

ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAMS

Minutes - Annual Meeting

April 13, 1973

The Annual meeting of the Association of Physician Assistant Programs was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by President Alfred M. Sadler, Jr., M.D. The meeting was held in the Ramada Inn in Wichita Falls, Texas. Present were *Reginald Carter (Duke U.), Larry Kerr, Neil Hanzlich, *Robert Brutsche (Bureau of Prisons), *Dan Fox (Indiana U.), David Glaser, *Robert Jewett (Emory U.), *C. Emil Fasser (Baylor College), *Warren Dodge and Robert Bosshart (Univ. of Texas at Galveston), *Deborah Cestnik (Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham), *Garth Brish (Alderson Broaddus College), *Suzanne Greenberg (Northeastern U.), *Alfred Sadler (Yale U.), and *Thomas Piemme (G. Washington U.).

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed and approved as presented. The Treasurer's reports for the Association and Registry were approved as read. Balance on hand in the Association is \$1824.00. Balance on hand in the Registry is \$853.37.

The next order of business was the discussion of approval of programs applying for admission to the Association. Dr. Sadler presented 5 programs for approval (Iowa SUNY at Stony Brook, University of Southwest Texas at Dallas, Santa Fe Community College, and Albany - Hudson Valley), 2 programs for approval pending evidence of an affiliation with an academic health center (Mercy College and Wichita State) and 4 programs pending completion of the application procedures (Mississippi, The Health Associate Program at Johns Hopkins, MEDEX-New England and U. S. Army Program at Fort Sam Houston).

*indicates voting representative

After a short discussion which identified that programs must show an affiliation with an academic health center, all programs were approved as presented. The meeting was then temporarily adjourned at 9:05 in order to invite the newly elected programs to be present for the remainder of the meeting and to invite interested observers to be present.

The meeting was called to order again at 9:20 A.M. with the following additional persons in attendance: R. A. Henry (Univ. of Florida), Dave Lewis (Santa Fe Community College), J. Mascelli (Albany-Hudson Valley Program), Steve Allen and Steven Turnipseed (SUNY StonyBrook), E. Clinton Texter, Jr., M. D. (University of Arkansas Medical Center, Little Rock), Drew Travers (a graduate of MEDEX-New England, Dartmouth), Harriet Gales (Mercy College of Detroit), Paul Moson (Pres. Elect AAPA), Tim Fleming, M.D. (Indian Health Service, Gallup, N.M.), Chip Cipriano (MEDEX Comm. Center, Seattle, Wash.), John C. Delahunt (Health Science Center, Dallas, Texas), Donald W. Fisher, Ph.D. and Jerry Hymel (PAP, Univ. of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Miss.), Clinton W. Trott, M. D. (Kettering College of Medical Arts), Valgene Valgora (Wichita State Univ.), Jody Stark and Paul Varona (Touro College), David Wagner (St. Louis Univ.), Thomas Aschenbrener (PAP, Univ. of Iowa), John A. Braun (OSP, BHME, NIH), John Manire (Medical Center for Fed. Prisoners, Springfield, Mo.), W. Lee Lashbrook and Joan Ruebusch (Cincinnati Tech. College, Cincinnati, Ohio), Louis E. Heideman (Wayne State Univ. School of Medicine), Thomas Birk (Fort Sam Houston), and Mike McCally (George Washington University).

Dr. Sadler welcomed the new members, those present introduced themselves and Dr. Sadler briefly outlined the agenda for the remainder of the meeting.

He began by reviewing the activities of the past year. He identified 4 areas of activities related to working with other agencies: (1) representation of educators of PAs and PA graduates on site visit teams conducted by the American Medical Association (AMA). Dr. Sadler reported that this now occurs, (2) representatives of the above on the Joint Review Committee of the AMA. This is going to be considered in June by the Joint Review Committee, (3) clarification of the role of graduate PAs in hospitals as outlined in Dr. Sadler's letter of October 6th to Malcolm Todd, (4) representation of educators of PAs on the AMA AD HOC Advisory Committee on PAs also outlined in Dr. Sadler's letter of October 6th to Malcolm Todd.

