

MSMA Council

October 14, 2018
DoubleTree Hotel
Jefferson City, Missouri

Presiding: George Hruza, MD, Chesterfield, Chair

Present: Joseph Corrado, MD, Mexico; James DiRenna, Jr., DO, Gladstone; Brian Biggers, MD, Springfield; David Pohl, MD, Town & Country; Warren Lovinger, Jr., MD, Nevada; Michael Bukstein, MD, Hannibal; Lancer Gates, DO, Kansas City; Alexander Hover, MD, Ozark; Inderjit Singh, MD, St. Louis; Kevin Weikart, MD, Lake St. Louis; George Hubbell, MD, Lake Ozark; Lisa Thomas, MD, Columbia; David Kuhlmann, MD, Sedalia; Peggy Barjenbruch, MD, Mexico; Sri Devi Kolli, MD, Fenton; Nathaniel Barbe, DO, Jefferson City; Mr. Craig Yugawa, St. Louis; Tom Weigand, MD, St. Joseph; Keith Ratcliff, MD, Washington; Clark Andelin, MD, Mexico; Amanda Turner, MD, Nevada; Michael O'Dell, MD, Kansas City; Omofolarin Fasuyi, MD, Rolla; Douglas Wallace, MD, Cape Girardeau; James Conant, MD, St. Joseph; Louis DelCampo, MD, Springfield; Daniel Young, MD, St. Louis; Edmond Cabbabe, MD, St. Louis; Rebecca Hierholzer, MD, Leawood, KS; Ravi Johar, MD, Chesterfield; Charles Van Way III, MD, Kansas City; Mrs. Gill Waltman, St. Louis; Guests – Mr. David Nowak, St. Louis; Mr. Jonathan Smith – SHINE; Ronnie Staggs – MSMA Insurance Agency; Dr. David Barbe, MD, Mountain Grove; MSMA Staff – Mr. Patrick Mills, Mr. Jeff Howell, Mrs. Benita Stennis, Mrs. Liz Fleenor, Mrs. Heidi Geisbuhler, Mr. Stephen Foutes, Mrs. Sarah Luebbert, Ms. Haley Wansing, Mrs. Cheri Martin, Jefferson City

Approval of Minutes – On motion, duly seconded, the minutes of the July 22, 2018, meeting were approved.

Report of the President – MSMA President, Joseph Corrado, MD, reported on his travels throughout the state.

Report of the Executive Committee – Dr. Corrado reported the Committee met on Saturday, October 13.

MSMA is participating in TCD (Time-Critical Diagnosis) Task Force meetings.

A recent Missouri Supreme Court decision (Shallow v. Follwell) gave us a significant tort reform victory.

The November ballot will have three medical marijuana questions on it. MSMA and most Missouri medical societies oppose all.

The Executive Committee discussed the following, and offers these actions for Council approval:

Approval of budget variances –

- Budget variances less than \$25,000 may be approved by the MSMA EVP.
- Budget variances in the range of \$25,000 – \$50,000 should be communicated in a timely manner and approved by the MSMA President, Treasurer, and EVP.
- Budget variances exceeding \$50,000 should be communicated in a timely manner and approved by the MSMA Executive Committee.

On motion, duly seconded, the Council approved the budget variance policy.

AMA Delegation Term Limits –

The Executive Committee proposed the following resolution for presentation to the House of Delegates at MSMA 2019 Annual Convention:

“Whereas the Missouri State Medical Association is currently allotted five Delegates and five Alternate Delegates to American Medical Association meetings (June and November of each year), and

Whereas the Missouri State Medical Association is committed to balancing the values of experience and influence in representation to the need for participation by new leaders, therefore be it

Resolved that the MSMA Bylaws be amended to create term limits for delegates (not alternate delegates) of the Missouri AMA delegation, and be it further

Resolved that if this amendment to the MSMA Bylaws is approved it will go into effect beginning with the MSMA Convention in 2021 with past service being counted when considering the 2021 Missouri AMA delegation composition, and be it further

Resolved, that the MSMA Bylaws, Chapter III, Section 10 of said Bylaws include: “MSMA members may serve a maximum of eight years as an AMA Delegate; however, term limits are suspended while serving as a member of an AMA House of Delegates Council.”

Following discussion, it was proposed that the resolution be amended to state that these term limits do not apply to alternate delegates. On motion, duly seconded, the resolution was approved as amended.

MSMA President-Elect to serve as AMA Alternate Delegate –

On motion, duly seconded, the Council approved this change.

Paper Mailing of Legislative Report –

Members must opt in to receive paper mailings of the Legislative Report.

On motion, duly seconded, the Council approved this action.

Dr. Corrado reminded Council members of the upcoming MSMA Annual Convention, to be held April 4-7 in Kansas City.

On motion, duly seconded, the Report of the Executive Committee was approved.

