

Executive Committee Conference Call

July 16, 2020
5:30 – 6:30 pm

MINUTES

Members present on the call: Drs. Rachel Chatters, Bridgett Foreman, Ann Kay Logarbo, Kimberly Mukerjee, and Elizabeth Seiter, MD.

Staff and others present on the call: Ashley Politz (Executive Director) and Taryn Daigle (Director of Education & Membership)

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm.

Minutes from June 11, 2020 – Minutes from the June 11, 2020 Executive Committee conference call were distributed to members prior to the meeting for review. No changes were suggested. **Motion by Ann Kay Logarbo, MD and seconded by Bridgett Foreman, MD to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2020. There were no objections and the motion carried.**

2020 Virtual Potpourri Update – Taryn Daigle, Director of Education and Membership, reported the CME application for the seven scientific webinars was submitted to AAP for review and approval. A meeting with Paul Vanchiere was held and all speaker materials have been sent to Paul so he can begin working on inputting the information into the online platform. Paul indicated most of the information will be on the platform at the beginning of August 2020. Emails have been sent to potential exhibitors with two companies committing to sponsorships and two companies awaiting approval.

Legislature/ Advocacy / Policy

Ashley Politz reported the special session has ended with an approved budget. Stephen Wright is currently working on a publication wrapping up the regular and special sessions that will be sent to members and posted on the LA AAP website. A petition to have the state emergency overturned has been produced by a group of Republicans. It was noted that there were 10 votes short of overturning the state of emergency. Attorney General, Jeff Landry, is not in support of the mask mandate and is trying to overturn the Governor's decision.

Finances

Chapter Financial Report FY19-20 Actual vs. Budgeted–Ashley Politz, Executive Director, provided members with the FY19-20 Actual vs. Budgeted report. The Potpourri line item was off budget due to income and expenses accounted for in the year it is received. Additional line items over budget included supplies due to NCE Reception and the gift for Dr. Vanchiere at Potpourri and the lobbying line item for Child Health Day 2019 and Child Health binders for 2020. Ms. Politz reported a credit for the ALF meeting paid in January will be credited in FY20-21. A FY202-21 budget was reviewed with a projected income of \$154,875.00 and projected expenses of \$186,035.67.

Chapter Business

Back to the office Campaign – Several organizations have reached out to share the Back to the Office Campaign materials and LA AAP continues sending out the. AmeriHealth Caritas would like to include the Back to the Office message in there "Healthy Minute" recording. A Baton Rouge physician will need to be identified to record the segments for their recording.

Practice Economic Impact Survey – Laura Thornton will provide a summary of the survey which will be distributed to members.

Financial Wellbeing Committee – Dr. Rachel Chatters reported the committee met to discuss the financial needs of private practice physicians. A letter was sent to LDH requesting shared savings provider distribution which would direct Healthy Louisiana plans to distribute savings to providers which should be calculated by a 2019 reimbursement average accounting for HEDIS measures, to consider the elimination of Medicaid incentive payment floors and the importance of long term planning, communication and partnership between LDH and the Louisiana Chapter of AAP.

Membership

Communication and Member Count – Ms. Daigle reported as of July 16, 2020 the Louisiana Chapter had a total of 693 members with 442 voting members and 251 non-voting members. In June 2020, 80 members renewed, 28 new members joined and 82 members let their membership lapse or expire.

AAP Campaign – An email campaign was sent to those that are national members but not chapter members on June 15, 2020 and a second email was sent on June 22, 2020.

Market Share Chart – AAP provided Chapters with the average market share chart. The chart indicates the percentage of national members that are also chapter members. The average percentage of national members that are also chapter member's in May 2020 was 74.1% and in June 202 was 74.7% for a .56% increase.

Discussion Items

Return to School – AAP published a joint statement with the National Education Association (NEA) and the School Superintendents Association (AASA) on the safe return to school for students, teachers and staff. In Louisiana, several organizations presented the Strong Start 2020 School Reopening Guidelines and Recourses to the Education Committee. A bill signed in special session which became ACT 9 would require BESE to implement minimum standards as advised from the CDC for the reopening of schools. ACT 9 “Provides relative to limitations of liability for public and private school districts and postsecondary institutions during a declared state of emergency or a public health emergency.” Committee members discussed thoughts on back to school, if the current LA AAP statement on school reopening should stand or if the Chapter should include additional information in the current statement. After committee discussion, it was decided Ms. Politz update the LA AAP current statement and send to members for feedback.

Old Business

Masks for Children- Two hundred masks have been received for the grant from the Family Youth and Engagement Network grant through the AAP. A call with AAP will be held with all grant recipients at the end of the month to discuss educational materials and distribution of masks.

The next Executive Committee conference call will be held Thursday, August 13, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.