary Alvarez, MD; Virginia Jeffryes, MD; Joann Buonomano, MD; Robin Hallquist, MD; Pat Glowa, MD; Don Kollisch, MD; Steve Elgert, MD; Megan Adamson, MD; Polina Sayess, MD; Hannah Fuson; Catrina Watson

Meeting called to order

Nominating Committee Report: Slate of Officers- Robert Kiefner, MD:

President: Douglass Dreffer, MD

President Elect: Molly Rossignol, DO

Treasurer: David Kehas, MD

Secretary: Melissa Duxbury, MD

Immediate Past President: Robert S. Kiefner, MD

Delegates: Paula Leonard-Schwartz, MD and Louis Kazal, MD

Alternate Delegates: Mary Cullen, DO and Polina Sayess, MD

MAL 2017:

Amy Schneider, MD

Hilary Alvarez, MD

Burt Dibble, MD

MAL 2016:

Gary Sobelson, MD

Peter Mason, MD

Laura Fry, MD

MAL 2018:

Mary Cullen, DO

Joann Buonomano, MD

Robin Hallquist, MD

Student Rep: Hannah Fuson

Academic Rep: Tanya Luttinger, MD and Greg Thesing, MD

Residency Rep: Doug Phelan, DO

Motion to accept

Motion passed

Dr. Meigs swears in officers.

Review previous minutes:

Both 2013 and 2014 annual meeting minutes presented.

Motion to accept

Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Budget approval: David Kehas, MD
Budget report presented to members.
Motion to accept
Motion passed

CME Committee Report: Melissa Duxbury, MD- Evaluations are extremely important for guiding future meetings. If you know of any speakers that are engaging/dynamic, please let us know. We have tried to streamline expenses for our annual meeting without jeopardizing the quality of speakers and quantity of physicians that we attract.

Advocacy Committee: Gary and Travis represent NHAFP on NHMS Board.

- Medicaid enhancement/expansion is a key focus this session- over 30,000 new members enrolled in Medicaid. We have no idea where it will go with the budget. House & Senate committed to not including it. The expansion is due to phase out in 2016.
- Telemedicine and opioid prescribing is another topic that has great implication for the community mental health centers. Many are using telemedicine, against regulations, to prescribe controlled drugs. We are working to make sure there are limitations on it while still providing much needed access to care, such as requiring tele-med docs to be licensed in NH.
- Therapeutic cannabis dispensaries to be up & running by August.
- Tanning bill would put age requirement on indoor tanning use.

Four attended the National Conference of Special Constituencies and ALF. Report attached.

US Uniformed Services asked that the American Academy of Family Physicians support and publicly endorse the 2015 World Health Organization recommendations on sugar intake for adults and children, and endorse updating and revision of its current educational resources to reflect the 2015 World Health Organization recommendations on sugar intake for adults and children.

The meeting was a great experience. Some key education topics were: conducting board orientations each year, financial statement review, media interviews, flu shot messaging, and relationships with legislators.

Bylaws Committee- bylaws are more succinct and closely in-line with AAFP. There have been no objections from members to the changes.

Motion to accept
Motion passed

President's Report presented: Doug Dreffer, MD, gave a brief recap of our year.

- The membership survey shows that our membership is aging, not surprisingly. They are tech savvy and many practices are at full capacity and not accepting new patients. 82% of respondents are satisfied with practice.

- Some areas of legislation that are of particular interest to family docs are background checks for gun shows, corporal punishment, circumcision, workforce and VA duplicate care.
- NHAFP funded 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.
- NHAFP received two awards from AAFP- New Physician Retention and Active Member Retention.
- There has been talk of a new residency program in NH.
- There has been discussion and question of what the appropriate amount of reserve funds are for our chapter. AAFP recommends 6 months of operating budget. Our dues are tied directly to AAFP. If their financial situation/membership changes, we could be in a very different place. Our reserves have been spent down 30% over the years.

A reminder that the Granite State Chapter of PNHP is meeting 5/30/15 at 4pm in the Presidential Ballroom. We will discuss the Single Payer bill.

Motion to adjourn 9:10 pm

Motion passed