

**Minutes – NMAFP BOD Meeting – Nov. 4, 2017**  
**NMAFP Office – Noon – Lunch Served**

**Present:** Tristen Adams; Sara Bittner; Arlene Brown, MD; Dawn Drumm, MD; Dion Gallant, MD; Virginia Hernandez, MD; Sherri Howell, DO; Veny Ianakieva, MD; Steve Lucero; Rick Madden, MD; Melissa Martinez, MD; Chuck North, MD; Frank Ralls, MD; Lisa Stolarczyk, MD; and Dan Stulberg, MD. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Ralls.

**Introduction:** Dr. Sherri Howell, Associate Professor and Chair, Family & Community Medicine, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, Las Cruces, NM was introduced. Dr. Howell gave an update on the BCOM and shared that she is looking forward to becoming a member of the AAFP/NMAFP and joining our Board.

**Old Business:**

Final Evaluations and the Financial Statement from the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Medicine Seminar, July 27-30, 2017, Ruidoso, NM, indicated a successful conference.

Med Student Reception, Oct. 6, 2017, Nativo Lodge, Albuquerque: Dr. Virginia Hernandez shared that the Med Student Reception was much smaller this year because the first and second year Med Students were on a 6-day break. Participation by the FMP's is always high and very much appreciated by NMAFP. Future schedules for the UNM Med Students have been provided, and it is hoped that the number of students will be back to 75+ again next year. Dr. Dion Gallant addressed the topic of including the Med Students from BCOM in next year's Reception, Sept. 7, 2018, and Dr. Howell agreed to bus them to the Albuquerque Reception. Dr. Gallant also suggested that a Med Student Reception be held in Las Cruces sometime in the future.

Budget Meeting, Oct. 7, 2017: Dr. Gallant asked the Board to look at the 2018 Budgets included in their packets. The Budget Committee met on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and added 2 new expenditures to the 2018 Administrative Budget for the AAFP State Legislative Conference and the Doc of the Day Program. For the Legislative Conference, a stipend of \$650 for up to 3 people has been budgeted. For the Doc of the Day Program, a \$50 stipend and thank you note will be provided for DOD participants who are an NMAFP member and beyond residency for one time during each session, for a total NMAFP expenditure of \$2,000 or less per year. Any funds left over from one year will be rolled over to the next year in the category of the DOD stipend.

**New Business:**

Legislative Update: Steve Lucero, NMAFP Lobbyist shared that our Training Session will take place on January 13, 2018, NMAFP Office, 12:30 pm, lunch served. The Session actually begins on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Some of the health-related issues that are expected to be addressed in 2018 are Medicaid cuts taken from providers will hopefully be reinstated and surprise billing to patients will be discontinued.

Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting Report: Dr. Rick Madden, Chair, shared information with the Board about participation in the Doc of the Day Program and passed around a sign-up sheet for the 2018 Legislative Session. Steve Lucero is at the Round House almost every day during the session and helps to orient the DOD Volunteers. The Legislative Affairs Committee generally meets before each quarterly Board Meeting and has become quite active. Discussed in

the meeting today was the fact that this upcoming session will be about fiscal issues only. Some topics discussed were Medicaid funding, surprise billing, increased income to the State because of the oil and gas industry with the increase all going to reserves, opioid crisis, and a mini-retreat to get more Board members involved in legislative activism during the NMMS Annual Meeting next Sept.

Tuition Remission Assistance from UNM: Dr. Dan Stulberg shared information with the Board about how this process works. NMAFP would need to have a representative from UNM in collaboration with the Scientific Advisory Committee when planning future conferences and give UNM credit on the brochure. UNM also has a policy that these potential funds for UNM faculty to draw from for CME conferences must not go toward food. Because of the complexity, it was determined that Dr. Stulberg will Chair a work group that will look into this further and report back at the Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting. Dr. Veny Ianakieva volunteered to participate, and Drs. Gallant & Ralls will be available ad hoc.

Feb. 10, 2018 Winter Refresher Update: A brochure was included in Board packets. Online registration is live, brochures have been mailed, exhibitor's prospectus has been emailed and the brochure will be sent to the entire board electronically for all to share with co-workers.

Resident Reception, Hotel Albuquerque, Feb. 9, 2018, night before Winter Refresher: Dr Dan Stulberg informed the Board about a UNM-sponsored, mini-reunion for Med Students who graduated from UNM during the last 3 years and are currently enrolled in a Family Medicine Residency Program. It will take place from 6:30-8:00 pm, immediately following the NMAFP Board Meeting at Hotel Albuquerque. Dr. Gallant informed the Board there are three organizations willing to pay all travel expenses if a Resident will interview while in Albuquerque for the Reception. NMAFP is very pleased that UNM has organized this activity in conjunction with their winter CME meeting.

Santa Fe Conference, July 26-29, 2018: Dr. Frank Ralls shared the Agenda for the summer conference with the Board. He also thanked Drs. Gallant, Madden, Martinez and Stulberg for once again offering to share their expertise with the attendees at the Santa Fe Conference. Dr. Ralls also asked for entertainment suggestions during the Awards Dinner & Dance. It was determined that Dr. Ralls will contact a band he is familiar with and check on availability and cost.

### **Resident Reports:**

Dr. Dawn Drumm, Las Cruces Residency, shared their new group of interns are doing very well and the Residency is planning a retreat to work on physician burnout.

Dr. Neel Patel, HMS Residency, shared that in September the Residency began a quality improvement project called HMS Walk and Talk. Any patient, regardless if HMS or not, is welcome to come and walk and talk with the Docs.

### **Student Report:**

Anna Kistin, FMIG President, shared that FMIG hosted a panel of family med doctors early in the year, then had a well-child check training where some of our classmates brought in their babies for us to practice with. On Monday we'll have a talk from two providers in the school-based health centers on how to talk to teens about sensitive issues.

**CME Limited to Licensed Practicing Physicians:** Dr. Arlene Brown, due to a situation during recent NMAFP Conferences, suggested the word “Licensed” should be included on the registration form for future Conferences. It has been added to the 2018 Winter Refresher Brochure.

**Future Board Meetings:**

Feb. 9th, Hotel Albuquerque, Fireplace Room, 5:00 pm, snacks served (Resident Reception immediately following BOD Meeting 6:30-8 pm in the Franciscan Ballroom)

April 21<sup>st</sup>, NMAFP Office, Noon, Lunch Served

July 28<sup>th</sup>, Eldorado Hotel, Santa Fe, 12:30 pm, Lunch Served

**Med Student Reception & Budget Meeting:**

Sept. 7, 2018, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Med Student Reception, Nativo Lodge, 6-9 pm

Sept. 8, 2018, Annual Budget Meeting, NMAFP Office, Noon, Lunch Served