



DCMS Board of Directors
May 12, 2020
James St. George, MD, President
Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

- Call to Order** The President, Dr. James St. George, called a meeting of the Duval County Medical Society Board of Directors to order on May 12, 2020 at 6:35pm via Zoom.
- Attendance** Board Members Present: James St. George, MD, President; Elizabeth DeVos, MD, President-elect; Mark Dobbertien, DO, Treasurer; Ruple Galani, MD, Immediate Past President; Steven Kailes, MD, Vice President; Ali Kasraeian, MD, Vice President; Ingrid Carlson, MD; Marie Crandall, MD; Patrick DeMarco, MD; F. Huson Gilberstadt, MD; Timothy Groover, MD; Jeffrey Mathison, MD; William Palmer, MD; Daniel Thimann, MD.
- Board Members Absent: Ferdinand Formoso, DO, Secretary; Carl Freeman, MD; Sandeep Munjal, MD; Lynsey Seim, MD.
- DCMS Ex-Officio Members Present: Sunil Joshi, MD; John Montgomery, MD.
- DCMS Staff Present: Sallie Baumann, Meetings & Sponsorship Manager; Fraser Cobbe, CEO; Marissa Saftner, Managing Director; Kristy Williford, Communications Manager.
- Consent Agenda** Dr. St. George asked the Board to review the consent agenda. Dr. Ruple Galani, NE FL FMA Delegation Chair, noted that the AMA June meeting has been cancelled. The NE FL FMA Delegation met on May 18th and formed a subcommittee to fine-tune resolutions that were submitted to the Delegation. There being no further comments, questions, or extractions, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.
- MOTION 01-05-20** **MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA, CONTAINING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (03/17/20), SECRETARY'S REPORT (05/12/20), YTD MEMBERSHIP REPORT (05/12/20), TREASURER'S REPORT (03/31/20), DCMS FOUNDATION REPORT (05/12/20), AND NE FL FMA DELEGATION REPORT (05/12/20) AS SUBMITTED.**
- Flu Vaccination Campaign (DCMS Foundation)** Dr. Sunil Joshi, DCMS Foundation President, spoke on a community-wide flu vaccination campaign the Foundation is beginning. Consisting of local hospital systems, health insurance companies, safety net programs, the Florida Department of Health, professional medical societies, the local media (all forms), the Chamber of Commerce, and the mayor's office, the goal of the campaign is to inundate the public with information and opportunities to be properly vaccinated against influenza. By doing this, the goal is to minimize the number of people who have to be hospitalized for the flu in the fall/winter assuring hospitals have appropriate bed capacity for COVID-19 patients along with others who might

require hospitalization. There is currently a state registry for those who administer flu shots to log amount of vaccinations given.

**COVID-19
Initiatives &
Updates**

Fraser Cobbe reported on the PPE supply orders and Protecting Physician Families program. With a way to order PPE through the DCMS, new members are joining the society. PPE orders are arriving to the warehouse and shipping out quickly and the chaos and uncertainty that we experienced with the supply chains is calming. About 60 physicians signed up for the first distribution of PPE for physician families. During the COVID crisis, the DCMS has received approximately 5 or 6 media inquiries.

DCMS Advocacy

Fraser then asked the Board of Directors if they have interest in a key contact program and PAC. The timing of forming a PAC will be complimentary to election coming up. Dr. Ruple Galani noted that the DCMS attempted to start a PAC in the past. Discussion on forming a PAC ensued and it was noted that the other counties should be included to form a Northeast Florida PAC. A motion was made and seconded to form a Northeast Florida Political Action Committee.

MOTION 02-05-20

MOTION PASSED TO FORM A NORTHEAST FLORIDA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE.

Fraser will develop parameters for forming the PAC and will need assistance from physicians to do so. Drs. Galani, Kasraeian, St. George, and Kailes volunteered to assist.

Other Business

Format for the DCMS Annual Meeting and DCMS Foundation Future of Healthcare Conference is currently being determined. The DCMS Foundation is looking at a hybrid for the conference consisting of both in-person and virtual attendees. Currently, the Prime Osborn Convention Center is reserved for Monday, October 5 and Tuesday, October 6. Dr. St. George asked the Board for their opinion on whether or not a social Monday night DCMS Annual Meeting is appropriate during the COVID crisis when social distancing measures may be mandatory. The Board of Directors decided that it was too early to make a decision on this and requested Drs. Joshi, St. George, and DeVos make the decision at a later date.

**Upcoming Events/
Meetings**

The following tentative schedule of upcoming DCMS meetings/ events were presented:

- A. DCMS - Navy Dinner: Est. summertime (waiting on Navy update)
- B. Beers with Peers: July 21
- C. Board of Directors Meeting/ GMM & Dinner: August 11
- D. Leadership Academy- Final Session: August 14
- E. Board of Directors Meeting: September 8
- F. Annual Meeting & Future of Healthcare Conference: October 5-6
- G. Beers with Peers: October 22
- H. Board of Directors Meeting/ GMM & Dinner: December

Adjournment

The DCMS Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.