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Podiatric Medical Association

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Minutes of the Rhode Island Podiatric Medical Society

Date: February 17th, 2016

Sponsor: BAKO Integrated Physician Solutions; Rob Riker

Lecture Topic: Neoplastic and Non-Neoplastic Etiologies of Nail Unit Dystrophy

Speaker: Bradley W. Bakotic, DPM, DO

I. Minutes of January, 2016: accepted. **Dr Appleton**

II. Bills and Communications: Dr Cavicchio

- A. RI Medical Society publishes a Journal; 2 members published (Dr DosRemedios & Dr Simeone).
- B. Bill for the website maintenance fee: \$1,100/yr
- C. National Meeting coming up in Philadelphia. (Annual Scientific Meeting)
 - 1. Sign up before March 4th: \$399, then \$499, and if you wait until June increased to \$599.
 - 2. Meeting dates: July 14th-17th.
- D. Combined Legislative and Scientific Meetings: Dr Cavicchio believes it is helpful for president to attend.
- E. Veterans Administration Equity Act: A proposal in this Act to have Podiatrists recognized as Physicians. This has not been successful with the Help Act.
 - 1. APMA electronic advocacy website; link that sends APMA a request to send our senator to sponsor this bill. <http://www.apma.org/workingforyou/>
- F. Medical Society renewed contract: annual contract \$1,100

III. Treasurer's Report: Dr Clyde Fish

- A. Yearly report reviewed with members; report attached.

IV. Nominating Committee:

- A. Dr LePoer asked to nominate: Dr Ruggiero, Dr Pappas, Dr Roda.
- B. Propose who we would like to nominate at March meeting, we will vote in April meeting.

V. APMA Delegate & PAC Report: Dr Cornell (HOD meeting March 18-21st)

- A. PAC Meeting Dr Cornell going in March. Please donate, it's our voice in the profession.

VI. Executive Director Report: Dr Cavicchio

- A. Rhode Island legislative will have a hearing session. Anyone that hears of any bills in legislation that will affect us, please let us know.
- B. Every year the lobbyist has to register with the State. Dr Cavicchio is registered.
 - 1. Steve Datoy has a meeting for all health care lobbyists; coming in a few weeks and Dr Cavicchio will attend.
 - 2. American Society of Podiatric Executives: meet the day before the House of Delegates. Dr Cavicchio will attend.
 - 3. Annual dues requirement; \$99/yr for states that have less than 100 members. Dr Cavicchio's contact does not say this; motion by Dr Roda to pay Dr Cavicchio's dues - accepted by members after vote.
 - 4. Dr Cornell and Dr Reuter will be attending the House of Delegates meeting in Washington.



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VII. Unfinished Business:

- A. Dr Albano is the Podiatry representative for the Physicians Health Program (aka Impaired Physicians program).
 - 1. Meet once a month since 1991. We have had 5 Podiatrists participate in the program as result of substance abuse. BCBS use to help pay for program and withdrawing funds.
 - 2. Dr Albano calls for a motion for society to donate \$1,000 to this program in the name of Podiatry. Motion accepted by society by vote.
- B. Rules and regulations to practice as a Podiatrist; Administrator of the Board of Examiners agrees that it is time to revisit these rules. We have a committee for this and open to suggestions. Question of changing Practice Act that needs to go through the State Legislature versus just changing Rules and Regulations that would just need to be approved by the Department of Health.
- C. We voted to donate to the educational fund in Dr Thomas DeCesare's name. When we give out state donation of \$1,000, we would like to donate in his name instead of the \$150; due to this donation possibly being lost in the shuffle.
- D. Seminar: April 28th-May 1st. Early Registration ends March 17th.
 - 1. Any companies or representatives you know, please contact to sponsor booths.

VIII. Public Relations: Dr Roda

- A. Facebook page is up and running. We have spent \$275 of the \$1500 that was allotted; this was on one advertising campaign; plan is to spread this out throughout the year.
- B. Would like any suggestions regarding content.
- C. Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Rlfootdoctors/?fref=ts>

IX. New Business:

- A. Meaningful use deadline is upon us; it was extended.
 - 1. PQRS registry: \$100. If you do not register you will not meet meaningful use.
 - a) APMA has a discount; www.specialtyregistry.com
 - b) 3% penalty on every Medicare patient if you do not meet meaningful use.

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*Meeting adjourned; next meeting March 16th by Smith & Nephew- Oasis.
Submitted by: James Appleton, DPM*