

Minutes    The Association of Physician Assistant Programs

A meeting of the Association of Physician Assistant Programs was held at the Cloyd Heck Marvin Student Center, of George Washington University, Washington, D. C., on November 10, 1972. Dr. Alfred Sadler, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Official program representatives present included Fred Sadler, Sue Greenberg, Hu Myers, Lee Powers, A. Roger Lamb, Carl Fasser, Bill Stanhope, Bob Jewett, Warren Dodge, Margaret Kirklin, John McQueary, Larry Kerr and Chuck Mullican. Special guests included Karen Hansen (HEW), Karen Lechter (HEW), Jim Beecraft (HEW), Thompson Bowles, M.D. (AAMC), and Robert Kalinowski, M.D. (AAMC). Additional persons present for part or all of the meeting were Paul Moson, Tom Godkins, Jeff Heinrich representing the AAPA, Kay Andreoli, Dave Lewis now at Gainesville, Reggie Carter soon to be Associate Director at Duke, Alice Lightdale, Administrative Assistant at North-eastern University, Jarret Wise and Tom Pienne of George Washington University.

Dr. Sadler began the meeting with a brief summary of the history and the purposes of the Association. He emphasized the importance of including all types of programs in the Association in order to represent the field broadly and "the need for liaisons with other organizations in order to enhance the physician assistant concept". Dr. Sadler and Dr. Pienne, representing the AAPA, met with representatives of the AAMC which coordinates medical education in the United States, in order to bring them up-to-date on the aims of the Association. As a result of this meeting it was suggested that the Association and the Academy hold their semi-annual meeting at a time and place that coincides with the AAMC meeting.

The role of the AMA in accrediting Physician Assistant Programs was discussed at length. The membership expressed concern that the AMA has assumed a major role in determining the future of Physician Assistant Programs and the utilization of Physician Assistant graduates without input from Physician Assistant program personnel or Physician Assistant graduates. Dr. Sadler reported that he has written to Dr. Malcom Todd, of the AMA, requesting that Physician Assistant program personnel and graduate Physician Assistants be included on AMA Advisory Committees on Physician Assistants. The reply he received from Mac Dettmer suggested he get a slate of names from the Association to participate in site visits and he requested that each member program submit a list of names to go to the AMA Joint Review Committee. Dr. Sadler has been invited to be an observer at the AMA Committee on Physician Assistants on Wednesday, November 15. As of November 10, no other Physician Assistant representative has been invited.

It was the sense of the meeting to bring pressure to bear to have Physician Assistant representation on all AMA Committees which make policy affecting Physician Assistants. Dr. Sadler agreed to write to the Office of Education, suggesting a liaison committee of representatives of the AMA, AHA, AAMC and APAP's be on Physician Assistant program accrediting bodies.

After lunch recess, the membership reassembled to hear the Treasurer's report and review the proposed by-laws of the Association. The Treasurer's report given by Sue Greenberg indicated that nine programs had paid their membership fee of \$100 each and two programs had submitted \$100 application fees. Expenses were \$33.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$1067. The report was accepted as read.

The by-laws were discussed page by page, with suggestions made, voted on and finally approved. Major issues discussed are referred to below.

It was decided to keep the present Association application form and procedure without introduction of site-visits. Members expressed reservations about specifically naming the American Academy of Physician's Associates in Article II, (7). The discussion seemed to center upon the views that if the Academy is not specifically mentioned, it will somehow suffer, however, mention of the Academy in the by-laws might exclude other representative organizations. It was agreed to keep the Academy's name in (7) and add "and/or such other organizations that this Association may wish to recognize."

Dr. Sadler suggested that instead of a Board of Directors we establish an Executive Committee directly responsible to the membership. It would consist of the President, Past-President, President-Elect, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer elected by the membership. Each officer may serve for a term of one year, however, the Secretary-Treasurer may be re-elected to serve for a total of three years. The power to appoint committees to carry out the work of the Association would rest on the Executive Committee. The duties of the Executive Committee and the Committees to be appointed by the Executive Committee are specified in the by-laws.

Dr. Mullican discussed the 5th Annual Congress to be held in Wichita Falls, Texas the week of April 9, 1973. The members voted to appropriate \$350 in seed money for the Congress requested by Dr. Mullican which would later be returned to the Association. The annual meeting of the Association will be scheduled during that week. Dr. Mullican proposed a format for these meetings. The format and other details of the Congress will be discussed further by the officers and responses will be sent to Dr. Mullican by December 1.

The following officers were elected to complete the five member Executive Committee: President-Elect - Tom Piemme, Vice-President - Chuck Mullican, and member of the Executive Committee (in the absence of a Past-President) - Bill Stanhope. Election of Officers to serve for the year 1973-74 will be held in April 1973.

Two new program applications were approved for Association membership. The Physician Assistant Program of George Washington University and the Indiana University Physician Assistant Program, bringing the number of program members up to 16. The application submitted by Mercy College of Detroit was received too late to be reviewed at the meeting. Dr. Sadler will appoint a committee to evaluate this program and report its findings to the membership at the annual meeting. During the discussions of program applications, Bill Stanhope proposed that the New England Journal list be used as a core library list to insure that programs contain adequate library resources. This proposal was approved by the membership.

As a result of Drs. Piemme and Sadler's discussions with the AAMC, it was proposed and agreed that the Association should have an Advisory Committee to act as a resource for the Association and a means of communication to their respective organizations. Dr. Piemme suggested the Association contact a resource person in each organization and ask that person to submit two or three names from whom the Association shall choose a representative. The following will be contacted:

AMA - Bill Ruhe, Nick Griffin  
AAMC - Dr. Cooper  
AHA - ask Mac Detmer  
NLN - Ann Kibrick  
ANA -  
National Board of Medical Examiners - Dr. Hubbard  
Federation of State Boards of Registration - Ray Casterline  
VA - Laurence Foye  
Office of Education - John Proffit  
DOD - check with Chuck Mullican  
Bureau of Health Manpower - John Braun  
AAPA - Tom Godkins  
Schools of Allied Health Professions - Ray Beard

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Sadler at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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