

FLORIDA SOCIETY OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

July 25, 2009

The Breakers, Palm Beach
Michael McCarty's Restaurant
7 – 9:30 pm

ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES

Present: Robert Dehgan MD, President, Rigoberto Puente-Guzman MD, VP, Mitchell Freed MD, Treasurer, Matthew Imfeld MD, Secretary, Mark Rubenstein MD, Member-at-Large, Anthony Dorto MD, Craig Lichtblau MD, Executive Director Lorry Davis

Guests: Nathan Zasler MD, Penniford Justice MD, Dexanne Clohan MD, Arthur Pasach MD (SSPMR Members), Scott Corneal DO

Presiding: Robert B Dehgan, MD, President

Old Business:

1. **Minutes** of the August 3, 2008, Orlando Meeting, approved.
2. **Membership Report** – Rigoberto Puente-Guzman MD, VP, report approved. We currently have 94 members, 13 of whom are retired, hence 81 dues paying members. Melinda H Hayes MD, Tampa, recommended by Venerando Batas MD, was voted into membership.

3. **Treasury Report and Membership Efforts** – Mitchell Freed MD, Treasurer, report approved. We currently have \$4,003.22 in our account. After the first and second dues invoices, there are still 20 members who have not yet paid 2009 dues. Potential additional income: \$2,500 (\$125 X 20). Last month, Dr Freed enlisted the help of the other Board members in contacting those on the list in their areas. The need for more members, communications to members and prospective members as to why be a member of FSPMR, critical physician leadership, and tangible member benefits was discussed. A quarterly publication of some type (President's quarterly message for example), so FSPMR will stay in front of peoples' eyes, and a member survey was discussed (short and multiple choice). Dr Imfeld will get member email data from AAPMR so we can identify physiatrists in Florida who are not FSPMR members.

Other Anticipated Expenses This Year:

Executive Director:	\$3,750.00
Administrative:	
Phone/Fax	100.00
Printing/Mailing	50.00
Banking	25.00
Office Supplies	50.00
Website	100.00
Total Anticipated Expenses:	\$4,075.00

Our Executive Director agreed to take less reimbursement (\$900 to \$750/month) for the last 6 months of this year.

4. Dr Dehgan reported about the Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. Pain medicine has been supportive of PM&R issues and vice versa. Dr Freed suggested other FSPMR Board Members go with Dr Dehgan to the CAC and other types of organized medicine meetings.

New Business:

1. The question of whether or not to meet with FAPM again in 2010 (July 16 – 18, again at The Breakers, Palm Beach) was tabled until the next Board teleconference. Lorry stated that Andrew Sherman MD, a physiatrist and now President-Elect/Program Chair for the FL Academy of Pain Medicine is working to have a half day PM&R track at that event. Dr Sherman is the PM&R Residency Director for the University of Miami Medical School.

2. Florida Doctors Insurance Company presented their proposal for FSPMR's endorsement in exchange for corporate sponsorship. One member benefit could be a reduction in medical malpractice premium. Organizational benefit could be support for website, annual meetings, etc. There will be a Board Meeting via teleconference in a month to decide these and other matters.

Good and Welfare:

For those physiatrists interested in interventional procedures, the Florida Society of Interventional Pain Physicians will hold its annual meeting July 24 - 26, 2009, at The Boca Raton Resort, in conjunction with the FMA's Annual Meeting. Go here for details:
<http://flsipp.org/FSIPP2009ConfBroch1.pdf>

Respectfully submitted,

Lorry S. Davis, M.Ed.
Executive Director

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