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## MEETING MINUTES

DCMS Board of Directors  
August 7, 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 August 7, 2018 at 6:07 pm at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville; 800 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207; Weaver Tower; Wolfson's Boardroom.

**Attendance** Board Members Present: Ruple Galani, MD, President; Stephen Mandia, MD, President- Elect; Patrick DeMarco, MD, Vice President; James St. George, MD, Treasurer, Editor, *Northeast Florida Medicine Journal*; Tra' Chella Johnson Foy, MD, Immediate Past President; Mark Dobbertien, DO; Carl Freeman, MD; Timothy Groover, MD; Steven Kailes, MD; Ali Kasraeian, MD; William Palmer, MD; Daniel Thimann, MD.

Board Members Absent: Cynthia Anderson, MD, Secretary; Ingrid Carlson, MD; Elizabeth DeVos, MD, Vice President; Gianrico Farrugia, MD; Frank Gilbertstadt, MD; Parveen Khanna, MD; Yvette McQueen, MD.

DCMS Ex-Officio Members Present: W. Alan Harmon, MD; Mobeen Rathore, MD; Todd Sack, MD (via conference call).

DCMS Staff Present: Bryan Campbell, CEO; Sallie Baumann, Meetings Coordinator; Marissa Saftner, Executive Assistant; Kristy Williford, Director of Communications.

Others Present: CAPT Brown, Naval Hospital – Jacksonville; Victoria Villescas, MD, UF Health Resident/ Fellow Representative.

**Consent Agenda** Dr. 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 as submitted while extracting the AMA Report for further discussion.

**MOTION 01-08-18** **MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA, CONTAINING THE MINUTES (06/05/18), SECRETARY'S REPORT (07/31/18), YTD MEMBERSHIP REPORT (07/31/18), TREASURER'S REPORT (06/30/18) AND FOUNDATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED.**

**FMA Annual Meeting** Dr. Ruple Galani announced that DCMS members Drs. Tra' Chella Johnson Foy and John Montgomery were elected as AMA Delegates. Dr. Mark Dobbertien was elected to the FMA Board of Governors Surgical Specialties Seat.

Dr. James St. George explained the trophy he brought to the Board Meeting, won by the Duval County Medical Society for being first place in donations to the FMA PAC. Dr. St. George, whose last minute donation put the DCMS into the first place spot, urged the Board to donate to PAC. Open discussion was held on physician friendly candidates, fundraising efforts, and ways to donate. A fundraiser for Julio Gonzales will be held Thursday, August 23.

Dr. W. Alan Harmon updated the Board of Directors on current AMA happenings. The DCMS agreed to send a notification to members encouraging them to comment on the CMS Proposed Rule affecting the E&M Codes. Dr. Ruple Galani thanked all FMA Delegates for their participation in this year's FMA Annual Meeting.

**CEO Report**

Mr. Bryan Campbell announced that nominations for the annual DCMS Awards and Beals & Shahin Awards are now being accepted. Due to base security, the DCMS Navy Dinner taking place on August 28<sup>th</sup> will not allow civilian registrations after Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**President's Report**

President- Elect, Dr. Stephen Mandia, will be relocating and is unable to serve as the 2019 DCMS President. Dr. Mandia spoke on his career and time as an active member of the DCMS.

The Board of Directors thanked Dr. Mandia for his years of service.

According to DCMS bylaws, a President-Elect must be a member of the Executive Committee. Dr. St. George is unable to fill the vacancy at this time but hopes to be in a place where that is possible soon. Dr. St. George proposed that Dr. Galani continue on with a second term as President. Open discussion followed and it was decided that all of the Executive Committee will be asked to fill the position. Once the Executive Committee can meet to discuss and a decision is made, they will report back to the Board of Directors by the Nominating Committee Meeting set for August 23.

Dr. Ruple Galani acknowledged the impact the Physician Wellness Program is making on the community.

**Upcoming Meetings/ Events**

Dr. Ruple Galani presented the following upcoming meetings and events to the Board of Directors:

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- A. Nominating Committee Meeting: August 23<sup>rd</sup>; DCMS Office; 1301 Riverplace Blvd., Suite 1638, Jacksonville, FL 32207.
- B. Executive Committee Meeting: September 4<sup>th</sup>; DCMS Office; 1301 Riverplace Blvd., Suite 1638, Jacksonville, FL 32207.
- C. Next Board of Directors Meeting: October 2<sup>nd</sup>; Baptist Medical Center; Weaver Tower; Wolfson's Boardroom; 800 Prudential Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32207.
- D. DCMS Navy Dinner; August 28<sup>th</sup>; NAS Jax; Officer's Club.
- E. DCMS Annual Meeting & Inaugural Ball; December 1st, 2018; DoubleTree; 1201 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207.
- F. Jaguars Tailgate; December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the DCMS Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.