



MOS Special Member Meeting
Wednesday, September 21st, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Board Present

Dr. William Foley, President
Dr. Vasilios Christostomidis, Vice President
Dr. Kathi Riggert, Treasurer
Dr. Suzanne Berlin, Secretary
Dr. Pamela Grimaldi, Immediate Past President
Dr. Kristin Foley, Trustee
Dr. William Seeglitz, Trustee
Dr. Robert Fitzpatrick, Trustee
Dr. Mekkin Lynch, Resident Representative

Members Present

Dr. Kristen McCarthy
Dr. Mark Barsamian
Dr. Mark Zhang
Dr. Jaclyn Olsen
Dr. Joshua Haugh
Dr. Paula Grimaldi
Dr. Larissa Gemme
Dr. Tisha Dickey
Dr. Scott Wrede
Dr. John Chang
Dr. Hollis Coblentz
Dr. James Gronemeyer
Frank Jackson, OMS II
Ankita Tandon, OMS III

Staff Present

Ms. Samyuktha Gumidyala

The MOS Special Member Meeting meeting was called to order at 7:36PMEST. A quorum was established and no conflicts of interest were disclosed. Dr. Foley welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided introductory remarks.

The first item of business was to approve the board meeting minutes from May 2nd, 2016 and June 29th 2016. A quorum was established for the outgoing board to approve the minutes. A motion was made to approve both minutes. The motion passed and the meeting minutes were approved.

The next item of business was elections. In this case, it was a contested election and anonymity was to be maintained. Members placed their votes on the elections ballots and turned them in to Ms. Gumidyala. Ms. Gumidyala will count the ballots following the meeting and email everyone the results.

Following elections was the discussion and approval of the edited bylaws, which required the vote of the membership before it goes into effect. A motion was made to approve Article 5 Section 2C and Section 2D, which gives student voting privileges and clarifies the role of the resident member. The motion passed and the aforementioned sections were approved. There was discussion on edited section 3 under Article 10, which defines quorum requirements and voting methods for the membership meeting. In the past, it was difficult getting a quorum and the proposed bylaws changes would make it easier to achieve a quorum and for members to be involved and vote. It turns out that we would have been able to have a quorum at the past membership meeting in ROME but the bylaws have been misinterpreted. The questions were whether we needed to change the bylaws because we actually had a quorum or if it should be changed so there would be different voting options for people unable to vote in person. A motion was made to table the vote. The motion passed and the changes were tabled inciting additional discussion. A second motion was made to vote on the changes as proposed in the quorum section. The motion passed and the proposed bylaws changes were approved. It was agreed that if no quorum is established at the general membership meeting held at ROME, then electronic methods can be used to conduct voting.

The financial report was reviewed. Total assets are about the same as this point last year and the MOS is in stable condition financially. Expenses have been cut to maintain stability and the AOA has been negotiable regarding the management services fee. The MOS also profited from the ROME conference; the revenue won't be distributed until the next month.

Membership was a big accomplishment for the MOS as we have seen an increase this year, especially among regular members, which is up 183% since 2015.

The MOS has been actively involved in legislation this past year. They also wrote 2 resolutions for the 2016 AOA House of Delegates. The resolutions centered on the opposition to osteopathic continuous certification. Though both resolutions failed to pass at the House, it did create further discussion for many other organizations are not in favor of continuous certification.

Dr. Foley provided an update on the Save OMT campaign. The National Government Services released a version of the LCD OMT which will ensure that physicians are appropriately paid for OMT provided to Medicare beneficiaries. When the NGS originally proposed the draft limiting payment for OMT, the MOS quickly responded in opposition. Though the campaign created such a

positive impact and results, members expressed concerns moving forward, such as dealing with audits. Dr. Foley reassured that the MOS will continue to advocate for its members.

The MOS Special Member Meeting was adjourned 8:20PM EST. Dinner was served following the meeting.