Minnesota Perfusion Society

Business Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2016

Call to order

The fall business meeting of the Minnesota Perfusion Society (MPS) was called to order on November 6, 2016 by James Neal.

Roll Call

The following were present: James Neal, Erica Beach, Mandy Cornelius, Nitasha Joyner, Tim Dickinson, Dirck Rilla, Matt Schuldes, Phil Scott, and Kristi Vogt. David Hodnik and Caitlin Blau were present via conference call.

Treasury Report

The tentative treasury report for the meeting was reviewed; the approximate final balance was a positive balance. It was noted that a drop in registration fees did not change the overall net balance of the meeting. Follow-up with vendors and respective fees for meeting attendance was discussed. A motion was made to accept the tentative treasury report.

2016 Fall Meeting Treasury Report

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MPS Account Balances (as of 12/6/2016)

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Attendance

Total attendance including vendor representatives, attendees, speakers, and guests was approximately 60 on Friday, 93 on Saturday and 50 on Sunday. An increase in attendance was noted. Future issues with vendor mergers were also discussed. A motion was made to close the attendance report.

Meeting Survey

The survey results were discussed; survey results were mostly positive. Survey suggestions included location change of podium, microphone change, and additional coffee. Providing more information about the light rail and shuttle were discussed. Informational sheets about transportation options will be available next year at check in, registration, and online. James Neal will check with vendors to get feedback about this year’s meeting space. A motion was made to accept the survey results. Result from vendor feedback included requests to locate the breakfast and reception food/bar in the space with the vendor exhibits.

2016 Meeting Survey Results

Evaluation Form
Circle the number that best describes your reaction to the following questions
1 strongly disagree to 5 strongly agree

This meeting helped meet my continuing education requirement.
1 2 3 4 (5) 5 (29)
Comments:
Very well run at reasonable price,
Truly enjoyed meeting and topics
By Far- one of the BEST meetings I’ve ever attended in my 25 years. So relaxed and informative. Overall, great meeting! Very well run with good speakers.

The program content gave me something to take back to my practice.
1 2 3 4 (10) 5 (24)
Comments:
Especially the ECMO simulations!
The Simulation lab was very good!

The speakers were knowledgeable and topic relevant to today’s perfusion practice.
1 2 3 4 (4) 5 (28)
Comments:
Wonderful job and speakers were very mindful of time allotments, very professional

The meeting accommodations meet my needs.
1 2 3 4 (10) 5 (23)
Comments:
Hotel great new and clean with a decent price, shuttle was a great benefit Excellent!
More coffee available throughout the day

The meeting venue was well suited to this meeting.
1 2 3 4 (2) 5 (7)
Comments:
Hotel last year was closer to the mall, Blu was closer, liked last year’s hotel better, Food was exceptional and above expectations, great breakfasts especially Saturday

The ECMO Symposium was an added value to the meeting
1 2 3(1) 4 (5) 5 (24)
Comments:
ECMO is an area that is once again evolving in 30 years of practice we still have questions
Always helpful!

Additional Comments:
Great meeting
Change location of the microphone on podium

MPS Educational Meeting 2017

Updates for producing the 2017 fall meeting were discussed. The 2017 meeting planning committee was made and is as follows: Chair – Matt Schuldes, Co-chairs – Phil Scott, Kristi Vogt, and Dirck Rilla. As the agreement has been signed with the Hyatt, details and changes within the agreement were briefly discussed. Tentative plans for the 2017 meeting were discussed along with options for a larger space for meals and future difficulties with vendor consolidations/mergers. Meeting time was discussed, and it was agreed that we should proceed with the same time format for next year. A discussion about simulation occurred. The discussion included how to improve current simulation, if we should look into off-site centers and the possibility of having a simulation get together in the spring. There was also a brief discussion about providing an optional Medtronic plant tour. It was agreed that the preliminary budget for the meeting should be sent out around February, along with any ideas for future changes. A motion was made to accept the items discussed.

MPS Government Relations

A report was provided by Dave Hodnik discussing the status of the MPS government relations and the Government Relations Committee (GRC) and has been included below.

MPS Government Relations Report

2016 moves quickly into 2017 when a new Minnesota legislative biennium will begin in January. This report will summarize government relations activity past and present with an eye to the future.

The newly created officer by the MPS BOD is the MPS government relations officer. I believe that this position must also include public relations in representation of Minnesota perfusionists that is coordinated with social media where it is appropriate. This new office could be seen as essentially a communications position as well for public and government relations issues. I will work with Larry Garrison to ensure a smooth transition.

A licensure bill was introduced in the Minnesota House of Representatives in February 2009 (HF1084) by Representative Cy Thao and Representative Larry Howes. The state of Minnesota and allied health organizations then became aware of legislation that could possibly create state licensure for perfusionists. The Minnesota Hospital Association made the response below to the committee that receives newly introduced health care occupation regulations in March effectively stopping the licensure effort at the time. Complete fax is available from MPS GRC.

