**HAWAI’I PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

6:00-7:30PM

**Mission:**  Helping Hawaii’s Psychiatrists Provide the Highest Quality Care

**Location**: Max’s of Manila, Honolulu, HI.

**Attendees on Oahu:** Drs Julienne Aulwes, Michael Champion, Bernadine Chong, June Lee, Brett Lu, Linda Nahulu, Celia Ona, Gregory Prier, Alexandru Serghi, Raj Singh, Douglas Smith, Rika Suzuki, Sherri Tisza, Steven Williams

**Attendees via GoToMeeting connection:** none

Call to order: 6:10pm

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| **Minutes of previous meetings:** | * Minutes for the February were reviewed and approved as presented, and the March minutes were reviewed and approved with wording clarification for the legislative report |  |
| **ANNOUCEMENTS** | * Dr Aulwes chairing the meeting * Reminded of the upcoming HPMA social gathering luncheon for members (and family) planned for Sunday April 19th, 2015, from 11:00am at Taormina restaurant * Applications for Fellow status within APA encouraged – a list of eligible HPMA members was circulated, deadline for current year is September 2015 |  |
| **BUDGET & COMMITTEE** | **REPORTS** | **Things to follow up on:** |
| **Budget**  **Treasurer: Dr. Tisza** | * Chair present * The budget is in black * Budget for next year was completed |  |
| **Legislative**  **Chair: Dr. Champion** | * Chair present * Legislative activity is very intense currently both at state and federal levels * A new legislative committee meeting to follow today’s monthly membership meeting |  |
| **Membership Co-Chairs:**  **Drs. Gise & Ghiasuddin** | * Chairs not present * Nothing to report |  |
| **Communications/ Public Affairs**  **Chair: Dr. Suzuki** | * Chair present * Progress continues to be made in preparation for upcoming outreach community meetings on the Big Island in Hilo and Kona | Ongoing work by sub-committee for planning the Big Island meetings |
| **ECP**  **Chair: Dr. Lee** | * Chair present * Nothing to report |  |
| **Ethics**  **Chair: Dr. Prier** | * Chair present * Nothing to report |  |
| **Assembly & Board Reports** | * Nothing to report |  |
| **OLD BUSINESS** |  |  |
| **Offer from an asset protection company for a free course with no expense to members** | * An informational email was sent by Dr Aulwes. Discussion followed whether it would be beneficial to accept the offer. Details can be found at <http://americansocietyap.org/course.php> | More details about the offer will be gathered by Dr Aulwes and presented at the next meeting |
| **Result of the HPMA vote to the Speaker of the APA Assembly regarding the part IV for MOC requirements** | * APA recommended to ABPN renouncing the part IV of MOC requirements. ABPN in turn recommended to ABMS to make part IV of MOC optional rather than mandatory. ABPN sent a letter of update to its diplomats that included the ABMS response. In summary “ABMS remains fully committed to all elements of MOC”; the organization also created an online tool to gain direct feedback from diplomats of all specialties regarding the process of MOC |  |
| **NEW BUSINESS** |  |  |
|  | * New benefit for APA members is in development: “Find a Psychiatrist” searchable database that APA members can opt-into at <http://apps.psychiatry.org/optinfap/Login.aspx>. The database is being populated in the coming weeks before posting it publicly to the APA website. The functionality of the new database is viewable at <http://finder.psychiatry.org>. The purpose of this new database is three-fold: 1) to create a centralized place for patients to find psychiatrists; 2) create an APA member benefit for psychiatrists who are accepting patients; and 3) to reduce the call volume at the APA and District Branches from patients seeking psychiatrists * Expedited grants applications – due by June 1, 2015 – available for membership recruitment, retention, and educational; discussion about outcomes for current grants execution, appropriateness of renewal as well as new grants applications * Discussion about ways to improve access to care by incentivizing providers * Dr Ona reported on behalf of the selection/nominating committee the nominations made for the HPMA executive officers positions, i.e. for president-elect: Dr Michael Champion, for treasurer: Dr Rika Suzuki and for secretary: Dr Steven Williams; a unanimous vote was taken and the nominees were appointed to the respective positions |  |
| **Hot Topic** | * The cognitively impaired physician – to be presented by Dr Ahmed –postponed for the next meeting in June * Future hot topics include presentations by Drs Smith and Ona (titles TBA) |  |
| **Future meeting**: | * Next meeting 6/9/15 at 6:00pm (no meeting next month due to APA Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada, between May 16 – 20, 2015) |  |

Meeting adjourned at 19:25 hours. A planned legislative committee meeting followed from 19:25, for a follow-up discussion on the currently proposed state legislative initiatives.

Submitted by: Alexandru Serghi, M.D.

Secretary, HPMA