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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS NEWSLETTER

March - April, 1974

Minutes of the Board Meeting
March 27, 1974
Monteleone Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana

Members present: Steve Turnipseed
John McElligott
Paul Toth
James Konopa
Paul Moson
William Stanhope
C. Emil Fasser
Jarrett Wise
Alan Sams
Sally Laughlin
Clara Vanderbilt
Ronald Peterson

Advisors: Frederic Schoen, M.D.
John Ott, M.D.
Don Detmer, M.D.
Richard Rosen, M.D.
Thomas Pienne, M.D.
D. Robert Howard, M.D.

Guests: John Braun, Past President
Thomas Godkins, Past President
Thomas Aschenbrenner, Consultant
on post-graduate education

Executive Director: Don Fisher

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. with President Moson in the chair. Mr. Moson began with a discussion on generic accreditation. The Secretary read the letter from the Joint Review Committee which recognized the Academy as a collaborating organization. It was requested by the Joint Review Committee that the Academy make appointments for three Academy members to serve on the Committee. Much discussion ensued about appointments to the Joint Review Committee. The Advisors strongly recommended continuity of service. Mr. Moson appointed Mr. Stanhope to a one-year term, Mr. Turnipseed to a two-year term, and Mrs. Spears to a three-year term. The motion was passed, ten to three.

The minutes for the November and January Board Meetings were read. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed that the minutes be approved.

The next item of business was the revised bylaws which have been worked on by Dr. Fisher, the Academy's attorney, Mr. Paturis, James Konopa, and Jarrett Wise. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed that the typographical error regarding members voting would be changed to read "a majority of those members voting." It was pointed out by Dr. Fisher that his letter was mailed so that the membership would be in receipt of the bylaw changes thirty days prior to the annual meeting of the Academy. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to present the new bylaws to the Academy's general membership at the Annual Meeting on Friday, March 29.

The next item was the dialectic letter which was read and discussed by the Advisors. The consensus of the Advisors' opinion was that the letter did not deserve a response and it was the consensus of the Board that no response would be forthcoming from the Academy.

Another item of business was the continuing discussion regarding the National Board Examination and the questions were specifically raised as to what posture the Academy's Board of Directors should assume. It was decided to establish a two-man committee to filter complaints and provide constructive suggestions to Dr. Andrew at the National Board. This committee of two will work in tandem with a similar committee recently appointed by the President-elect of the Association of P.A. Programs. Mr. Barry Cassidy and Mr. Thomas Godkins were unanimously approved as members for that committee. Mr. Paul Toth briefly presented the benefits package which was to be presented to the membership on Friday, March 29. Mr. Toth also reported on the continuing medical education committee and reported that several members have completed the continuing medical education requirements. Mr. Steve Turnipseed presented the minority affairs committee and made recommendations that this committee work in recruiting minority physician interest and education. Mr. Thomas Aschenbrenner then discussed his ideas about continuing education for the Academy and stated a willingness to assist the C.M.E. committee to whatever extent possible.

Dr. Don Detmer, editor of the P.A. Journal, briefly discussed the Journal and its continuing problems. He pointed out that the National Medical Library will hopefully be indexing the Journal in the immediate future and that he is also moving forward with the contract for the Xerox Microfilm, Inc.

Mr. John McElligott, president of the student chapters, presented his activities and received commendations from the Board of Directors.

Mr. Stanhope read a letter of invitation from the American Medical Association Council on Medical Education which requested Academy participation in that organization. It was the consensus that this would be deferred until the new Board took office.

Dr. Howard recommended that a table of organization be developed for the Academy with the Committees, Committee Chairmen, and lines of authority clearly outlined. It was the consensus of the Board and that this be done by the incoming president and his new Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William D. Stanhope
Secretary Emeritus
American Academy of Physicians' Assistants

Rumors continue to ricochet around about Journal problems, i.e., some claim not to have received any Journals while others have received duplicates. If you are in either of these categories or have other problems with the Journal, please return this sheet to:

William D. Stanhope
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FROM YOUR NEW SECRETARY -

Second National Conference

The Second National Conference on New Health Practitioners was held at the Monteleone Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana this year, and it was a much larger success than anticipated, with 575 people attending. The Conference Committee hopes everyone had a great time in the French Quarter and enjoyed the conference.

A belated note of thanks goes to Ron Peterson, Chairman of this year's National Conference Committee, and to Roger Whittaker, Chairman of the Scientific and Technical Exhibits, for their fine work in New Orleans. Other conference members due credit are Paul Toth, Bill Stanhope, and the secretaries from the Oklahoma and Baylor Physician's Assistant Programs, Ms. Carolyn Stapp, Ms. Susan Wood, and Ms. Rachel Sukiennik.

The Conference Planning Committee has received only 15 survey forms from registrants who attended in New Orleans. We would appreciate your constructive criticisms as soon as possible to help us plan for next year's conference being held in St. Louis, Missouri, April 7 - 9, 1975.

The Academy hopes you will make plans to attend the Third National Conference.

