

RIAFP Advocacy Call

6:30 p.m.

January 9, 2018

Attendance:

Sarah Fessler

Keith Callahan

Alketa Mezini Xhupi

Joanna Brown

Gina La Prova

Marc Bialek

Agenda:

1. Gina Raimondo Fundraiser – Philip Salko would like to attend \$1,000 fundraiser on Jan 18. The problem is that the money if it's coming from RIAFP should be coming from our PAC – otherwise it is supposed to be an individual person's donation
 - a. Talking points were the importance of continuing the quality of the Brown family medicine residency program and Bill 305 from the Rhode Island Athletic Trainers Association and the importance of having a certified/licensed athletic trainer to be available for high school athletic practices and games – required all school districts
 - i. The Committee thought that those issues were more of a sports medicine thing and not a RIAFP thing
 - ii. The RIAFP Advocacy Committee should come up with a plan for contributions and not do them ad hoc
 - iii. RIAFP needs to figure out who we should support and who supports our issues.
2. Setting up a PAC – Easy to do (RI ACEP, RISEPS, RIMS, RISA all have PACs) we would need to fill out some paperwork and then start a separate bank account and have a mini board of directors listed.
 - a. Used to have a PAC had a hard time getting contributions says Sarah Fessler
 - b. You want to have a PAC and contribute even when issues aren't there otherwise the politicians may not listen as much
 - c. If and when we establish a PAC we should use the Memorial Hospital Angle
 - d. We should do a small survey and find out who would be interested

- e. The Survey – Now that we are beginning the legislative session
 - i. What advocacy issues are out there that affect us?
 - ii. Would you contribute to a PAC?
 - iii. Would you be interested in being involved in advocacy committee/being the chair of PAC board?
 - iv. Ask RIMS how much we should have and who to contribute to
- 3. RIMS public laws update by Sarah Fessler