

Montana Pharmacy Association  
Annual Business & Membership Meeting

## **Minutes**

June 9, 2007

Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

### **Call to Order.**

Vince Colucci called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. He welcomed everyone to the Northwest Pharmacy Convention and to the Montana Pharmacy Association's Annual Business Meeting. He asked if everyone has been having an educational and enjoyable convention? Affirmative. Vince thanked the Washington and Idaho Pharmacy Associations for their warm welcomes and for all the work that goes into putting a successful convention together.

### **Minutes of 2006 Annual Meeting.**

Vince asked if everyone had a chance to read the Minutes of the 2006 Annual Convention (June 10, 2006 in C d A), noting that they are included with the Agenda for this meeting and other Reports in the packets everyone received at registration? Affirmative.

A Motion was duly made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2006 Annual Membership meeting. Motion Carried.

### **President's Report.**

Vince explained that it has been a 'challenging year' for MPA. Upon assuming the presidency Vince began 'pitching' on behalf of pharmacy. It's been a long game, and it's not over. According to Vince, whether it is advocacy or practice issues at the national, state or local level, 'patient care' is at the essence of the mission as an association and as a profession.

At the national level, Vince explained that he and the Board spent a great deal of time with Senator Baucus in the last year. Senator Baucus has made pharmacy issues one of his highest priorities. He may be about ready to introduce a bill in Congress that will make major, pharmacy-friendly improvements in Medicare Part D. Vince note that we need to undertake a similar educational effort with Senator Tetser in the coming year. He note that our efforts with Rep. Rehberg have been rewarded with his co-sponsorship, this year and last, including HR 1474 this year, of legislation in the house important to pharmacy.

Vince thanked Tobey Schule, from Kalispell for representing pharmacy and MPA so well in front of the Senate Finance Committee. Tobey was invited by Senator Baucus to testify in February of 2006 and again in May 2007.

At the state level, Vince noted that it was a legislative year in Montana and that MPA was very busy last winter watching out for pharmacy issues in Helena. For example, MPA supported HB 536, aimed at improving patient safety by requiring pedigrees on all transactions outside the normal distribution chain. The bill passed both chambers of the

Legislature. This bill was vetoed by the Governor. The veto was upheld. MPA opposed a few bills SB 397 (to allow dispensing by physicians in employer based clinics) and SB 521 (no substitution of antiepileptic drugs). These bills did not pass the Legislature. Also at the state level, MPA has been in active discussions with the State Fund. Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and New West Healthcare.

MPA worked with DPHHS Medicaid, the School of Pharmacy, and the Mountain Pacific Quality health Foundation to develop the PharmAssist Program last year. The program will begin July 1, 2007. CEs are being delivered to interested pharmacists around the state this spring and summer. The PharmAssist Program pharmacist as providers of care.

Vince also discussed MPA's professional activities, including relations with national pharmacy organizations. MPA's Petition for Affiliation with ASHP was denied in February of this year. Vince said that MPA's philosophy has been and continues to be 'One Voice' for pharmacy.

He noted that MPA sponsored a Reception for the UM pharmacy students and faculty in April of this year; and that Jim Seifert attended the Awards ceremony in May and presented the MPA scholarships to students. Vince introduced the pharmacy students at this meeting: Jake Thiesse, Landon Godfrey, Nicole Bolton, Sean Patrick. Also, Vince noted that MPA as well as Ron Campbell, Jim Seifert, Tobey Schule.

Vince introduced the members of the MPA Board of Directors to the membership: Lee Ann Bradley, Dan Jurovich, Starla Blank, Jim Seifert, Becky Matovich. He explained that Brett Stubson, Lori Morin and Lori Fitzgerald were unable to attend the NW Convention this year.

#### **MPA Awards and Recognition Ceremony.**

Vince introduced Lee Ann Bradley, Chair of the Awards and Nominations Committee, and Bill Sybrant, Past President of MPA, to the membership. Lee Ann thanked Vince. She said it is important to recognize people who are willing to lead and serve the profession. She introduced Bill Sybrant, who assisted her in presenting the following awards:

- Distinguished Young Pharmacist presented to Lisa Wrobel, Pharm. D. Presented the Pharmacists Mutual Companies. Bill noted that Kim Dornbier from Pharmacists Mutual is in the audience and thanked Kim for the award and her company's support of the Association.

- Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award presented to Carla Cobb, Pharm. D., BCPP. Presented by Geri Naumcheff, Elan Pharmaceuticals. Bill said he was sorry that Carla Cobb could not be here today; but he said this Award will be taken to her in Billings this summer and that a presentation at the Deering Clinic will be arranged.

- Pharmacy Technician of the Year Award presented to Jon Hunt, C.Ph.T. Presented by Becky Deschamps, Montana Pharmacy Association.
- Pharmacy Leadership Award presented to Roger Citron, R.Ph. Presented by Lee Ann Bradley, Montana Pharmacy Association.
- Lifetime Pharmacy Achievement Award presented to Neil Snyder, R.Ph. Presented by Bill Sybrant, Montana Pharmacy Association.
- 'Fitzgerald' Pharmacist of the Year Award presented to Starla Blank, Pharm. D. Presented by Bill Sybrant.
- Bowl of Hygeia Award presented to Harold Olson, R.Ph. Presented by Reed Murdoch, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.
- At this point Bill Sybrant presented a check for \$2007 to Mike Rivey, standing in for Dean Forbes. Bill explained that this is the annual contribution from the MPA Academy of Past Presidents to the Dean's Student fund at the School of Pharmacy. Mike thanked Bill and all the Past Presidents for their generosity. This donation allows the school to help student get to events like the NW Pharmacy Convention.
- At this point, the Outgoing Presidents Award was presented to Vince Colucci, R.Ph., BCPS. Presented by Jim Seifert, Montana Pharmacy Association.
- At this point, the Incoming Presidents Award was presented to Jim Seifert, R.Ph.. Presented by Vince Colucci, Montana Pharmacy Association and the National Community Pharmacists Association.

The remainder of the Annual Business meeting was conducted by Jim Seifert.

### **Financial Reports.**

Jim asked MPA Executive Director Jim Smith to present the Financial Reports. Jim presented the following:

1) MPA Balance Sheet and Year to Date Profit and Loss statement thru May 31, 2007. Total assets equal approx. \$351,000. The Board budgeted for a \$9800 deficit this year: Income approx. \$78,000 and Expenses of approx. \$88,000. MPA is a member driven and a dues driven Association. MPA receives some non-dues income from the Pharmacists Mutual Company and McKesson. This is very helpful and much appreciated.

- 2) The Investment Report from D. A. Davidson Company.
- 3) The Annual Financial Compilation, prepared by Jan Montanye, CPA. Jim explained that Ms. Montanye has been doing this for MPA for many years. The Compilation is the basis for MPA's annual IRS 990 tax return.

**A Motion was duly made and seconded to approve the Financial Statements presented by Jim Smith. Motion Carried.**

#### **School of Pharmacy Report.**

Mike Rivey explained that Dean Forbes was unable to attend the NW Convention this year.

He began by presenting the Preceptor of the Year Award to Lee Ann Bradley. Mike read testimonials from several of the students who worked with Lee Ann this past year.

Mike said that it was a good year at the Skaggs School of Pharmacy. The dedication of the new addition to the building was May 9<sup>th</sup>.

On October 19, 20 the School of Pharmacy will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Missoula. He invited everyone to attend. It will be a weekend of CE, a dinner and lecture, and football.

Mike noted the recent ACPE site visit. There will be a greater emphasis on community practice over the next few years, as that was a recommendation of the site visit.

#### **Board of Pharmacy Report.**

Bill Sybrant reported that it has been a busy year at the Board of Pharmacy. The search for a new Executive Director is underway, following Starla's resignation this spring to take a position at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena. Also, there will be an opening for a public member this summer.

