

July 24, 2022 NMAFP BOD Meeting Minutes
Breakfast Served, 8:00 am, Eldorado Hotel, Santa Fe
Chaired by Dr. Veneta Ianakieva

Present: Sara Bittner; Dr. Mac Bowen; Dr. Valerie Carrejo; Dr. Dion Gallant; Dr. Alicia Gonzales; Dr. Veneta Ianakieva; Dr. Kate Kollers; Dr. Bridget Lynch; Dr. Rick Madden; Dr. Kaela Moldowan; Samantha Morris; Dr. Jennifer Phillips; Dr. Lisa Stolarczyk; Dr. Karen Vaillant; Dr. Emilia Vesper; and Dr. Lourdes Vizcarra.

Items to Add to Current Agenda: Dr. Dion Gallant asked the Board to consider purchasing a table at the UNM Family Medicine 50th Anniversary Dinner in late October. A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously.

Introductions: Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves to the BOD.

Old Business: None

Congratulations to Newly Inducted Officers: President – Dr. Mac Bowen; President-Elect – Dr. Lisa Stolarczyk; Secretary-Treasurer – Dr. Lourdes Vizcarra; Vice President – Dr. Molly McClain; Past President – Dr. Bridget Lynch.

Call for Nominations & Vote for Board Chair: Dr. Valerie Carrejo nominated Dr. Bridget Lynch. A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously. Congratulations to the newly-elected NMAFP Board Chair, Dr. Bridget Lynch.

NMAFP Memorabilia from Dr. Warren Heffron: Dr. Heffron recently mailed an envelope of hand-written and typed notes to NMAFP that he found in his desk while cleaning it out upon his retirement from UNM. The notes were quite profound and will be cherished indefinitely by NMAFP. Many of the NMAFP Board Members shared personal stories about their experiences with Dr. Heffron during their formative years in Med School. Upon further discussion, it was determined that the Board Members would compile an article in honor of Dr. Heffron for the Fall Newsletter that will be distributed to the NMAFP members in Sept. A photo of Dr. Heffron will also be included with the article. Further discussion led to the preliminary Agenda for the NMAFP Winter Refresher to include a presentation about the history of family medicine and to invite Dr. Warren Heffron and Dr. Art Kaufman to present it. Dr. Valerie Carrejo will contact Drs. Heffron and Kaufman and report back to the Board. Final discussion on this topic came from Dr. Dion Gallant who suggested purchasing a display case for the NMAFP office to house Dr. Heffron's notes.

17th Annual Med Student Reception: Dr. Lourdes Vizcarra will be the Moderator for this year's Reception at Sandia Resort, Friday, September 9, 2022, 5:30-8:30 pm. Dr. Vizcarra informed the Board that Dr. Melissa Martinez has agreed to be our special guest speaker again this year. A blast to the NMAFP membership will be sent during the first week in August.

AAFP Congress of Delegates, Sept. 19-21, 2022, Washington DC: Dr. Bridget Lynch shared the deadline to submit Resolutions to AAFP is quickly approaching. Due to unforeseen circumstances this summer, the NM Delegation is relatively new to this arena. The Delegates and Alternates feel this would be a good year to learn from other Chapters and are monitoring the Resolutions written and will consider signing-on to any that are of pertinent interest to NM.

41st Annual Winter Refresher in Albuquerque, Feb. 25, 2023, Sandia Resort: Dr. Lisa Stolarczyk, Scientific Program Chair, presented the proposed Agenda to the Board. A discussion ensued. Dr. Bridget Lynch is hopeful that a member of the BOD will volunteer to help Dr. Cheri Blacksten, Chair of the Scholarly Activities Committee, in preparation for the annual Poster Session that will immediately follow the last presentation of the day. Dr. Blacksten did a stellar job for NMAFP last year as the new Chair of this Committee. Dr. Jennifer Phillips suggested that attending physicians as well as students and residents be allowed to present posters at this Poster Session. The priority will be for student and resident posters to be displayed in the official Poster Session room; and, if there is overflow, the attendings' posters will be displayed in the hallway. The Board agreed. Another new change is that the Board requested that we create a "judging" system, just like we have a "reviewers" system and give awards to "winners." Another addition to our Poster Session would be to provide the judges with a \$25 gift certificate as a thank you for serving as a judge. This may help us to recruit judges over the years. Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine sponsored the Poster Session/Happy Hour last year and has invited NMAFP to present a proposal to sponsor the 2023 event. A Peer Review Committee was established and includes: Drs. Mac Bowen, Valerie Carrejo, Veneta Ianakieva, Lisa Stolarczyk, Rick Madden, Bridget Lynch, Jennifer Phillips, Lourdes Vizcarra and Karen Vaillant for the Feb. 25, 2023 Poster Session.

