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MEETING MINUTES

DCMS Board of Directors

February 6, 2018

Ruple Galani, MD, President

- Call to Order** The President Dr. Ruple Galani, called a meeting of the Duval County Medical Society Board of Directors to order on February 6, 2018 at 6:08 pm, at UF Health Downtown; 653 West 8th Street Jacksonville, FL 32207, in the Deal Boardroom, 4th floor of the LRC.
- Attendance** Board Members Present: Ruple Galani, MD, President; Stephen Mandia, MD, President-Elect; Elizabeth DeVos, MD, Vice President; James St. George, MD, Treasurer, Editor, *Northeast Florida Medicine Journal*; Cynthia Anderson, MD, Secretary; Mark Dobbertien, DO; Carl Freeman, MD; Timothy Groover, MD; Steven Kailes, MD; Ali Kasraeian, MD; William Palmer, MD.
- Board Members Absent: Ingrid Carlson, MD; Patrick DeMarco, MD, Vice President; Parveen Khanna, MD; Gianrico Farrugia, MD; Frank Gilbertstadt, MD; Tra' Chella Johnson Foy, MD, Immediate Past President; Yvette McQueen, MD; Daniel Thimann, MD.
- DCMS Ex-Officio Members Present: W. Alan Harmon, MD; Glenn Knox, MD; Mobeen Rathore, MD.
- DCMS Staff Present: Bryan Campbell, CEO; Sallie Baumann, Meetings & Sponsorship Coordinator; Marissa Saftner, Executive Assistant; Jenn Schwenn, Intern; Kristy Williford; Director of Communications.
- Others Present: CAPT William Todd.
- Consent Agenda** Being the first DCMS Board of Directors Meeting of 2018, the Board of Directors, Ex-Officio Members, guests, and DCMS staff introduced themselves.
- Ruple Galani asked the Board for a motion to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, while extracting the AMA and FMA Reports.
- MOTION 01-02-18** MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA, CONTAINING THE MINUTES (11/07/17), SECRETARY'S REPORT (02/06/18), YTD MEMBERSHIP REPORT (02/06/18), TREASURER'S REPORT (12/31/17), JOURNAL & COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (02/02/18) AND FOUNDATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED.
- AMA Report** Dr. W. Alan Harmon presented the AMA Report to the DCMS Board of Directors and gave important dates including the National Advocacy Conference of the AMA that will be held in Washington, DC from Monday, 2/2/2018 to Wednesday, 2/14/2018 and the AMA Annual Meeting that will be held in Chicago from 6/8/2018 – 6/13/2018. Dr. Harmon noted that the AMA Awards are open for nominations and gave examples of

awards offered, stating that it would be beneficial for the Board to reach out to worthy DCMS candidates.

Dr. Harmon announced the passing of Dr. Jim Borland Jr., a beloved physician and long-time member of the community. The funeral and reception for Dr. Borland will take place on Saturday, February 10th at Riverside Presbyterian Church.

FMA Report

Dr. Mobeen Rathore updated the Board on current happenings of the FMA. The FMA Board recently voted to add 3 additional governors to their Board. All Board Members must be graduates of the Leadership Academy. Currently, more medical students in the state of Florida are not matching to Florida residency programs than ever before.

Legislative Update

Mr. Bryan Campbell detailed the current state of the Opioid Bill. The bill will put a 3 day cap on the prescribing of opioids (7 day maximum for surgeries), a point which is receiving much push back from the FMA. All physicians prescribing opioids will be required to complete two CME hours and will be required to log all opioid prescriptions into a system. A 52 million dollar recovery program will be put in place for those struggling with addiction.

Mr. Campbell updated the Board on the current status of other bills the DCMS has been watching:

Direct Primary Care Bill- Has passed the House and has one stop left in the Senate.

Fail 1st- Passed through the House and is currently stopped in the Senate.

Retro Active Denials Bill- On the floor in the Senate, held up in the House.

Maintenance Certification Bill-Currently not on any agenda.

CEO Report

Mr. Campbell mentioned that there are 5 FMA awards. Currently, each county medical society can nominate one physician for one award.

**President's Report/
Membership Challenge**

Dr. Ruple Galani laid out his 2018 expectations of the Board Members. As trustees of the society, in order for the DCMS to do what the society aims to do, a strong membership is essential. Dr. Galani expects all Board Members to recruit 2 new members. Those that have accomplished this by the end of June will be entered to win one of two giftcards. Dr. Galani urged Board Members to get previously unpaid members that have been dropped from membership to become up-to-date. Physicians need to be reintroduced to the society and reminded of the benefits the DCMS offers. The Board discussed ideas for member recruitment.

The Future of Healthcare Conference will take place on May 21- May 22 and is open to the community.

DCMS Office Location

Dr. Ruple Galani announced to the Board that the DCMS office lease agreement ends February 2019.

The Board then had an open discussion of possible new locations and the idea of a virtual office.

Dr. Ruple Galani plans to create a task force to look at different options and locations near the Downtown Jacksonville and Southside area.

Medical Examiners Commission Reappointment Ballot

Dr. Galani presented the Medical Examiners Commission's ballot for the reappointment of District 4 Medical Examiner, Dr. Valerie J. Rao. As a whole, the DCMS is given one vote. The Board decided they need more information before coming to a decision. Dr. Galani will reach out to DCMS Ex-Officio and Department of Health physician Dr. Kelli Wells for an opinion.

Other Business

Bryan Campbell gave an update on last year's Future of Healthcare Conference's topic, Food Deserts, and what is happening locally. This year's conference's possible topics are opioids, gun violence, obesity, or HIV.

Dr. William Palmer asked for those interested in judging the poster session at the conference to come forward.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the DCMS Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.