



Rhode Island  
Podiatric Medical Association

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**Minutes of the Rhode Island Podiatric Medical Society**

Date: January 20th, 2016

**Sponsor:** Medtronic, Chris Sullivan

**Lecture Topic:** Awareness and Early Prevention of Chronic Venous Insufficiency and PAD

**Speaker:** Walid Saber, MD, FACC, FSCAI, RPVI: Chief of Cardiology, Landmark.

**I. Minutes of November, 2015: accepted. Dr Appleton**

- A.** 2016 is election year, President to appoint a nominating committee consisting of 2 members from the board of directors and 1 general membership in February.
  - 1. The committee is to act as tellers. April we will vote on them so each member will place a vote in ballot box. Those elected will be installed in September.
- B.** Certificate of Merit: Awards given to a member and non-member to be given
  - 1. Certificate of Merit (member) and Myron Keller Memorial Award (non-member)
- C.** Annual Meeting: Held in April also for additional purpose of electing directors to serve.

**II. Bills and Communications: Dr Cavicchio**

- A.** APMA Educational Fund: Motion to make a donation made by Dr Lepore of \$1,000 to fund.
  - 1. Motion accepted by Dr Brian Cornell
- B.** Dept of health: Prescription Monitoring Program; 80% of Podiatrists in the state signed up.
- C.** Thank you from RIMS Secretary for Christmas gift. (Jane Coutu)

**III. Treasurers Report: Dr Clyde Fish (not present)**

**IV. Committee Reports (CAC/PIAC): Dr LePoer**

- A.** Codes for PVD have been figured out and now being accepted; ex) E11.59 for DM footcare
- B.** Pay attention to codes and not generalize.
- C.** Only remaining issue in RI is with Medicare Blue Chip; getting denials on foot care for patients at risk. Dr Lepore & Dr Cornell spoke with representative. Claims extractions; can call individually but may only allow 2-3 claims. They are aware and working on this problem.

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

- A.** Dr Michael Reuter expressed interest in attending again to House of Delegates.
  - 1. Approval by Association to send Dr Reuter as an alternative delegate to meeting.
  - 2. Motion proposed by Dr Cavicchio: Motion seconded by Dr Van Dine vote by society also accepted 13-0.
  - 3. Thank you to all who donated to PAC; list who donated below. Please donate.
  - 4. Donation from state society; Dr's Richard Reuter and LePore to donate \$1,000 to PAC
    - a) Motion seconded by Dr Cavicchio; vote by society 10-0.

**VI. Executive Director Report: Dr Cavicchio**

- A.** Minutes from previous meetings on website as well as sponsors.
- B.** X-ray inspections: Bill North. 16-RIPMA members have taken advantage of this.
- C.** RI Legislature opened up so pay attention to any bills pertaining to Podiatry.



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**D.** Dr John Brown; works with Navy in Newport, from California. Interested with working with RI free clinic. Our state laws do not have provisions for this. We do not have a volunteer license category, however the Medical Association does.

1. Board of Examiners meeting to make changes to rules and regulations regarding scope of practice and volunteer license. These laws are outdated and will look to revise these.

**E.** Public Relations: Dr Roda (note present) Social media and our website.

**VII. Unfinished Business:**

**A.** Hickey and Associates, Inc may save you 20% of malpractice insurance

1. JUA is conservative vs Medical Protective: MP will defend your case more aggressively.

a) They will also cover cyber security and represent from a medical/legal standpoint.

**VIII. New Business: Podiatry Regulations - RI Practice Act Revisions.**

*Next meeting February 17th, 2016*

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APMA PAC Donation List:

● Dr's: Battey, Bigelli, Cavicchio, Cobrin, Cornell, DeCesare (Thomas & Joseph), Dehaven, Doobay, Fish, Glod, Golden, Greenberg, Hart (Dennis & Timothy), Kumins, Lepoer, Mallette, Miele, RIPMA, Pontarelli, Reuter (Michael), Roda, Ruggiero, Simeone, Sullivan, VanDine, Volpe, Waterman.

*Meeting adjourned; next meeting February 24th, 2015*

*Submitted by: James Appleton, DPM*