Governmental Affairs Committee Update: Dr. Rick Madden, Governmental Affairs Committee, shared the following report with the Board:

Discussion

1. Develop membership survey for 2023 session
 - Introductory paragraph should make it clear the results of the survey will inform the NMAFP Board of Directors, which makes the final decision on our advocacy priorities;
 - attach a brief explanation of each issue within the survey itself;
 - consider 4-column choice format for each issue: yes, no indifferent priority rank 1-5 or 1-10
 - consider asking members if they would like us to advocate for each issue;
 - work on focusing social determinants of health question(s) to be specific and reference pertinent past legislation;
 - keep it simple yet clear so the results are actionable;
 - consider incentives/promotional devices: fill out future surveys at our CME meetings; gift cards; cards sent to members in the mail or given at meeting to make it easy to fill out the survey (e.g., badge card with a smartphone QR code link to the survey that we wear to our CME meetings, etc.)

2. Health Equity and Racial Justice committee ideas - see email from Emilia that I attached to the invitation to this meeting. We found her thoughts to be germane to the survey; need to design questions to be specific and actionable should anything come up at the 2023 legislative session.

3. Issues of particular interest that we should anticipate for the session:

- abortion restriction vs protection
- gender affirming care vs opposition
- education
- housing
- children's safety (e.g., school shootings)
- tort reform for physician protection from fines levied by the state (should they become a reality) for failure to report, etc.

Future:

New members of our committee as of today: Veny (vianakieva2@gmail.com), Emilia (docvesper@gmail.com), Alicia (resident), Alicia.Gonzales.md@gmail.com)

Volunteers for survey development: Emilia, Veny, Alicia and Mac (agreed at our Board meeting on 7/24/2022) along with Steve, Val, and Bridget to proofread.

Survey timing:

- development starts Sep/Oct in earnest
- goal: email to members in late Nov, deadline mid/late Dec
- collate results, select priority rank, present to Board for approval in Jan

Consider having a committee meeting just prior to DOD training in mid-January to update our advocacy plans based on what we perceive will be coming for the session.

(Alicia is leading a 4wk block for residents on health policy/advocacy in January and will coordinate with Steve during the session. She also has a few residents who want to do 2hrs/week over the preceding few months as a longitudinal experience.)

Board meeting discussion 7/24/2022: Should we consider a constitutional amendment to protect medical providers from fines, jail time or other penalties for failure to report (e.g., performing an abortion procedure, as was alleged by the AG in Indiana this month, in the national news)? After many comments, the sense of the Board is to explore any current efforts in our state; Emilia will work on this thru her committee. Jen will ask Dr Scrase what he has heard. Caution was expressed about asking for a specific policy, law or amendment without more information and consideration; we could explore ideas and express support for efforts that protect our members and patients and stay involved as things evolve.

Health Equity & Racial Justice Committee Update: Dr. Emilia Vesper shared with the Board that she has currently met with the Mayor of Albuquerque regarding the homeless situation as well as the Albuquerque HealthCare for the Homeless which is working on legislation they hope to see passed through. Dr. Vesper has an upcoming meeting with the NM Department of Health Equity, and her goal is to listen to the community members who are doing this work to try to support and

elevate their voices as to what they see as the biggest issues they need help with. Dr. Vesper is thinking about having some very specific health equity questions on the 2023-member survey and has begun writing articles for our quarterly newsletter regarding current health equity issues for educational purposes. If a Board Member has an idea for future articles, please share it with Dr. Vesper.

Scientific Advisory Committee Update: Dr. Mac Bowen asked the Board to share topic and workshop ideas for next summer's Ruidoso Conference with him during our Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting immediately following the BOD Meeting

Resident Reports:

UNM: Dr. Kate Kollers, Past UNM Residency Representative, filled in for the current Resident Reps at UNM. Dr. Kollers gave a very positive report on the current affairs at the UNM Residency Program beginning with graduation in June, good news that four of the graduates are staying on at UNM, and the new interns have completed their orientation. Currently, UNM has a total of 22 Residents: 6 in Santa Fe, 2 in Shiprock, and 14 at UNM.

Santa Fe: Dr. Alicia Gonzales, Santa Fe Resident Representative, shared that the Santa Fe Residency Program has changed their name from the Northern NM Family Medicine Residency to the University of New Mexico-Santa Fe Family Medicine Residency. There are 6 new interns this year, and it is the largest intern group to date. The Residents are happily celebrating a 50% increase in their stipends this year. The Santa Fe Residents are looking forward to the AAFP Resident & Student Conference in Kansas City next week. All but one of their 3rd years will be in attendance. Dr. Mac Bowen interjected that the Santa Fe Residency is looking for new faculty due to their large expansion. If interested, send information to NMAFP at familydoctor@newmexico.com, and we will advertise this opportunity on the NMAFP website.

Las Cruces: Dr. Kaela Moldowan shared that the Silver City Residency Program closed as of July 1st. Dr. Moldowan was a Silver City Resident but moved to the Las Cruces Residency in June. The Las Cruces Residency Program is very happy to have Dr. Moldowan on board.

Future NMAFP Activities:

17th Annual Med Student Reception, Friday, September 9, 2022, Sandia Resort & Casino, Eagle Room, 5:30-8:30 pm. Dinner Served

Annual Budget Meeting, Saturday, September 10, 2022, NMAFP Office, 10:00 am, Breakfast Served

Board Meeting, Saturday, November 5, 2022, NMAFP Office, Noon, Lunch Served

Board Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 24, 2023 Sandia Resort (night before Conference) 5:30 pm hors d'oeuvres served

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