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Arkansas Pharmacists Association

Board of Directors Meeting

9:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Arkansas Pharmacists Association Hosto Center

417 South Victory Street, Little Rock, AR

Members

Brandon Achor Denise Robertson

James Bethea Kristen Riddle

Stacey Boeckmann Cindy Stowe

Marsha Boss Dean Watts

Max Caldwell

Richard Hanry

Erin Beth Hays

Dylan Jones Susannah Fuquay

Jett Jones Celeste Reid

John Kirtley John Vinson

Spence Mabry Emily Wilson

Jeff Mercer Debra Wolfe

Rick Pennington

Staff

Jordan Foster

Susannah Fuquay

Celeste Reid

John Vinson

Emily Wilson

Debra Wolfe

President Dean Watts, Presiding

I. CONSENT ITEMS (Routine items to be approved by a single motion without discussion. A member of the Board may request the item be removed from consent and placed into action for discussion purposes, if necessary.)

1. Invocation Dean called meeting to order at 9:15am. Kristen Riddle led invocation.
2. Welcome and Call to Order – President Dean Watts
3. Approval of Minutes – Stacey moved to accept minutes, Kristen seconded. Motion passed.

II. REPORTS and Presentations

4. **Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy – Dr. John Kirtley** – The Board of Pharmacy is adjusting the way it does formal criminal background checks. There will be three days of State Board meetings in April – two days of informals and one day of formals. The Executive Director of NABP Carmen Catizone announced his retirement, effective December 2020. He will be succeeded by Lemrey “Al” Carter.
5. **UAMS College of Pharmacy – Dr. Cindy Stowe** – UAMS is in pinning ceremony season. UAMS Little Rock was this past Monday, UAMS NWA will be on Monday. A career fair will be held on March 16th. Other senior events are coming up soon, including the APA-sponsored senior ceremony in May. Concerning coronavirus, didactic education is not a problem, but worries stem from experiential education settings who are starting to request no students. UAMS CoP has admitted 53 students already for next year; 20-30 more interviews are being scheduled. The school has budgeted for a range of students between 65-75.
6. **Harding College of Pharmacy – Dr. Jeff Mercer** – Harding is under contingency plan – if campus closes, didactic education will be delivered via distance learning. Harding University’s campus in Italy has been closed given that country’s status as a hot zone. Students were brought home and self-quarantined. All short-term mission trips have been canceled. HUCOP has three retirees to announce – Julie Kissack, Susan Grace, and Carol Jones. The college will be combining admissions and student affairs position. APPE schedules go out this week. Pinning ceremony is May 1, graduation May 9. Pharmacy camp interest is waning. Admissions outlook for next year is 30-35, down from 65 normally.
7. **Arkansas State Board of Health – Dr. Marsha Boss** – Arkansas currently has zero cases of coronavirus and zero cases under investigation. Currently, the state can test 4-5 cases a day.

8. **Health-Systems Academy – Dr. Erin Beth Hays** –AHP cosigned a CMS letter about executive order from the president; signed on as state affiliate to FDA about being opposed to importation of drugs from Canada. India is shutting down exportation of some drugs which could cause a drug shortage.
9. **Compounding Academy – Dr. Andrew Mize** – no report
10. **Consulting Academy – Dr. Denise Robertson** – There were 15 attendees and 80 attendees at the Arkansas Nursing Home Nurses Association CE event in January.
11. **APA Exec report – Dr. John Vinson**
 - **Forevercare** – PASSE company that APA invested in that did not launch. We are currently in disagreement with Gateway, legal proceedings have moved forward. Mediation was not successful, next step would be arbitration.
 - **Property** – Celeste is working on getting quotes to fix the crumbling brick wall.
 - **Board of Pharmacy Election** – Election will start soon.
 - **Committees** – SCOTUS case has consumed staff time, we are hoping to get committees named for next year.
 - **SCOTUS** – APA launched Legal Defense Fund. APA’s amicus brief has been signed on by NCPA, APhA, NASPA, and 51 other state associations. Almost \$300,000 raised so far. NCPA Fly-in is 4/21-4/22, SCOTUS Rally will be 4/27. Staff has been discussing having a documentary produced about the case and Act 900. Dylan moved to proceed with the documentary. Rick seconded and recommended spending up to \$109,000 on production. Motion passed.
 - **APA Events** – Susannah gave dates for convention and information about speakers. APF Golf Tournament will be May 5 at Mountain Ranch in Fairfield Bay.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

IV. Issue Discussion/Free Flow

(45 minute discussion to gain Board consensus on current topics APA and its membership are encountering)

Insurance Commissioner – Allen Kerr has resigned, no word on who will be the replacement. Legislative audit, AID sent out letters to 100 pharmacies to get claims data from prescriptions in March 2019.

PAC – Push to raise \$50,000 for PAC; so far we’ve raised \$35,000.

Arkansas Works – Arkansas Works, currently serving 200,000 lives, will end in 2021. The state will have to rewrite a waiver or do away with it.

CPESN – Brandon Achor has taken the role of Networking Facilitation Manager. Funding from NCPA will pay to train him. He will be attending CPESN mid-year meeting in April.

V. Financials – Richard Hanry - Doing better now than we have in a few years, even with the downturn in the stock market. Stacey moved, Kristen seconded to accept financials. Motion passed.

VI. Board Meeting Adjournment – Stacey moved to adjourn, Spence seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.