

# **Montana Perinatal Association Annual Conference 2015**

April 23-25, 2015  
Chico Hot Springs Resort  
Pray, MT

## 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1640 hours by Dr. Mark Kaneta.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Kaneta welcomed everyone to the Montana Perinatal Association Annual Conference Executive Committee Meeting.

In attendance were:

Janine Hester

Dr. Mark Kaneta

Cindy Wolverton

Ashild Bork

Olivia Jagelski

Guests:

Rochelle Mertz

Laurie Hunton

Beth Marer

### **Minutes Reviewed**

The minutes from the 2014 Executive Committee Meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved unanimously without any changes by the members present.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Janine Hester, Secretary/Treasurer provided the following report to the membership:

Balance on 3/31/14	\$27,310.24
Interest Income 2014	\$24.84
Balance on 3/31/15	\$27,681.31

The treasurer's report will also be presented at the business meeting by Janine Hester, Secretary/Treasurer.

### **Nominations**

A discussion was held regarding the Executive Board positions currently up for nomination. Nola Vollmer resigned her position as President therefore Dr. Mark Kaneta has moved into the President position and will remain in that position from 2015-2017. The open positions include Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and 2 Members at Large. Olivia Jagelski was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer, Caroline McConville was nominated as Vice-President, and Rochelle Mertz, Laurie Hunton, and Beth Marer were

all nominated as Members at Large. A call for other nominations and a final vote will take place at the business meeting.

### **Membership**

An updated email list will be compiled at the end of this conference and provided to the webmaster. It was suggested that we compile a list of contacts from all hospitals in the state that deliver babies that we can then funnel information through.

### **Scholarships**

The possibility of offering scholarships in order to increase attendance by smaller community hospitals was discussed again at this meeting. Janine reported that no one asked any questions through the website regarding the scholarship opportunities. There would be 4 scholarships offered which would consist of the registration fee of \$125 plus an additional \$100 to pay for lodging, meals, etc... A discussion was held about developing a one-page information sheet that could be posted on the website and provided to individual hospitals with information about the scholarships.

### **Website issues**

Janine reported that an update to the website is underway but has been delayed due to other commitments on the part of the webmaster. Cindy did mention options of using free websites but no decision was made. The only suggestion for the website was to update the list of specialists throughout the state to reflect changes that have occurred in the different communities. Everyone should email Olivia with the information on the specialists currently working in their communities. We would also like to begin including Save the Dates and links to other organizations so that we are able to connect with other groups with similar goals such as March of Dimes and the Rocky Mountain Childbirth Association.

### **Annual Meeting and Conference**

The 2016 annual conference is scheduled to be held at Chico Hot Springs April 28-30, 2016. A decision was made between Community Medical Center and Kalispell that Community Medical Center would be the planning organization for 2016 due to the fact that Kalispell is already scheduled to plan another conference in 2016. Janine will also get the dates for the next several years from Chico to provide in the minutes for members.

### **Other**

Dr. Mark Kaneta made the suggestion that we consider bringing in the Rocky Mountain Perinatal Collaborative as part of the conference agenda in the future. This would allow us to network with that group and increase our membership as well. If we do include them there is the possibility that we would be able to provide CME credits for the providers that attend the conference. No decisions were made.

In addition, The March of Dimes Prematurity Summit will be held in Kalispell in November of 2015.

## **Business Meeting Agenda 2015**

- Minutes of last year's meeting
- Treasurer's report
- Executive Board nominations for open positions
- Website issues
- Annual Meeting and Conference dates for 2016
- Other

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1740.

Respectfully submitted

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MPA Secretary/Treasurer