Dr. Dodge then pointed out that while the past activities of the Association had probably been necessary to establish the role of PAs and PA educators' participation in the evaluation of programs, he held that in the future we should desist from such activities and be less political. He further explained that in his state (Texas) it was necessary for him to work with members of the AMA and he felt that it was important that the Association go slowly with the AMA, i.e., that the points had been clearly made and that the Association should allow time for change. Dr. Piemme pointed out that this was the time to make the Association's views clear since soon the credentialing process would be set in a form where it could not be easily changed. Since the AMA wants to be identified as the accrediting organization by the Office of Education and will probably come in with a proposal to that effect in the summer, it is necessary to point out that the AMA process does not fulfill the OE's requirement that the accrediting process represents "all relevant interests" since the educators and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) are not presently represented in the process.

After further discussion of the direction of future activities of the Association in this area, Dr. Jewett proposed the following resolution:

"Resolved that the APAP continue its efforts to develop input into accreditation mechanics and other such matters that may effect PA education and utilization by continuing diplomatic negotiations with the AMA and other groups such as the Liasion Committee on Medical Education. Furthermore that the APAP encourage its members to expand and to increase their efforts in education regarding the role of PAs in health care delivery within the local, county, and statewide medical groups". It was unanimously voted to approve this resolution.

Dr. Sadler moved on to the need for By-law changes. Since there are many needed, he suggested that a By-laws committee be appointed. However, he felt that one proposed By-law represented a new change in policy and required discussion at the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Dr. Piemme who proposed a By-law change which would allow for individual membership in the Association by faculty and staff of programs and other related individuals approved by the Association. This was proposed in an effort to expand membership and also increase income. While there was no opposition to the concept, there was much discussion as to the exact wording of the By-law change particularly around who is eligible to vote and whether a program representative must be an individual member also. It was decided that the dues would be increased to \$125 per program to allow for increased income but not require the program representative to be an individual member also. The exact wording and the issue of voting was referred to a By-law Committee composed of Lt. Col. Mullican (Chairman), David Lewis and Archie Golden. All suggestions for By-law changes should be sent to Lt. Col. Mullican at USAF School of Health Care Sciences/MSDM, Physician Assistant Program, Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas 76311.

Dr. Piemme then described the offer of the AAMC to have the Association meet in conjunction with them at their fall meeting in November of 1973. Their meeting is scheduled for November 4 - 8 at the Washington Hilton.

It is possible to hold a scientific meeting on either Sunday or Wednesday afternoon. Wednesday was preferred, and Dr. Piemme will take back this suggestion to the AAMC and he will then contact Association member programs within 3 weeks. At that time, he will send out forms for abstracts to be submitted to a program evaluation committee which he will chair. Other members of the committee are David Glaser from Emory and Donald Bosshart from Galveston. Dr. Piemme pointed out that this is an excellent step forward since the AAMC had decided not to participate in the accreditation process originally but now appears interested in supporting the PA movement in various ways.

The next order of business was discussion of the location of the next annual meeting. Mr. Fox from the Indiana program proposed to host the program in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Since several people were interested in hosting the meeting, a committee chaired by Bill Stanhope was appointed to meet shortly and decide on the locations for the next 3 years. Other members of the committee are Val Valgora (Wichita State) and Dan Fox (Indiana). They will work with Paul Moson, incoming President of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, since the Academy holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the Association and co-sponsors the program.

The report of this committee will be referred to the Executive Committee which will make a decision on next year's location as soon as possible.

Dr. Mullican reported on the cost of the conference. To date, income has totalled about \$11,000. Preprogram costs were \$600. The banquet cost \$2,300 and estimated travel expenses are \$6,250 for a total of \$9,150. There will also be additional bills not yet submitted. There were 295 registrants.

An additional cost will be the editing of the proceedings of the conference. There is a possibility that they might be able to be printed in an

extra edition of the PA journal. Dr. Mullican is having a final list of attendees duplicated. It will be mailed to the programs.

Kenneth R. Smith, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Wisconsin, presented a summary of his study which attempts to assess health manpower utilization in ambulatory medical settings. Dr. Smith offered to help inform people further about what he has done. Following his associate's presentation, Dr. Sadler appointed an evaluation committee to do two things (1) suggest evaluation efforts which the Association might undertake and (2) assess requests of outsiders to do research using data available from Association participants. The committee chaired by Sue Greenberg (Northeastern) includes David Glazer (Emory), Donald Bosshart (Galveston), Archie Golden (Hopkins), Mike McCalley (George Washington), Carl Fasser (Baylor), Reggie Carter (Duke), and Don Fisher (Mississippi).

