

Executive Committee Conference Call

May 14, 2020

5:30 – 6:30 pm

MINUTES

Members present on the call: Drs. Rachel Chatters, Bridgett Foreman, Kimberly Mukerjee, Roberta Vicari and Ann Kay Logarbo, John Vanchiere and Joseph Bocchini, Jr.

Staff and others present on the call: Ashley Politz (Executive Director), Taryn Daigle, (Director of Education & Membership), Stephen Wright (Seersucker Strategies) and Michael Judice, MD (Education Chair).

Dr. Rachel Chatters called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Items to include on May 14, 2020 Agenda- The following items will be included for discussion on the May 14, 2020 agenda: Nominating Committee Report, Practice Economic Impact Survey, ALF/District make up meeting, Chapter Chat (5/6/20). **Moved by Ann Kay Logarbo and seconded by Roberta Vicari to include the items to the May 14, 2020 agenda. There were no objections and the motion carried.**

Consent Agenda – Documents were sent to members prior to the meeting for review. No further discussion was required. **Motion by Roberta Vicari, MD and seconded by Ann Kay Logarbo, MD to approve Consent Agenda. There were no objections and the motion carried.**

Items for Discussion:

CME/ 2020 Red River Potpourri – Dr. Michael Judice, Education Chair, reported the committee has decided to postpone the 2020 Red River Potpourri in Shreveport to August 20-22, 2021. Ashley Politz, Executive Director, presented the committee with a proposal for the online webinars that will be held in the place of the 2020 Red River potpourri. Ms. Politz reported a survey was sent to all past sponsors for input regarding their support with online webinars. CME and MOC Part 2 credit will be available for the online webinars and the webinars will be live for two months. Discussion was held and a decision was made to provide a total of twelve (12) presentations to include seven (7) medical topics and five (5) practice management topics. **Motion by John Vanchiere, MD, Ph.D and seconded by Ann Kay Logarbo, MD to develop (7) medical topics and five (5) practice management topics at twenty-five dollars (\$25) per CME hour for members.**

Nominating Committee Report – Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo reported the nominating committee meet via conference call to discuss the At Large member opening on the Louisiana AAP Executive Committee. The committee recommended Dr. Elizabeth Seiter from Baton Rouge for the At Large Member position. An announcement will be made to membership to announce Dr. Vicari's resignation as President. The slate would include Rachel Chatters, MD, President, Joseph Bocchini, Jr., MD, Vice President, Kimberly Mukerjee, MD, MPH, Secretary/Treasurer, Bridgett Foreman, MD, Early Career Physician, Ann Kay Logarbo, MD, At Large Member and Elizabeth Seiter **Motion by Roberta Vicari, MD and seconded by John Vanchiere, MD, Ph.D to approve the slate of officers. There were no objections and the motion carried.**

Legislature/ Advocacy / Policy

Stephen Wright with Seersucker Strategies thanked members for their advocacy engagements in regards to scope of practice legislature for nurse practitioners and physician assistants. The nurse practitioner bill has been removed from the agenda two weeks in a row and is dead for the session. The physician's assistant's bill has been amended down and no longer concerns physicians. Vaccine legislation included 5-6 anti-vaccination bills this session which were eliminated with the help from various partners. Legislative reports will continue to be provided to members.

Chapter Business:

Back to the office Campaign/ Press Release with LDH – Approval was received to put the LDH and MCO's logos on the Back to the Office campaign. Carolyn Vanchiere will create a landing page where updated information can be uploaded. Calls have been set up with each MOC's marketing department to develop a marketing and media plan to spread the message to get back to the office for wellness visits. Ms. Politz is working with LDH to develop a joint press release in the hopes of also spreading the Back to the Office message. Recognition for the Back to the Office campaign has been received from across the country and several groups have requested permission to use the campaign.

Meeting with Secretary Phillips with Healthcare Coalition Groups – Louisiana AAP, Louisiana State Medical Society, Louisiana Family Physicians and Medicine Louisiana have requested a meeting with Secretary Courtney Phillips to address prioritizing Louisiana physicians over out of state physicians in the Medicaid program particularly around telemedicine, physician enhancements and/or enhancements to support practices during the pandemic period, Medicaid fee schedule and rate increases, enhance accountability and contract compliance with managed care vendors, how to leverage quality committee and other internal groups to reinforce positive relationships between the department and physicians. Due to concerns from Louisiana AAP members and practice managers, a survey will be developed to inquire on the needs of private practice physicians. Once drafted, the Practice Economic Impact Survey will be sent to EC members for review. It was recommended to form a Practice Economic Committee to further provide assistance to private practice physicians.

Private Facebook Page- A private Facebook page has been set up for members. This forum will allow for peer to peer interaction.

Opportunities for Chapter Involvement:

Mask for children – The chapter is exploring an opportunity to provide face masks for children.

Other Business/ Announcements

ALF/District make up meeting – APP has made a decision to hold a virtual meeting August 16 & 17, 2020 as a make up for ALF that was cancelled in March and the District meetings that were cancelled through the summer. The virtual meeting will include essential business and side district meetings.

Chapter Chat – Ms. Politz reported thirty participants were on the first Chapter Chat on May, 6, 2020. The next Chapter Chat will be held on May 20, 2020 and Paul Vanchiere, MBA will be the guest speaker.

Old Business

Resident support – Ms. Politz thanked Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo for writing two hundred twenty-four (224) thank you notes to residents. After a slight setback, Uber Eats gift cards were ordered and will be distributed to residents in the near future.

The next Executive Committee conference call will be held Thursday, June 11, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.