



RIAFP BOD Meeting Minutes (Rough Draft)

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

6:30 p.m.

405 Promenade Street, Suite A

Providence, RI 02908

In Attendance: Drs. Philip Salko, Keith Callahan, Alketa Mezini Xhupi, Jennifer Buckley (virtually), Sarah Fessler, David Bica, Jordan Emont, Jeffrey Borkan, Kristofer Tupper, and Mr. Marc Bialek

Excused: Drs. Elisabeth Farnum and Gina La Prova

Not in Attendance: David Ashley

Quorum Established

- Chief Judge Robert M. Ferrieri and Judge Minicucci – RI Workers Compensation addressed the board from 6:35 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. about issues they are having recruiting physicians to be Independent Medical Examiners for the court. The board discussed how the pay was good but the paperwork and process was either hard, confusing or unknown to some. Board agreed that **Marc Bialek will work with the judges to set up a future membership meeting that will go into greater detail about how to best navigate a patient through the workers compensation process.**
- Health Centric Advisors staff person Chris Hopwood addressed the board from 6:50 p.m. until 7:10 p.m. The topic was supposed to be about how family physicians were not doing well in the new QPP program but her slides did not support that. **Mac Bialek and her would follow up to see if specific family physicians could be identified from smaller practices that could use Healthcentric Advisors help which is free.**
- April Meeting Minutes Reviewed and Approved
- 2019 Chapter dues will remain the same
- Website Taskforce Update – group did not meet – scheduling has been difficult – will hopefully meet in August or September.
- Foundation Taskforce Update – group did not meet- will hopefully meet in August or September – committee is made up of Sara Delaporta, Alketa Mezini Xhupi, David Bica, Marc Bialek and later someone from Brown University Family Medicine.
- New Hampshire Resolution – Attachment 1 – **Board all in Favor of supporting resolution.**
- Education Committee – Minutes – Dr. Bica and Dr. Callahan discussed Marie Ganim’s June 11 membership meeting and Chapel Grill. The education committee agreed that the post conference survey’s point the RIAFP to having the next conference at the Warren Alpert Medical

School as well. Topics are being collected and once we get confirmation from the Medical School on the date for the 2019 conference, the education committee will have an in person formal meeting to start planning the conference. Attachment 2

- Advocacy Committee – Dr. Callahan discussed Chapter Advocacy Day and how the RI American College of Physicians contacted us about partnering on our 2019 advocacy day. RIAFP applied for the 2019 Chapter Advocacy Day Assistance Program – RIAFP will be responsible for \$2,500 if we get the \$2,500 that we asked for.
 - o Board discussed that a hot topic coming up will be the Care New England Merger and how RIAFP should write a letter discussing how we would like to see family medicine handled throughout the merger to make sure family medicine physicians are protected.
 - o Board discussed how we worked with the AAFP to draft a letter to Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI discussing our unhappiness with Modifier 25 – it was published in the Q3 RI Family Medicine Magazine and sent to BCBS of RI.
 - o Dr. Callahan discussed his and Dr. Ashley’s experience at the Family Medicine Advocacy Summit in Washington D.C., and AAFP event.
 - o Board was okay that the executive committee gave its support for the RIDOH maternal health behavioral health grant application – Attachment 4
 - o AAFP, RIAFP and RIDOH have been working on a licensure program that will see all AAFP/RIAFP members in the state excluded from the DOH Audit of licensure that takes place every other August because of AAFP/RIAFP’s high standard for CME and lifelong learning. This should be seen as a great member benefit.
- RIAFP Journal Q3 – Attachment 3
 - o The 3rd quarter Rhode Island Family Medicine magazine went out and should be hitting people’s mailboxes in mid-August.
- Executive Director Update
 - o Marc Bialek to attend the National Conference of Family Medicine Residence and Medical Student event from August 2-4 in Kansas City, MO. AAFP provided RIAFP with a scholarship for Marc Bialek’s hotel and travel.
 - o Marc Bialek to also attend the Chapter Executive Leadership Program, September 20-21, in Chicago, IL.
- Financial Update
 - o Dr. Buckley provided an update.
 - o Taxes for 2017 were filed
 - o Secretary of State Annual Report Filed
 - o Q1 (146.9 hours) and Q2 (139.3 hours) charges for Executive Director were \$15,782.04 for the first half of the year. Q2 website updates came to \$550.
 - o The RIAFP established a separate bank account for the Foundation that will be formed.
- RIAFP Executive Committee is October 16, 2018
- RIAFP Board Meeting is October 23, 2018
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.