

**Advanced Associate Council  
Board of Directors Meeting**  
SNMMI 2015 Mid-Winter Meeting  
Friday, January 23, 2015 7:00am  
Brockett B (4<sup>th</sup> Floor) – Grant Hyatt San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

**MINUTES**

**Members in Attendance:** Jon Baldwin, DO; Crystal Botkin, MPH, CNMT, PET; Robert Henkin, MD, FACNM, FACR; Vicki LaRue, MIS, NMAA; Kasey Powell Nelson, CNMT; Richard Siska, Sr., NMAA, MIS, BSNM

**Guests in Attendance:** Michael K. Njenga, BA, CNMT; Michael Kroeger, MIS, NMAA, PET, NCT, R(CT); Mark Wallenmeyer, MBA, CNMT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS

**Staff in Attendance:** Catherine Castrence, Nikki Wenzel-Lamb, MBA

**Members Not in Attendance:** Elizabeth Albritton, CNMT, NMAA, MIS; Scott Degenhardt, CNMT; Julie Eberting, MIS, NMAA; William Hubble, MA, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – Robert Henkin, MD, President**

Dr. Robert Henkin, the AAC President, called the conference call to order at 8:00am (CT).

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

**ACTION: Approve October 29, 2014 Board Conference Call Minutes\*. This motion was passed at 8:02am**

**3. Finance and Membership Report\* – Richard Siska, NMAA, MIS, BSNM, Vice President**

Dr. Richard Siska reported that membership is at 40 members for the AAC and that the budget and expenditures are good. Dr. Siska mentioned that the council should ask other councils if the AAC should raise their dues, as others have recently been doing.

The subject was also raised by Dr. Henkin as to whether the council can cut all paper out of their communications and completely go digital, however this may not necessarily cut costs since it is considered overhead.

**4. Communications – Robert Henkin, MD**

Dr. Henkin mentioned that the website is a lot better and more accessible than it previously was. In addition, the latest winter issue of the AAC newsletter has been released. There is still a need for someone to be the editor of the newsletter, in order for it to be processed efficiently and in a timely manner. Dr. Henkin asked that Cat

Castrence put together a timetable for the newsletter, preferably publishing a spring and fall issue.

The SNMMI Stakeholders Meeting is currently in the planning stages. Dr. Henkin suggested a Midwestern site, which Nikki and Cat agreed to look into, in addition to them sending out the invitations after the Mid-Winter meeting is over.

Dr. Henkin stated that a Curriculum Committee may need to be created for the NMAA program, who will regularly keep in touch with the NMAA's for advice and information. Dr. Henkin mentioned that he doesn't have any criticism of the current program, but that they need to see what they can do to advance it further. He is happy with what he's seen so far, and the ability to perform well in their field. The program was initially a prototype/test program and perhaps it needs to be turned into something that works nationwide, but overall Dr. Henkin is very happy with the NMAA program.

Dr. Henkin moved on to the subject of the VA Efforts for Recognition. Dr. Milton Chief of Nuclear Medicine for the VA, is going to look into the program, which being VA/Government, can take a while to go through the process. Several emails haven't been answered, and may need to reach out again, if and when he wants to pursue further.

**5. 2015 Board of Directors Elections\*** - *Crystal Botkin, MPH, CNMT, PET*

Michael Kroeger and Vicki LaRue both mentioned that they'd be available for the open board positions – Michael Kroeger as either S/T or Board member, and Vicki Larue as Vice-President.

**6. Educational Activities** – *Richard Siska, NMAA, MIS, BSNM*

Dr. Siska stated that the AAC needs to focus on the next Mid-Winter Meeting, therefore if anyone wants to be on the Program Committee, they need to step forward and speak up.

**7. Intern Update** - *Kasey Nelson, CNMT, Intern*

Kasey remarked that this internship has been a good experience and that she's learned the ins-and-outs of the council, as well as the organization. She has always been happy to help out whenever she can.

**8. Intern Selection Process (2015-2017)** - *Richard Siska, NMAA, MIS, BSNM*

Dr. Siska reported that no one has applied for the upcoming internship, beginning after the 2015 Annual meeting, which is disappointing. He had sent out a blast to everyone with AAC, especially the NMAA's, but has yet to hear back from anyone, for either the scholarship or the internship.

Unfortunately, the \$5k for the scholarship money cannot be reallocated to another area.

Kasey mentioned that she could personally reach out to numerous people she knows within the AAC and let them know the benefits of internship.

**9. Adjournment**

The AAC Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 8:56am (CT).