

Executive Committee Conference Call
November 19, 2020
5:30 – 6:30 pm

MINUTES

Members present on the call: Dr.'s Joseph Bocchini, Jr, Rachel Chatters, Bridgett Foreman, Ann Kay Logarbo, Kimberly Mukerjee, Elizabeth Seiter and John Vanchiere

Staff and others present on the call: Ashley Politz (Executive Director), Taryn Daigle (Director of Education & Membership), Daniel Bronfin MD (Master Pediatrician Chair), and Stephen Wright (Seersucker Strategies)

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Minutes from 9-10-20 – Approved via email in October 2020. There were not minutes from the call scheduled on October 8, 2020 as all business was conducted through emails.

Awards

Chapter Awards – Provided in the supporting documents. Award recipients and nominators will be contacted for an interview. Each award recipient will be highlighted in the Chapter newsletter and through social media.

Master Pediatricians Award - Dr. Bronfin provided members with a history of the Master Pediatrician awards. Nominations were provided in the supporting documents and members voted via Zoom on two recipients for the Master Pediatrician award. The vote tally indicated Mike Crapazano MD from Our Lady of the Lake and Scott Davis MD from Tulane Children's Hospital as the 2020 Master Pediatrician recipients.

Healthcare Advocate Award – Stephen Wright provided committee members with a description of the Healthcare Advocate Award. **Motion by John Vanchiere, MD, PhD and seconded by Rachel Chatters, MD to instill the Healthcare Advocate Award and present the award to Representative Bagley. Motion carried.**

Education

2020 Virtual Potpourri Update – Attendance and financials were provided in the supporting documents. No further discussion was held.

2021 Potpourri planning – The Education Committee has been organized with Dr. Ann Kay Logarbo taking over for Dr. Michael Judice as Education Chair. Dr. Judice notified LA AAP staff that he has decided to step down as the Education Chair. An Education Committee meeting will be set for the first week in December to begin planning the 2021 Red River Potpourri.

Application for CME Accreditation – Ms. Daigle reported the binders for CME accreditation are complete. The binders will be sent to LSMS for review and approval. Once a decision has been made by LSMS, LA AAP staff will inform the Executive and Education Committees.

Legislature/ Advocacy / Policy

Looking towards 2021- Stephen Wright reported that a January special session but may be dependent on a federal stimulus and 2021 will be a fiscal only session. Hot topics included aggressive scope of practice from nurses, pharmacists and other allied health, vaccines, telemedicine. Partnering with the LSMS to focus on medical school matters campaign.

Payment for developmental/ autism screening and maternal depression screening - Payment for services are anticipated to begin in January. A conference call has been set for December with Dr. Dumas and Dr Bachhuber to discuss implementation.

School vaccine/ ACIP alignment rules change update – The Chapter is working with LDH to draft a notice of intent to align school vaccines with ACIP recommendations.

Finances:

Chapter, Foundation and PediaPAC financials for October 2020 were provided in the supporting documents. No further discussion was held.

Membership

Membership statistics, AAP market share and dues comparison reports were provided in the supporting documents. Ashley Politz, reported the membership installment plan was implemented by AAP in September. As of today, no Louisiana members have signed up for installment plan option. Ms. Politz reported AAP will be auditing Chapter communications to help Chapters succeed in recruiting and retention of members.

Chapter Business

Back to the Office Campaign, pt. 2. – Templates were created for communication with families and social media posts. All templates are located on the Chapter website at www.laaap.org/bto.

Louisiana Chapter Report to the membership- Staff is in the process of finalizing the Chapter report that will replace the annual business meeting at the Potpourri. The final report will be sent out to Louisiana Chapter members.

Transition of Chapter to Foundation – Ms. Politz met with an attorney who specialized in non-profit law to discuss the process of transferring the operations of the Louisiana Chapter which is a 501 (c) 6 to the Louisiana AAP Foundation which is a 501 (c) 3 as previously voted upon by the Executive Committee. **Motion by Ann Kay Logarbo, MD and seconded by Elizabeth Seiter, MD to change the name from Louisiana AAP Foundation to Louisiana AAP. There was no objection and the motion carried.**

Mrs. Politz discussed initial thoughts on the transition of funds. Executive Committee members suggested convening the Chapter Financial Committee to work through the transition and suggest a plan. Mrs. Politz will reach out to the committee members to arrange an initial meeting.

AAP annual reports – The Chapter has two reports due to the Academy annually- the Chapter Profile report which budgetary items and grants and the Annual Report which details the work, projects and advocacy of each chapter. An extension for the deadline to submit reports was requested and received by AAP.

Grant Updates- An update on all grants was provided in the supporting documents. No further discussion was held.

Other Business/ Announcements/ Open Discussion

Dr. Bocchini provided an update on the COVID vaccination. A public awareness campaign geared toward the COVID vaccine will begin in December. Once the vaccine is approved by the FDA, shipments will be sent immediately. Louisiana qualifies for 1.46% of production which is expected to be between 45,000 and 100,000 on the first shipment which should be sent out in December.

Next call: January 14, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.