HF1084/SFXXX Perfusionist Licensure. MHA has reviewed the perfusionist licensure proposal. We do not support licensure for this group at this time because this proposal does not meet two of our criteria. First, we have not been able to identify evidence that those currently working in the field pose a threat to the public in any way. Secondly, we have not been able to identify a clear path for training of these professionals in a way that meets the licensure requirement and does not create a shortage of perfusionists. According to the data we have- received, the closest school that trains perfusionists is in Iowa. There is no approved training program in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota or South Dakota. The lack of a local training option makes it unlikely that we will be able to recruit enough perfusionists eligible to meet proposed licensure standards.

While these arguments from MHA were specious if would be fair to point out that they were not educated well enough prior to introduction of a perfusionist licensure bill in the legislature.

James Neal shopped proposed language for licensure to representatives from Mayo in Rochester in June of 2012. They essentially wanted to have language changes to the bill that would reflect that a perfusionist runs a heart lung machine in surgery only. This would not be representative of perfusionist roles around the state. This point of view also suggests that there is an opportunity to educate the folks at Mayo in Rochester.
The Minnesota Hospital Association and Mayo Clinic represent the main opportunities for education about who perfusionists are and what should be included in a “scope of practice” that is representative of all perfusionists practicing in Minnesota.

Minnesota GRC became aware in January 2016 that a friend of Brian Reinbold served in the legislature on health care committees. Representative Zerwas is running for re-election this November. Hopefully he will be elected and helpful in a future perfusionist credentialing effort.

During the summer of 2016 an effort to communicate with volunteer members of the Minnesota GRC committee yielded sparse participation. The goal at the time was to have regular conference calls where these volunteers could get acquainted, find out what perfusionists from around the state were doing in their “scope of practice”, plan for licensure education for Minnesota perfusionists, refine existing perfusionist licensure language according to feedback received, plan for communication to allied health groups, and discuss lobbying and finance. The original group was Matt Davis from Duluth, Tiffany Robb from Mayo, Kristin Irwin-Crouse from Fairview University, Brian Reinbold from the VA, Kristi Vogt and Dave Hodnik from St Cloud. There was no representation on the group from Specialty Care, Children’s, or Methodist. Several conference calls were scheduled to occur at 7PM on Thursday’s beginning in June of 2016 with sparse attendance. While a few individuals participated no committee work was accomplished.

Tom Keliher our former lobbyist was contacted to get an idea of cost for lobbying. He quoted $24,000 to $30,000 per year depending on complexity, level of work, and controversy. Tom is also friends with Nick Zerwas.

Larry Garrison was contacted and asked if he would be interested in being part of the Minnesota GRC committee. Larry accepted this invitation. Larry subsequently made a formal application to AmSECT to become a government relations liaison for Minnesota. His application was accepted and approved by the AmSECT GRC. Currently Larry and I are co-liaisons until I resign which will likely occur late in the 3rd quarter of calendar 2017.

October 17th a government relations conference call sponsored by AmSECT on credentialing for Minnesota perfusionists was held following email notification of all Minnesota perfusionists having email on record with MPS and by AmSECT of all Minnesota members. It was a good meeting moderated by Jim Reagor. Mike Troike and Shelly Brown of AmSECT GRC were also on the line. We discussed that if appropriate and timely MPS representatives would meet with allied health group representatives and newly elected state officials to talk about state regulation of perfusionists keeping it casual and using educational materials developed by AmSECT. A possible next step would be to bring form letters created by AmSECT in support of licensure for perfusionists for signature by physicians we work closely with namely surgeons, and anesthesiologists. These letters would be used along with letters from Minnesota perfusionists to represent support for credentialing. Anther point that was brought up in the meeting was to check public information sources in states where perfusionists are licensed for disciplinary action or refused license to find information relating to protecting the public. AmSECT GRC is willing to come to Minnesota to participate as part of our annual meeting in an effort to educate on licensure.

MPS business meeting discussion today indicated that perhaps another survey on licensure of perfusionists be conducted and credentialing education to continue.

**Board of Director (BOD) positions voted on and seconded motion passed**

The Board of Director positions were discussed, James Neal will be stepping down as the chair and Dirck Rilla will be taking the position. In addition to Dirck Rilla, Erica Beach, Kristi Vogt, Nitasha Joyner, and Phil Scott will maintain voting positions. James Neal will become the non-voting member. Officer positions were discussed, Caitlin Blau will remain treasure, Erica Beach will remain secretary, Amanda Cornelius and Caitlin Blau will continue to manage social media. Openings for president and vice president were filled, Nitasha Joyner will be president and Tim Dickinson will be vice president. A motion was made to accept the positions. A discussion about succession planning for officers and officer structure occurred, a motion was made to table this topic and review this at a later time. A motion was made to change the Government relations liaison to government relations officer for both AmSECT and MPS, this motion was seconded. The BOD agreed to get verbal confirmation that Larry Garrison would like to volunteer for this position. A motion was made to close this topic.
T-shirts

Mandy Cornelius discussed selling t-shirts, the current open order and donations associated with the orders. A motion was made to continue selling t-shirts, the motion was seconded.

Adjournment

There were no communications or further discussion brought forward. A motion was made to close the meeting. The MPS business meeting was adjourned in proper form.