



FLORIDA SOCIETY OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

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Annual Meeting

August 3, 2008

The Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee

Present: Venerando Batas MD, President, Robert Dehgan MD, Vice President, Mitchell Freed MD, Member at Large, Kanta Shah MD, Jesse Lipnick MD, Rodolfo Eichberg MD, Justine Vaughen, MD, Executive Director Lorry Davis.

Guests: Richard Fry MD, Richard Hays MD

Old Business:

1. **Minutes** of the May 11, 2007, Atlanta meeting were approved.
2. **Membership Report:** We currently have 114 members, 12 of whom are retired, hence 102 dues paying members. We again employed AAPMR to send FSPMR member apps, along with AAPMR dues notices, to those AAPMR members in Florida who are not yet FSPMR members. From this, we netted 3 new member applications. We received one app from the website. The following candidates for membership, whose applications were found to be in order, were voted into membership:

Robert W Irwin MD	Miami	recommended by Dr Andrew Sherman
Kinjal Parikh (med student)	Miami	recommended by Dr Ronald Tolchin
Sarala H Srimvasa MD	Jacksonville	recommended by Dr Deborah Stewart
William J Cole Jr DO	Sarasota	needs recommendation (Dr Batas will Speak to Dr Alcazaren for a Recommendation)

Treasury Report: For members interested in this report, please contact Lorry Davis, lorry4@earthlink.net

3. **EDX Scope of Practice Issues:** Dr Dehgan reported spending the last two years on this effort, including fighting at the CAC level. This resolution has been adopted by the FMA; however, the FMA will not exclude other MDs (outside of physiatry and neurology) from the practice of EDX. The FMA will help fight allied health practitioners outside of MDs/DOs from expansions of their practices into EDX, and the FMA agrees that EDX needs to be performed or directly supervised by physicians.



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New Business:

1. **FMA Annual Meeting** at the Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, July 31 – August 2, 2008: Dr Batas provided this:
 - a. The most important report is in reference to the resolution that our chapter sponsored. This resolution has been extensively discussed at the Specialty Society Section meeting and was later adopted by the Board of Governors. Afterwards this was sent to the Reference Committee who then presented it to the House of Delegates for consideration. The House overwhelmingly supported our resolution despite intense opposition from the Florida Orthopedic Society (Hand Surgery). The resolution reads as follows:
Performance of Electrodiagnostic Studies: FMA would seek legislation to limit the performance of nerve conduction studies and needle EMGs in outpatient facilities to situations where the licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician who is interpreting the study is onsite at the time the study is performed.
 - b. The resolution on the Comprehensive Electronic Prescription Drug Monitoring Plan (PDMP) sponsored by Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, Florida Academy of Pain Medicine, Florida Society of Addiction Medicine, Florida Orthopedic Society, Florida Society of PMR, Florida Society of Anesthesiology has also passed without much opposition.
 - c. Governor Crist signed the Managed Care Bill.
2. Also brought up, to be discussed at a later date were the Medicaid reimbursement for pediatric rehabilitation, and approaching medical directors of insurance companies.
3. Elections
4. Comments from the Outgoing President, Dr Batas, including election results:

Dear Fellow Florida Physiatriests,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all of you who supported me as your President from 2006-2008. It has been a great learning experience and truly rewarding both professionally and personally.

It is with considerable pleasure that I announce the following new set of officers from 2008-2010:

President: Robert Deghan MD

Vice President: Rigoberto Puente MD

Secretary: Matt Imfeld MD

Treasurer: Mitch Freed MD



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Members at Large: Paul Kornberg MD
Mark Rubenstein MD
Michael Creamer DO

I would like to acknowledge Dr. Mitch Freed for putting together this slate of candidates. Let us all support Dr. Deghan and his officers.

Special thanks also to Ms. Lorry Davis for all the guidance that she has given me and prior presidents of our society. She is truly deserving of her position as executive director.

Special thanks to Dr. Rubenstein and Dr. Deghan for their invaluable input and assistance for passing the EDX resolution.

5. Comments from Incoming President: Dr Dehgan stressed continuing with the accomplishments we've made to date at the CAC, and the relationships we're forming for support with other specialties there. He also stated his goal was to increase membership.

Good and Welfare:

July 10 – 12, 2009, FSPMR will meet in conjunction with the Florida Academy of Pain Medicine at The Breakers in Palm Beach. SSPMR will also be meeting at this event.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorry S. Davis, M.Ed.
Executive Director