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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATES

Minutes from Board of Advisors meeting with the Board of Directors.

April 19, 1972

Members Present:

Joseph Hamburg, M.D.
D. Robert Howard, M.D.
Nathan Hershey, L.L.B.

Members Absent:


Eugene Stead, Jr., M.D.
J. Minott Stickney, M.D.
James Cain, M.D.
Amos Johnson, M.D.

SUMMARY

1. Other national organizations aimed at recruiting physicians assistants and in competition with the A.A.P.A. were discussed. The National Association of Physicians Assistants (NAPA) is in essence sponsored by the AFL/CIO and at the present time recruits only Marine physician's assistant who were formerly called Purser Pharmacist Mates. The American Association of Physicians Assistants out of New York, New York will apparently accept anyone and whose probably main objectives are economic. Unfortunately this organization is incorporated in the state of New York and will prohibit registering our organization in that state. Another organization recently formed is the Midwest Association of Physician Assistants out of Cincinnati, Ohio. This association is "open" but other details are unknown. It was the general consensus that we should not take an open stand against these organizations but when and where possible we should restrain other groups from starting similar organizations. It was thought that the A.M.A. would not look upon some of these groups with enthusiasm and that hopefully your academy will be recognized by the A.M.A. as the formal organization for Physician Associates.
2. Once again the point as to whether the Academy should be exclusive or more inclusive was debated. Mr. Hershey pointed out that this question can be answered simply by outlining our objectives. It was felt that though our initial aims were primarily at promoting the physician's assistant concept, that our major objectives now are to provide benefits to the membership such as continuing education, the Journal, insurance policies, employment opportunities, and etc. Several members of the

board thought that the MEDEX graduates should be admitted to the Academy. Dr. Hamburg suggested that we stay away from nursing groups and other board members concurred.

3. It was recommended that the board of advisors be extended and that we recruit physicians with "political" influence to join our advisory board from the major groups which included the American Academy of Surgery, the American Academy of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Practice, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the OB/Gyn group.
4. It was suggested that the Academy promote the fact that our membership is not just limited to Duke graduates, but that we accept registered physician's associates who would then be graduates of "approved" physician's associate programs or assistants though they may be informally trained who have passed the registry exam.
5. It was also suggested that we promote our relationships with other allied health professions with the separate but equal doctrine.
6. It was agreed by all board of advisor members that a high priority should be given to registering our association/corporation in as many states as possible.
7. Another high priority item was that the Academy should work hard at achieving the appropriate tax exempt status so that one could apply for and receive grants and monies in support of projects and studies which could easily be taken in support of continuing educations, etc.
8. The final item which was agreed upon was that ideally the board of advisors and the board of directors of the Academy should meet at least twice and preferably four times per year.



Respectfully submitted by: Thomas R. Godkins, Chairman
Extramural Relations Committee

cc: All board members and officers A.A.P.A.