Bill explained that he will be presenting the Montana Law CE in the morning, which will go into quite a bit more detail; but he noted the Board's involvement in the Legislature, the rulemaking completed this past year, and the rulemaking in progress. He noted that there will be a hearing on proposed rules June 14<sup>th</sup> and invited people to attend and comment. Also, the Board will meet next July 16 & 17 in Helena. All are welcome.

#### **Necrology Report.**

Bill Sybrant thanked the group for giving him this opportunity to recognize

colleagues and friends in pharmacy who have passed away since the last Annual Meeting. Bill eulogized the following Montana pharmacists:

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| •Patricia Osweiler | Poplar, Montana & Spokane, Washington |
| •John P. Norton    | Baker City, Oregon                    |
| •James Moody       | Ronan, Montana                        |
| •Gene Anderson     | Bend, Oregon                          |
| •George Barrett    | Reno, Nevada                          |
| •James Hotvedt     | Helena, Montana                       |
| •Roberta DeHart    | Missoula, Montana                     |

A moment of silence was observed in memory of these departed pharmacist and their families.

### **ASHP Update.**

Jim Seifert asked Starla Blank to update the membership with regard to the denial of MPA's petition for Affiliate status by ASHP.

Starla reviewed the history of this relationship, going back to the merger of MSPA and MSHP between 1998 and 2001; MPA's successful petition for Affiliation in 2001; the change in ASHP Affiliate guidelines in 2004; meetings in Boston in 2005 and in Coeur d' Alene in 2006.

Starla explained that ASHP's demands for a separate group of health system pharmacists within MPA; and the demand for separate budget authority were demands that MPA was simply not willing to meet. Discussion followed. Lee Ann Bradley said she would like MPA to re-petition ASHP. Others present – John Griffith, Steve Dahm and Ron Campbell ---urged MPA to stick to its philosophy of 'One Voice' for pharmacy. The Board will continue to be open to dialogue with ASHP.

### **2007 Resolutions.**

Jim Seifert referred members present to the draft Resolutions in the handout. He asked if the membership would be willing to approve the 'courtesy resolutions' as a group? Agreed.

Dan Jurovich moved approval of Resolutions 2007-1 thru 5; 10 and 12. **Motion seconded. Motion Carried.**

Jim Seifert read Resolution 2007-6 (AMP). Discussion followed. **Motion to approve. Motion Carried.**

Jim Seifert read Resolution 2007-7 (Provider Status). Discussion followed.

**Motion to approve. Motion Carried.**

Jim Seifert read Resolution 2007-9 (HR 971 – Negotiation rights). Discussion followed. **Motion to approve. Motion Carried.**

Jim Seifert read Resolution 2007-11 (Compounded medications). Discussion followed. **Motion to approve. Motion Carried.**

Jim Seifert read Resolution 2007-13 (Linkage of Licensure to Association Membership). Discussion followed. **Motion to approve. Motion Carried.**

Jim asked if there were motions or resolutions from the floor?

Jake Thiesse asked about Resolution 2007-8 (Pedigree Resolution). Jim noted that Governor's veto was upheld and that the Resolution was moot. Jake noted that the Resolution called for MPA to support similar legislation in future sessions. Discussion followed. Motion to approve. Motion Carried.

Jake Thiesse also said that he and some of the students have drafted a Resolution for consideration. He introduced Resolution 2007-14, as follows:

**Resolution 2007-14.**

WHEREAS, One voice in pharmacy is necessary to effectively convey the message of our profession; and,  
WHEREAS, This approach is similar to that of other successful organizations;  
BE IT RESOLVED, That MPA advocate for 'One Voice' in pharmacy; and,  
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, That MPA prepare a White Paper to communicate this position.

Discussion followed. **Motion to approve. Motion Carried.**

**Other Business.**

Roger Citron assured members that Medicaid will await final rules from CMS before moving to implement AMP. He also said the PharmAssist Program is being well received by the pharmacist who have attended the CEs so far. He mentioned that the next PharmAssist CE is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> in Kalispell.

Gayle Hudgins reminded members that the IPHARM is still visiting Montana pharmacies, and encouraged people to call and schedule an IPHARM visit.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Smith