

**Arkansas Pharmacists Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 2017
Downtown Marriott
Little Rock, AR**

Members

Gary Bass
James Bethea
Clint Boone
Michael Butler
Max Caldwell
Stephen Carroll
Denise Clayton
Brandon Cooper
Lynn Crouse
Eddie Glover
Richard Hanry
Dylan Jones
John Kirtley
Jeff Mercer
Becca Mitchell
Kendrea Jones
Lacey Parker
Harold Simpson

Yanci Walker

Dean Watts
Darla York

Guests

Schwanda Flowers
Amber Bynum
Chithien Le (guest of Dean
Mercer
Laramie Wall (guest of Denise
Clayton)

Staff

Scott Pace
Jordan Foster
Susannah Fuquay
Celeste Reid
John Vinson
Travis Weeks (student)

I. CONSENT ITEMS

Eddie called the meeting to order at 8:07am. Roll was called. Invocation was led by John Kirtley. Denise moved to approve the minutes, Lynn seconded, motion passes.

Several outgoing Board members were recognized for their service to APA's Board of Directors: Mary Bradley, Michael Butler, Denise Clayton, Brandon Cooper, Eddie Glover, Kendrea Jones, Rodney Richmond, and Alyssa Stormes

Scott went over the APA 2017-2018 Board of Directors election results: Due to the geographical change from areas and districts to regions, many members stayed on the Board in new roles. New Board members for 2017-2018 are: Spence Mabry, Brandon Achor, Lanita White, Amber Bynum, and Brandy Owen.

Scott discussed the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy election results: The five pharmacists with the most votes from the APA State Board election were submitted to the governor's office. Clint Boone won the pharmacist preference vote. Governor Hutchinson will choose the appointee later this summer.

II.REPORTS

Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy – John Kirtley – Two inspectors retired - Clyde Frazier and Ron Ewing; Kevin Robertson was hired as an inspector. Board meetings are scheduled for next week, along with a few hearings; one about an impaired pharmacist, another about a PMP / HIPAA violation. In the past, Board appointments have been as late as August/September, but it's the governor's decision.

UAMS – Schwanda Flowers - Dean Olsen is out of town. Students are doing rotations now. We changed the curriculum, looking to introduce pharmacology earlier than it is introduced now. We have added an additional month of rotation to 10 months total; P3s will have a compressed semester to allow for the additional month. New student exchange programs – added Taiwan and China. Incoming P1 class have all been accepted and it will be a full class. Salary survey – this year saw a decrease in students that have accepted positions upon graduation; also job satisfaction has lowered.

Harding University – Dean Jeff Mercer – In my first year as dean, Harding has seen a year of transition. In May, 53 students graduated. NAPLEX has changed and this is the first year that all students will take the new NAPLEX. Harding is focusing on self-study and accreditation, ACPE is coming in October. For the incoming class, 58 students have been accepted. This year we will send two teams of pharmacy students to Haiti, one team to Nicaragua, and one team to Zambia. Salary survey – similar results to UAMS.

AAHP – This will be Kendrea's last meeting, Brandy Owen will come in as new president for the 2017-2018 year. Board Elections – David Fortner will be President-elect, Joy Brock will come on as board member at large for three years, Kendrea Jones will be treasurer. Fall Seminar, Oct 4-6 at Wyndham in NLR, focusing on Anti-microbial Stewardship. Marsha Crader has been appointed as Dept of Health counsel.

Compounding – Becca Mitchell - Big win for compounders; pro-compounding language in the omnibus bill basically directing FDA to back off of 503A pharmacies compounding prescriptions for patients; USP<800> is coming, compliance required by July 1, 2018, working on educating academy members. I'm trying to schedule an informal roundtable discussion with board of pharmacy and compounding members about frequent issues.

Board of Health – Gary Bass - Medical marijuana – it's the Board of Health's responsibility to test, register, and label medical marijuana. A final adoption of rules and regulations of medical marijuana was approved with one change – a label is required that says medical marijuana is not approved by the FDA to treat any kind of disease. PDMP – Arkansas is now sharing with Massachusetts, West Virginia, North Dakota, and soon Alabama.

III. DISCUSSION

Membership – Susannah Fuquay – Technician dues amount change. AAHP charges \$10, APA charges \$30, proposal to combine memberships and charge \$20, with \$10 going to AAHP and \$10 going to APA. Both groups will then get more technicians on their rosters. Susannah formerly made the proposal, Dylan moved to adopt the proposal, Becca seconded, motion passed by voice vote.

Board Retreat will be August 3-5 at Goldstrike Casino in Tunica, MS.

Medicaid Fee Implementation – Medicaid has moved to NADAC + \$10.50 dispensing fee on generics and \$9.50 for non-preferred brand; APA authored a letter to DHS director Cindy Gillespie sent on June 2 expressing concern over several problems that have arisen since Arkansas moved to the federally-mandated actual acquisition cost plus dispensing fee. Iowa and Alabama have used a state based actual acquisition cost that gives the state more control.

Practice Act Changes - go into effect August 1. (Emergency refill and Administration of Naloxone, Provider Status)

Medical Marijuana - Application process will start shortly for dispensaries.

Medicaid PASSEs – APA wants to partner with Gateway Health as part owner of a PASSE. We will be gifted a percentage of the equity of that PASSE. Harold explained the creation of a separate LLC for the PASSE, shielding APA from anything bad. Board action to allow Harold to file the LLC filing with the state of Arkansas to form separate LLC – Becca moved, Dean seconded, motion passed by voice vote.

CPESN – Participation agreements were sent in March, almost 150 stores signed up to participate. LLC is being established and CPESN has filed for some grants.

Arkansas Immunization Action Coalition / Pharmacy Foundation – 90% of community pharmacies provide vaccines, it was 30% when AIAC was founded. Heather Mercer was hired to head the AIAC through money from the Blue and You grant. A summit will be held October 13-14 to bring in national speakers about immunization. HPV toolkit will be made available from the AIAC in conjunction with Dr. Dillaha at the Dept of Health.

Federal Updates – Eddie, Lynn, Brandon, Scott, Dean went to DC for NCPA Legislative Fly-in, met with all 6 Arkansas Congressional representatives. Sen Cotton filed a bill in Congress that would allow seniors to choose the pharmacy of their choice. Sen Boozman met with APA group, he brought up the opioid abuse epidemic, he challenged pharmacists to work harder to curb this abuse because Congress could be taking action soon

PBM Lawsuit – On appeal to 8th circuit, APA won all claims except ERISA claim. At trial court level, state was being sued by PCMA. During appeals process, APA and NCPA can write amicus brief to present their sides to the court in support. Additional funds may be requested in the future to help with the appeals process. Scott proposes pulling \$100,000 from reserves to support the appeals process, Dean moved to allocate \$100,000, Becca amended the motion to allow the executive committee to pull an additional 25% if needed, Denise seconded amendment, amendment passed by voice vote, Clint seconded the amended motion, motion passes by voice vote.

Financials – Richard presented financials. Total assets are growing. Scott mentioned a need for an audit since it had been several years since the last audit. Denise moved to allow Scott to gather information and present it to the executive committee, allowing them to approve the audit. Dylan seconded, motion passed by voice vote. Kendrea moved to accept the financials, Darla seconded, motion passed by voice vote.

APA Staff - Scott announced that UAMS and Harding have agreed to support an executive fellowship at APA; UAMS and Harding will each do 25% and APA will do the remaining 50%. Liz Mathews will be working on developing preceptor curriculum for both colleges to standardize the rotation experience.

Dylan moves to adjourn, seconded by Lacey, motion passed by voice vote.