Report of Budget and Finance Committee – MSMA Treasurer, Dr. David Pohl, reported that the Committee met on Saturday.

Missouri State Medical Association reserves are currently approximately \$13 million, with \$4 million in the pension fund; this will sustain operations for many years.

When reviewing the budget, Dr. Pohl noted that the actual numbers for 2018 are based on just 9 months, and not the entire budget year. There has been a decline in Member Dues revenue, and an increase in Administrative Services as MSMA is now providing services to Boone County Medical Society, and may be taking on services for additional specialty societies.

MSMA Physicians Health Foundation is on track to become budget-neutral. They are currently co-located with SLMMS, and continue to seek smaller, less costly office space.

On motion, duly seconded, the MSMA 2019 budget was approved.

On motion, duly seconded, the MSMA PHF 2019 budget was approved.

Report of the Executive Vice President – Mr. Patrick Mills thanked the Council for signing member-recruitment letters. He directed members' attention to several sign-on letters in their folders that MSMA is supporting.

In the effort to increase membership, Mr. Mills encouraged Council members to utilize the recruitment tools available on the MSMA website (www.msma.org/engage), and stated that they could reach out to MSMA staff for further help with talking points. We are talking with medical school deans in hope of increasing membership among medical students, and Haley Wansing and Stephen Foutes are working to develop additional membership tools for leadership.

Mr. Mills encouraged Council members to leverage their lobbyists by contacting Missouri state representatives and senators regarding health care-related bills.

Mr. Mills reported that the Missouri GI society will be meeting with us at the MSMA 2019 annual convention.

He reported on the activities of MSMA staff: Benita Stennis and Carol Meyer are preparing for the 2019 convention. Sarah Luebbert and Cheri Martin recently staffed the Missouri Chapter ACP meeting, and Sarah attended the ACEP meeting in San Diego. Haley Wansing recently staffed the Missouri-Kansas Neurological Society meeting. Liz Fleenor has worked hard at getting *Missouri Medicine* published on-line via PubMed Central. Heidi Geisbuhler and Jeff Howell are preparing for the next legislative session and the January Advocacy seminar.

Mr. Mills will be accepting recommendations for people to serve on the MSMA Convention Nominating Committee; please submit names to him.

Report of the MSMA Insurance Agency – Mr. Ronnie Staggs reported that the Board had met and reviewed budget and income statements. The Agency is continuing to make a modest profit, in spite of a soft market. He stated that Oklahoma State Medical Association's Association Health Plan has chosen not to come to Missouri, due to state regulations. He will continue to work with other state medical associations on the formation of a national Association Health Plan.

Report of the SHINE HIE – Mr. Jonathan Smith reported that he will be making CME presentations in St. Louis and Joplin in the coming weeks. He pointed out that SHINE offers a positive cost benefit versus plans that charge for individual features (EHR, patient portal, etc.) Other positive aspects include a discount for early-adopters, billing after one year, and the ability to disconnect with a 5-day notice if not happy. There is an interface fee, and he is working to secure grant money to cover that.

Report of the Commission on Continuing Education – Peggy Barjenbruch, MD, reported that the committee had reviewed plans for CME sessions at the 2019 annual convention, and referred members to the report included in their folders.

Report of the Physicians Health Committee – Dr. Lisa Thomas directed members' attention to the report of the Missouri Physicians Health Program in the folders. She pointed out that MPHP is dependent upon donations. She reviewed the scope of services that MPHP provides, and outlined its staff structure.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of the Physicians Health Committee was approved.

Report of the Committee on Legislative Affairs – Ravi Johar, MD, reported that the committee met on Saturday, October 13, at 3:00 p.m. They discussed the three medical marijuana ballot issues, and MSMA staff

has created a comparison chart that will be posted on the website. They also discussed issues for the upcoming 2019 legislative session, including PDMP, APRN licensure, and prior authorization reforms.

Dr. Johar encouraged members to sign up to serve as Physician of the Day at the Capitol, and encouraged them to attend the “White Coat Rally” lobbying day scheduled for March 5, 2019.

Actions and Recommendations from the 2018 Annual Meeting – Dr. Hruza referred members to the grid sheet in their folders, which tracks the disposition of 2018 resolutions, and directed them to contact MSMA staff with any questions.

Report of the Membership Committee – Warren Lovinger, Jr., MD, reported that the committee had met in the morning.

He stated that MSMA staff will be traveling more extensively to reach out to new members. He reviewed membership numbers (report included in folders), and noted that MSMA currently has about 20% penetration among Missouri licensed physicians.

Dr. Lovinger reviewed the Ambassador membership program. He thanked members for signing the member-recruitment letters. He made members aware of the Missouri State Medical Foundation scholarship program, which currently provides \$180,000 in scholarships to students at the six Missouri medical schools. He stated that he had spoken with David Chalk, MD, President of the MSMF, about fund-raising. More information will follow at the January meeting.

