

**CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE
(CAPM)**

Meeting of November 17, 2003, San Francisco Marriott Hotel
Concurrent with the Annual Meeting of APHA

MINUTES

(as approved at Monterey annual meeting 2004-10-29)

- I. Call to order (President Alkon)
- II. Introductions: Ellen Alkon (pres & Pres Elect), Donald Lyman (Sec/Treas), George Wolfe (Board), Felix Aguilar (Board), Linda Le (Board), Karen DuVall, Ronald Haddis, James Haughton, Anand Chabra, Alex Kelter, George Rutherford, Rececca Powers, and on-the-telephone: Kathleen Acree.
- III. Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2003 *APPROVED
- IV. President's report (Alkon):
 - a. Neal Kohatsu, President of CAPM for 2003/4, moved to Iowa City, Iowa to be Associate Professor of Epidemiology in the College of Public Health, U. of Iowa. This required the President-Elect to move early to President.
 - b. A letter was sent to the health to Governor Schwarzenegger's Transition Team, Representative Dreier, recommending professional public health physician leadership for the Department of Health Services.
 - c. Two meetings with Diana Bonta, Director, CDHS, were cancelled and in view of new administration will not be rescheduled.
 - d. George Wolfe ably represented CAPM with the CMA specialty society and the Council on Legislation.
 - e. ACPM granted a charter to CAPM on 11/16/03.
- V. Sec/Treas. Report (Sec./Treas. Lyman) *Approved by voice vote.
- VI. Assignment of Nominating Committee (Alkon)
 - a. Current Board:
 - i. President: Ellen Alkon
 - ii. President-Elect: Ellen Alkon
 - iii. Past President: Bette Hinton
 - iv. Sec./Treas: Donald Lyman
 - v. Board (3 years): George Wolfe
 - vi. Board (2 years) Felix Aguilar
 - vii. Board (1 year) Linda Le
 - b. Nominees needed of '04-/05
 - i. President-Elect
 - ii. Secretary-Treasurer

- iii. Board (3 years) Linda Lee will rotate “off”
- c. New nominating committee
 - i. George Wolfe (chair)
 - ii. Ron Hattis
 - iii. Bette Hinton

VII. Issues for discussion

- a. Administrative changes in Sacramento under the new Governor
 - i. S. Kimberly Belshe is the new Secretary CHHS Agency. Hence CAPM will write her about physician leadership.
 - ii. Mike Genest is the Chief Deputy at the Department of Finance.
- b. California Medical Association (CMA)
 - i. The CMA process for legislative review was presented by George Wolfe, the CAPM delegate. He also provided a summary of the CMA Fall legislative workshop.
 - ii. An alternate delegate will be assigned by Dr. Alkon.
 - iii. Should CAPM also do independent lobbying? Dr. Hattis proposed we be prepared to act independently in lobbying bills in the State legislature. He cited situation in the past when such action was influential. Others suggested focusing on CMA as a reliable vehicle. Dr. Alkon committed the Board to rapid-turnaround for such policy decision.
- c. Resolutions for CMA House of Delegates
 - i. Dr Wolfe asked that resolutions be drafted and sent to him by mid-December for inclusion to the CMA/HOD
 - ii. Possible resolutions suggested included:
 - 1. Reintroducing tobacco sales ban in pharmacies
 - 2. Marketing of junk food to children
 - 3. Fiscal support to public health
 - 4. Alcohol bans at athletic events in universities
- d. ACPM issues:
 - i. The draft ACPM strategic plan will shortly be shared with the membership
 - ii. ACPM performance measures were shared
 - iii. ACPM will have a 50 year celebration in February in Orlando
 - iv. ACPM is recommending policies to AMA which include reauthorization of the 1994 assault weapons ban, improvement of the built environment to promote physical activity, and regional terrorism and disaster preparedness.
 - v. CAPM was granted a “Component Society Charter” on November 13, 2003, by the ACPM Board of Regents. Apparently the 1957 records of an original of such action are lost at ACPM (and CAPM) so this is a re-affirmation of that status for CAPM.

VIII. New Business

a. Committees

- i. Membership Committee: Dr. Hattis is chair but it is not functional. He wants a new chair, and an active committee.
 - ii. The listing of former committees will be sent by the Sec/Treas to the President, for assessment of action.
- b. Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS: Dr. Hattis has been suggested as a member of this Council and he asks for a letter from CAPM. Dr. Alkon asked him to send her information to help generate a letter of support.
- c. Concurrent MPH training. Recruitment of bright young physicians into Preventive medicine is a challenge and one approach might be concurrent MPH with clinical primary care residency. Dr. Haughton is planning to explore this issue further. Karen Duvall also expressed interest.
- d. Policy coordination in Public Health. Dr. Alkon asked attendees to think of ways that there could be improved coordination between public health organizations in the state such that there would be a more unified voice to the legislature.

IX. Adjournment