



Rhode Island
Podiatric Medical Association

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Minutes of the Rhode Island Podiatric Medical Association

Date: September 21st, 2016

Location: Chapel Grill

Sponsor: Rhode Island Medical Imaging

Topic/Speaker: Venous Disease and Intervention. Dr. Gregory Soares

I. Dr. LePoer's closing remarks on her time serving as President of the RIPMA

II. Introduction and swearing in of the new RIPMA board members

A. President: Dr. Tammy Van Dine

First Vice President: Dr. Jason Mallette

Second Vice President: Dr. Michael Reuter

Secretary: Dr. Dominic Roda

Treasurer: Dr. Clyde Fish

APMA Delegate: Dr. Brian Cornell

Seminar Committee Chair: Dr. John Simoes

Board of Directors: Dr. Krysia LePoer, Dr. James Appleton, Dr. Michael Battey, Dr. Brad Ciano, Dr. Jordan Dehaven, Dr. Joe Domenico, Dr. Nathalia Doobay, Dr. Eric Meehan.

B. President, Dr. Tammy Van Dine addresses the association and speaks on her aspirations as president.

III. Bills and Communications

A. Dr. LePoer is volunteering for the World Diabetes Day awareness event on Nov 14, 1130 to 130 PM, at the State House. If anyone would like to volunteer with her hosting a table, let Dr. LePoer know.

IV. Treasurers Report: Dr. Fish

A. Two members have resigned from the AMPA, one member suspended for nonpayment of dues.

B. The association did not make as much at the Newport seminar this year as we did previously, last year we made \$33,000; this year we made \$21,000.

C. Annual expenses have been about \$33,000 per year, there is \$28,000 in the association account, \$14,000 in savings; there should not be any deficit spending this year.

V. APMA Delegate & PAC Report: Dr. Cavicchio speaking on behalf of Dr. Cornell

A. Dr. Cornell is away at an APMA fundraising event. It is not too late to donate to the APMA PAC for the 2016 year, if you have not done so already, please donate!

B. Dr. Fish – asking for 3 more donations to state reps to keep our PAC status, if anyone knows a state rep or senator, please let Dr. Fish know by the end of the election cycle.

C. Dr. Lepoer will be attending the meeting in D.C. on Nov 3-5, she will report to us at the next meeting.

VI. Executive Director's Report: Dr. Cavicchio



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- A. MACRA and MIPS – alternative payment methods in the pipeline from CMS, Dr. Lepoer may have some information on this for us at the next meeting. Additionally, the APMA can be a resource on this.
- B. Dr. Cavicchio’s report from the American Society of Podiatric Executives:
 - a. New APMA executive director attended the meeting and spoke about APMA’s involvement in representing us in government, updates can be viewed on the APMA’s website.
 - b. APMA public relations campaign will be promoting the society of vascular surgeons, specifically venous disease and how our profession can be involved.
 - c. The full report was given to the President, Secretary and is available to anyone who wants it.
- C. The state of RI requires office assistants taking X-rays to take a certification course, it is available at CCRI. There is NOT an online alternative to the in person course currently. Dr. Cavicchio saw a presentation at the ASPE meeting of a group that offers an online course. Dr. Cavicchio is pursuing that through the DOH and CCRI, both of whom would have to approve it.
- D. American Public Health Association can be a way to network with other health professions; can be a valuable resource to us, available online.
- E. Group purchasing organization being promoted nationally, **Talar Capital Partners**. Go to www.talarcp.com to register. No cost to join, and you can purchase DME and office products at deeply reduced prices. Vendors included: DeRoyal, Surefit, Medline, and more – includes cam boots, orthotics, wound care products, shoes, etc. Dr. Colannino has joined and can speak to anyone who is interested.
- F. APMA will be stepping up recruitment and member retention – Dr. Reuter
 - a. Declaring a hardship may be available for waived or reduced membership dues
 - b. APMA is forming a member registry, which will be a free service to help us with meaningful use, and PQRS, there will be more information coming.
- G. Prescription Drug monitoring program membership is required in RI if you prescribe controlled substance, if you are not a member you should be! Go to <https://rhodeisland.pmpaware.net/login/> to register.
- H. Using Modifier 25 on an E&M service will result in a 50% reduction in payment on the E&M when performed the same day as a procedure for Blue Cross members. This will begin October 15th. United may follow suit. The APMA is working on this.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Dominic Roda, DPM