Report of the Public Affairs Commission – George Hubbell, MD, offered the report. The Commission met via conference call on October 8 and discussed Resolution #10 that was adopted by the MSMA House of Delegates at the 2018 annual meeting. Since there are already several resources for collecting breastfeeding data, the Commission recommends that an article be published in *Missouri Medicine* encouraging physicians to distribute data in order to increase breastfeeding rates in Missouri. Craig Yugawa, Medical Student Section Councilor, stated that the resolution had been offered by the MSS, and offered to contribute to the article ahead of publication.

Report of MSMA Alliance – Mrs. Gillian Waltman referred members to the report included in their folders. She encouraged participation in the Alliance’s Holiday Sharing card campaign.

Mrs. Waltman invited Mrs. Marsha Conant, the Alliance’s Immediate Past President, to come forward. The Alliance presented a ceremonial check for \$1,000 to Dr. Lisa Thomas of the Missouri Physicians Health Program, in honor of Mrs. Conant’s presidency.

Reports of Councilors

District 3 – Inderjit Singh, MD, reported that the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society has been distributing the summary report of its second Physician Insurance Survey, and will continue doing so. Results are available on the SLMMS website (slmms.org), or by contacting Dave Nowak.

The Annual Hippocrates Lecture will be held on Tuesday, October 30. The speaker will be Dr. Steve Miller of Express Scripts; the topic is “Drug Pricing Transparency: What Doctors Need to Know to Provide Care in a Murky World.”

SLMMS has formally announced its opposition to all three medical marijuana ballot initiatives, and the full statement is available on the website.

SLMMS is making changes to its bylaws, particularly regarding membership categories. For details, please contact Dave Nowak.

District 5 – Dr. Lisa Thomas reported that Boone County Medical Society is planning its annual gala for February 2, 2019, at The Club at Old Hawthorne. Their next meeting will be November 6, and will feature a talk on identity theft and human trafficking. BCMS is supporting its Alliance in its reorganization efforts; the Alliance will be sponsoring family-focused events.

George Hubbell, MD, offered an update on the Boone Hospital-MU HealthCare merger.

District 6 – Dr. Lovinger reported on the closure of Mercy Hospital in Ft. Scott, Kansas.

District 7 – Michael O’Dell, MD, reported that the merger of the Kansas City Medical Society is complete. KCMS is opposing all three ballot initiatives related to medical marijuana. KCMS will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, November 28, at the Overland Park Convention Center.

District 8 – Alexander Hover, MD, reported that Greene County Medical Society has approved a slate of officers for next year. Jim Blaine, MD, has organized the GCMS Opioid Committee to coordinate physician activity and input with local Greene County governmental, judicial, and law enforcement officials as well as the Mental Health Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Task Force and addiction center physicians. Dr. Hover stated that he and Matthew Stinson, MD, had participated in an Opioid Advisory Council in May. He encouraged collaboration with Alliances, and reported that the GCMS Alliance is developing AMA-approved materials on opioid abuse for distribution.

District 10 – Douglas Wallace, MD, reported that the Cape Girardeau Area Medical Society will host a Cancer Symposium on October 27.

Resident and Fellow Section – Nathaniel Barbe, DO, reported that they are working to increase membership. They are promoting the White Coat Rally Day, and sending out an email to encourage Medical Student section members to continue their membership after transitioning to Resident and Fellows. MSMA’s presence on social media has been a big help.

Organized Medical Staff Section – Peggy Barjenbruch, MD, stated that they need more members, and asked Council members to please recommend someone for representation.

AMA Report – Edmond Cabbabe, MD, offered the report.

The AMA delegation is preparing for the 2018 AMA Interim meeting in Maryland in November. Resolutions to be brought before the AMA House of Delegates are posted online, and AMA members are encouraged to review them and comment ahead of the meeting. Charles Van Way III, MD, will be preparing a recap report of the meeting, which will be published in *Missouri Medicine*. Dr. Cabbabe reported that Oklahoma and Arkansas have left the AMA Heart of America Caucus. We are still caucusing with Kansas.

Dr. Cabbabe reported on the Missouri Honor Fund/AMA Foundation grant, the first of which was made in 2018. The recipient of the \$41,000 grant was an urban clinic in St. Louis that focuses on diabetes prevention. The grant can be applied for online on the AMA Foundation website. He encouraged everyone to donate to the Missouri Honor Fund.

The Cabbabes have established a Leadership Award, which provides \$2,500 to the recipient. Last year’s recipient was Tina Shah, MD MPH.

Dr. Cabbabe reported that Barbara McAneny, MD, President of the American Medical Association, will be joining us at the 2019 MSMA Annual Convention. She will speak at the second House of Delegates on Sunday morning.

Adjournment - On motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Council Meeting – The next meeting will be held January 13, 2019, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Jefferson City.