

California Academy of Preventive Medicine
(CAPM)

Annual Meeting
February 21, 2003
In Conjunction with Preventive Medicine 2003
San Diego, CA

Minutes

Present: Neal Kohatsu (President-Elect), Kathleen Acree, Liana Lianov, Steve Hansen, Andrew Deckert, Felix Aguilar, Ellen Alkon, Richard Sun

Introductions: Self-introductions were conducted.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 5/1/02 CAPM meeting were approved.

Elections: Ellen Alkon was elected president-elect and George Wolfe was elected to the Board.

CMA Resolutions:

Food Standards for Schools—Approved with the understanding that the definition of competitive foods will be clarified prior to presentation at the CMA meeting.

Physical Education in Schools—Approved with the following edits: (1) mention that the Physical Education Framework was developed by the California Dept. of Education; (2) Resolved that the CAPM encourage CMA to sponsor (rather than support) a “Good Samaritan” law to protect schools from litigation for opening facilities to after hours physical activities.

Protecting Health Data Gathering—Approved as written.

Tobacco-Free Pharmacies and Drugstores—Approved as written.

Discussion of Component Society Status with the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM): Dr. Alkon noted that the ACPM has no record of CAPM having been approved as a component society. A motion was passed to begin the application process for CAPM to become an ACPM component society. Dr. Alkon will introduce this issue to ACPM through her position as Chair of the ACPM Bylaws Committee.

Letter to DHS regarding physician leadership: Many spoke to concerns regarding vacancies in the Division of Communicable Disease Control Division Chief position and the Associate Director position that should be filled by qualified physicians. A proposal was made to send a letter to Diana Bonta, DrPH, Director, DHS outlining CAPM concerns regarding physician leadership in the Department. Dr. Kohatsu proposed a modification to the motion, suggesting that a face-to-face meeting should be requested with the Director to discuss physician leadership and other issues of CAPM. Based on the outcome of this meeting, follow-up actions such as the need for additional

correspondence, will be discussed at a subsequent CAPM meeting. This amended motion was adopted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Kohatsu presented the report in Dr. Lyman's absence. While the reserves were viewed as quite adequate, members requested additional information on the Bera Account, Holiday-Hanson disbursements, and payments to CMA for specialty society delegations. This information will be provided by Dr. Lyman at the next meeting.

Other Business: Dr. Sun reported that the website address www.calprevmed.org that CAPM had reserved for its use is not functioning. He has reserved a new web address on which CAPM content will be published at: www.capm.us. When this website is functional, it was agreed that links should be established with the ACPM website. Members agreed to hold another CAPM meeting in conjunction with the upcoming APHA meeting in San Francisco. Dr. Acree will explore the process of reserving a room for our meeting. A back-up plan is to meet in a hotel room used by a CAPM member. The next meeting will include as an agenda item, issues related to membership recruitment and retention.

Submitted by Neal Kohatsu