At its most recent meeting your new Board of Directors approved the following committees and members to ensure as smooth and rapid a transition as possible. The final composition of these committee is not complete. I would encourage you to contact me concerning your willingness to participate as a member on any or all committees.

A. Finance Committee

1. C. Emil Fasser - Chairman
2. Donald Fisher
3. Jeffrey Heinrich

B. Judicial Affairs Committee

1. Barry Cassidy - Chairman
2. James Konopa
3. Alan Sams
4. William Hughes - Student

C. Conference Planning Committee

1. James Bartow - Chairman
2. Ronald Peterson
3. Sally Laughlin
4. Paul Toth
5. Roger Whittaker
6. William Stanhope
7. Don Price
8. Jay Greiner - Student
9. Jennifer Ashley - Student

D. Membership Committee

1. Jeffrey Heinrich - Chairman
2. James Bartow
3. Alan Sams
4. Robert Branc - Student
5. Brian Dean - Student

E. Public Relations Committee

1. Eugene Davis - Chairman
2. Kevin Sorem
3. James Bartow
4. Len Yerby - Student

F. Continuing Education Committee

1. Paul Toth - Chairman
2. Patricia McNabb
3. Thomas Aschenbrenner
4. Kevin Sorem
5. Michael Davis - Student
6. Jocaquin Santos - Student

G. Liason Committee

1. Thomas Godkins - Chairman
2. Paul Moson
3. C. Emil Fasser
4. Donald Fisher
5. George McCullough
6. Robert Branc - Student
7. Karl Katterjohn - Student

H. Minority Affairs Committee

1. Steve Turnipseed - Chairman
2. Jose Fernandez - Student

I. Student Affairs Committee (Student)

1. Phillip Strauss - Chairman
2. Barry Cassidy
3. Jeffrey Heinrich
4. Jerry Underhill - Student
5. Robert Branc - Student

J. Research Review Committee

1. C. Emil Fasser - Chairman
2. Richard Scheffler, Ph.D.
3. Michael McCally, M.D.
4. Leonard Heller, Ed.D.
5. Donald Fisher, Ph.D.

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Items

It has been brought to my attention that in the new Academy Brochure under the topic "Fees" it is implied that there is an initial application fee of \$5.00 for students, in addition to the \$20.00 per annum. Please note the \$20.00 per annum fee includes the \$5.00 application fee, therefore, the cost is \$20.00 total, not \$25.00

The Medex Communications Center formerly located in Seattle, WA, directed by C.V. Cipriano, has discontinued operations due to lack of funding. The Academy's National Office will be providing a National Employment Listing Service for all Academy Members. Details will be announced. (Would the party who removed the Employment Available Notices at the Second National Conference please send me a copy for our files and future publications?) If any member has knowledge of a physician seeking to employ a physician's assistant, please forward the necessary information to my office and the Academy will advertise it.

The Yale University School of Medicine will host a regional seminar entitled "Life Saving Measures for the Critically Injured Patient" sponsored by the Committee on Trauma, American College of Surgeons. The proceedings are to be held from Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 21. The registration fee is \$125.00. This seminar has been approved for 25 hours of Continuing Education Credit for Academy members. To apply, contact Tom Krizck, M.D., Department of Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine, 333 Cedar Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

There are currently 503 Fellow Memberships, and 724 student members in the Academy.

Have you considered seeking employment with the Federal Government in the areas of the Veterans Administration Hospital, the Public Health Service, or the Indian Health Service? If you have encountered any problems we would like to hear from you. Please write the President of the Academy.

As your new secretary, I would like to improve communication among the membership by providing a small portion of the quarterly newsletter to you, the members, to voice your opinion concerning topics affecting the Academy or the membership. Depending upon your responses only the most pertinent and relevant comments to the membership will be published. Statements should be limited to 30 words or less and mailed to the Secretary. Questions or answers that are stimulated by your statements shall be referred to the author.

The membership's participation in this year's election of the Board of Directors should be commended. There were 16 candidates for the three open Board Seats and a total of 12 Candidates for the Officer Seats.

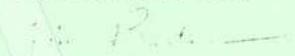
Those Academy members who attended the Second National Conference on New Health Practitioners and participated in the Continuing Education lecture entitled "Ischemic Heart Disease," presented by Dr. Robert Luchi, M.D., please notify Mr. Paul Toth, P.A., Department of Surgery, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C. 27706, for proper credit.

The Office of Secretary presents many challenges, old and new. As your new secretary, my first steps will be to distribute a punctual and comprehensive Newsletter to each member, and improve and maintain effective communications with the public. Additional duties will also be carried out promptly and effectively.

Many members have expressed their concern over not having received the appropriate membership cards, dues notices, etc. These problems will be resolved with the help of the new National Office by spring. Furthermore, having immediate access to the President, the functions of my office can be greatly expedited while providing you a service and saving the Academy money.

I encourage you to write or call anytime concerning problems affecting the Academy. We need your support and participation. To be heard you must speak up.

Respectfully submitted,


James Bartow, Secretary
American Academy of Physicians'
Assistants

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President's Comments: Ask not what your Academy can do for you, but what you can do for your Academy!