Actions of the Commission on Continuing Education
Actions from the January 12, 2016 Conference Call

Attendees:
Sandra Ahlum, MD, Chair, Betty Drees, MD, Raghav Govindarajan, MD, Richard Heimburger, MD, and Benita Stennis, Staff.

Commission Roster and New Member
Commission members were given a current member roster and encouraged to contact staff with updates.

Annual Convention 2016 Planning:
Mark your calendar: The MSMA’s 2016 Annual Convention will be held March 18-20, 2016 at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel.

Commission members reviewed the 2016 Preliminary CME Program (General Sessions). The Commission suggested adding the speaker’s professional titles to the flyers and inserting the flyer in Progress Notes in February and March. Members were reminded that an official CME program would be emailed to them in early March for approval.

All Commission members were asked to complete, sign, and submit a disclosure form by January 29, 2016 for the 2016 planning year.

The Commission is planning to offer ABIM MOC points four of the General Sessions in 2016.

Recognition Updates:
2015 Markers of Equivalency Updates:
The ACCME updated the Markers of Equivalency that governs the actions of accredited State Medical Societies. The update was presented to the Commission, and the following motion was made:

Motion: The ACCME’s 2015 Markers of Equivalency should be adopted as presented.

Motions Made By: Betty Drees, MD
Seconded By: Raghav Govindarajan, MD
Approval: Unanimously Approved.

2017 Annual Maintenance Fee Increase:
In 2011, the provider ACCME Annual Maintenance Fee went from $80 per provider to $550 per provider and the fee is remitted to the ACCME. Currently, each MSMA provider is invoiced annually $1050 (MSMA receives $500 and the ACCME receives $550). In 2016, the MSMA will receive $475 and the ACCME will receive $575. In order for the recognition program to be self-sufficient and to account for continued increases from the ACCME the Commission decided to increase 2017 Annual Maintenance.
Motion: The 2017 Annual Maintenance Fee should be increased from $1050 to $1600 for 2017.

Motion Made By: Betty Drees, MD

Seconded By: Richard Heimburger, MD

Vote: Unanimously Approved.

Staff will send an announcement to providers by February 1, 2016 regarding the fee increase so that accredited entities will have sufficient time to put the new fee into their budgets for 2017.

Accreditation Teleconference Evaluation Summary:
The Commission reviewed the 2015 Teleconference Evaluation Summary. Commission members commented on the fact that providers felt they received adequate assistance throughout the process and that the teleconference worked well. Dr. Ahlum suggested removing the eliminated criteria from the Self-Study and Surveyor Report Form.

Annual Maintenance Fee/ Annual Report PARS (Program Activity Reporting System):
All Missouri accredited providers received notification regarding the 2016 Annual Maintenance Fee ($1050) and the 2015 Annual report. Both are due by March 13, 2016.

2015 SMS Meeting (Chicago IL):
The AMA/ACCME SMS Meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, December 8-10, 2015. MSMA staff and Dr. Sandra Ahlum, Commission Chair, attended. During the ACCME meeting, participants were given data and information as it related to the Markers of equivalency within the national CME system. The equivalency exercises were reviewed and discussed. There was a session that addressed alignment of ACCME/AMA policies. Additionally, there was a session that addressed how accredited providers can serve as a strategic resource in delivering relevant, effective, independent, practice-based education that counts for MOC.

At the AMA meeting, attendees received a Council on Medical Education Update, discussed the AMA’s strategic initiatives, and AMA/ACCME alignment of policies.

The 2016 ACCME/SMS meeting will be held December 7-8, 2016 in Chicago, Illinois. If you are interested in attending, please contact staff.

Remaining 2016 Conference Call Dates and Times:
Tuesday, March 8, 2016  5:30 pm
Tuesday, July 12, 2016  5:30 pm
Tuesday, October 11, 2016  5:30 pm

Adjournment:
Dr. Ahlum called for adjournment of the meeting.