Dr. Sadler then presented the report of the nominating committee:

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| President-elect | - Charles Mullican |
| Vice-president | - Robert Jewett |
| Secretary | - Suzanne Greenberg |

There were no further nominations. Each name was placed in nomination separately, seconded and elected unanimously.

Following a lunch break, Mr. Cipriano of the MEDEX Communication Center discussed his program which is a center geared to find employment for physician assistants. He explained that the MEDEX name does not only mean MEDEX placement. He went on to say that he has resources on applicants which show their clinical background, education, personal data, etc.

With regard to employment, Mr. Lewis said they were presently surveying the physicians in Florida for job openings. The results of his study will be ready in July.

Mrs. Greenberg reported on the status of the Registry. It was agreed that it would continue to be a holding operation until such time as it is

clearer as to who or what organization will register graduate PAs nationally. It was pointed out by Mr. Lewis that the name could not be changed from "associate" to "assistant" because of legalities regarding the name encountered when the Registry was originally incorporated in North Carolina.

Dr. Piemme then summarized a proposal for a joint executive office with the American Academy of Physician Assistants to be located in Washington, D.C. He said that the grant which he hoped to submit to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation would run for a period of 3 years and cost about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a million dollars.

One of the members asked about the feasibility of a joint office with the Academy and the relationship of the Association and the Academy. Mr. Moson, President-elect of the Academy, explained the history of the Academy and that it can now accept specialty physician assistants as well as primary care PAs. The Academy now has a membership of 600 graduate and student members.

Dr. Piemme clarified the plan for a joint office, pointing out that the organizations would still be separate entities but since their work was so closely related, it made sound program and financial sense to share an executive office until each organization could afford their own.

There was a unanimous vote to submit the grant to other Foundations if it were not accepted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Mr. Lewis then moved that the Association of Physician Assistant Programs go on record as recognizing the American Academy of Physician Assistants as the appropriate organization to represent physician assistants in the United States.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Dr. Sadler then opened the meeting for new business.

Dr. Trott commented that he was pleased to be invited to the meeting, even though he was not a member. Dr. Mascelli suggested that the Association

develop some sort of prescreening mechanism to save applicants and programs the cost of travelling across the country for interviews.

Dr. Birk offered to share his program's data on selection.

There was also some discussion about a national plan for selection similar to the matching plan for internships, but this was considered premature.

Mr. Lewis reminded the group that it had agreed to set April 15, 1974 as the final date by which to notify applicants of their acceptance or rejection by programs. Programs may notify applicants earlier.

A committee to study selection criteria for applicants to PA Program was appointed to be chaired by Mr. Stanhope and to consist of D. Fisher, C. Fasser, D. Lewis, H. Gales and S. Greenberg.

Dr. Sadler thanked the Association and its officers for their help during the year and adjourned the meeting at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne B Greenberg
Suzanne B. Greenberg (Mrs.)
Secretary-Treasurer

Following the close of the meeting, Dr. Sadler reappointed the program application review committee consisting of S. Greenberg, A. Sadler and B. Stanhope to serve for another year.

At the conclusion of the Annual meeting, the Executive Committee met and appointed a sixth member to its group. Mr. William Stanhope will serve as the liaison with the Academy. It was agreed that the Committee would meet in September.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Dr. Tommy Thompson, Dr. Suydam Osterhout, Dr. Phillip McHale,
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FROM: Dr. Reginald D. Carter *rdc*

At the last annual meeting of the Association of Physician Assistant Programs held on April 13, 1973, the By-laws were changed to allow for individual membership in the Association by faculty and staff of programs and other related individuals approved by the Association. My personal understanding is that this membership allows one to attend the annual meetings and bring motions from the floor. Also, I think this membership includes a yearly subscription to the P.A. Journal.

Please find attached an application form for individual membership in the Association in the event that you wish to join.

RDC:tc

Attachment

xc: John J. McQueary
Dr. E. Harvey Estes, Jr.

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April 30, 1973

Dear Program Member,

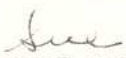
Enclosed are copies of the minutes of the Annual Meeting, a list of approved members and applications for individual membership.

If there are any errors, in either the minutes or the list, please let me know.

You may be interested to know that the evaluation committee is meeting the first week in June. If you have any suggestions for projects to be undertaken or developed by the Association, please contact me before June 1st.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,


Suzanne B. Greenberg (Mrs.)
Secretary-Treasurer

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