

Notes from NCPI Officers Group conference call on 7.6.06

Members present: Bev, May, Judy, Vicky, Rita, Bill, Kathy

Planned Agenda:

- I. Purpose of Call
 - Plan for face-to-face meeting in Fall: date, topics
 - Implementation of Bylaws - how to strengthen committee work, involvement?
 - Identify key projects for next year
- II. Face-to-Face Meeting
- III. Implementation of Bylaws - how to strengthen committee work, involvement
- IV. Future Direction for upcoming year - key projects to discuss/ work on at face to face meeting

Early discussion was on implementation of by laws and tasks to accomplish at the next face-to-face meeting.

F-T-F meeting tentatively planned for Friday, September 29, 2006. Later was decided to poll members for availability in October – likely either Friday 10.13.06 (not a good date for Vicky) or 10.20.06 (though this is not a good date for Rita)

For upcoming year NCPI needs acutely aware about not taking on more than we can realistically do.

Key projects:

- A) Bill – speakers' bureau implementation
Group strategy will be needed to develop this key project
Solicit from speakers what they would like to discuss, using ACS guidelines
and new pain policy (CA)
- B) Second project – if we get AACPI (Lance Armstrong Foundation) funding, will need to implement the proposed 2 CME programs with pre- and post-assessments.

Strategy to implement bylaws:

Bill emailed latest copy with all corrections to Advisory Council members.

Interim by-laws state Chair, Chair-elect and Secretary “shall be elected by members of advisory council, either in person or via conference call, “ then hold formal elections as soon as practicable following adoption of the guidelines.

The hope is for a robust new Advisory Council – with a renewed commitment to the mission.

Want to get an invitational letter out to apply for the Advisory Council prior to face-to-face meeting – Kathy will do ASAP. Letter to include the mission statement, the service commitment, benefits of membership.

Bev describes her interest in the SCCPI model that includes remote and rural practitioners.

Bill: included in bylaws that target representatives should reflect a balance of the geographical areas served by NCPI (remote – Ukiah, Eureka – not just SJ, SF, Sacto,,,) Regarding the division between NCPI and SCCPI influence – Bill states that traditionally the Tehachapi Mts have been used as the N-S dividing line. Bev will research the regions.

Rita asks – who would we send this out to? As many as possible – all original stakeholders and other interested parties. Letter will ask invitees to invite other qualified and interested candidates to apply as well.

Goal is to have letter out ASAP by August 1st. Application deadline – August 7th? Then hold a separate Advisory Council call from usual (August 14th) to evaluate and select from the applicants.

Then discussion turned to this very short timeline, considering that many will be away for a block of time in July and/or August.

Face –to-face meeting would be the Advisory Council members - move it into October? October 13th or 20th? Bev will poll members.

Committee work such as regulatory and legislation monitoring and professional education work can be done better once we are organized. Guidelines provide latitude to create more committees.

Bev suggested agenda items for discussion on regular Advisory Council call on 7.10.07:

Bill reports - Pain and Policy studies group to include pain management in the context of advanced directives and hospice care (state should have provisions for these). How will these affect upcoming NCPI activities.

Bev – would like to take some of the Monday call time to discuss AACPI presentations (Stephen, Kathy and Bev) and Power Over Pain

Website – Vicky to discuss.

Bill gave update on how Medical Board (info from Joan Jerzak and Dave Thornton) is planning to deal with MDs who will not have completed their 12 CME units in Pain by the end of 2006. They will send out a notice with license renewal giving MD a grace period to complete the requirements. Can discuss further on Monday pending information back to Kathy from Candis Cohen of the Medical Board.

Extending a grace period would be positive for NCPI professional education programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Keller
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