



Section on Medical Schools (AMA-SMS) Governing Council Conference Call *Summary Minutes*

April 24, 2012

Present Arthur J. Ross, III, MD, MBA, Chair
Kenneth B. Simons, MD, Immediate Past Chair
David O. Barbe, MD, MHA (BOT Liaison)
Donald G. Eckhoff, MD
John "J" Fogarty, MD
Robert J. Sokol, MD

Absent Michael Grossman, MD
Louis J. Ling, MD
Daniel B. Ornt, MD
Maria C. Savoia, MD, Chair-elect

AMA Staff Jacqueline M. Drake, MS
Susan E. Skochelak, MD, MPH
Karen Heins

Call to Order

The Section's Governing Council (GC) conference call was called to order by the Chair, Arthur Ross, III, MD, MBA, at 12:05 pm (Central Time) on Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

Approval of the GC Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 27, 2012 GC conference call were approved with one minor change.

Report of the Section Chair-Elect

Dr. Ross' remarks are contained throughout the summary minutes.

Report of the Board Liaison

Dr. Barbe remarked on the new AMA strategic direction in undergraduate medical education (UME). One of the main goals is to achieve a better match between the education of medical students, the needs of patients and the health care system that is ever evolving. The AMA hopes to identify improvements in the approach to UME and through these activities, test and refine them, and if successful, see that some become adopted as mainstream options in UME. By the end of 2013, the AMA is looking to be in a position to recruit some medical schools around the country to participate in pilot programs under the AMA's oversight with some possible funding to help facilitate these programs.

Report of the Vice President for Medical Education

Dr. Skochelak provided an update on the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU is the implementation platform for the recommendations of the LCME Task Force Report. Dr. Skochelak reminded the GC that the recommendations were approved by the AMA and AAMC leadership in November 2011. She remarked that the AMA Board of Trustees (BOT) recently reviewed the Board Report that has been prepared for consideration during the House of Delegates (HOD) Annual Meeting. The Report asks for new HOD policy and a directive to take action on the recommendations of the Task Force. The AMA Council on Medical Education has also reviewed the Board Report and agreed to be the spokesperson for this particular report during HOD testimony. Historically, all policy changes to the LCME were put forward to the HOD; the report recommends that the House policy be amended so that any policy changes would be by approval of the Council on Medical Education.

Dr. Ross expressed appreciation to the LCME Co-Chairs as well as Dr. Skochelak and Dr. John Prescott, AAMC Chief Academic Officer, for all the effort put forth in the successful work of the Task Force.

Report of the Section Director

Ms. Drake provided an update on the AMA Academic Leadership Group Membership program. A contract is pending with the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Once the contract is signed, there will be eight schools in the pilot program.

- West Virginia University School of Medicine
- Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
- Florida State University College of Medicine
- Boston University School of Medicine
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine
- University of Missouri – KC School of Medicine

Currently, there are seven other medical schools in various stages of interaction with the Membership area.

Ohio State University College of Medicine
Central Michigan University School of Medicine
University of Minnesota Medical School
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine
UMDNJ Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
University of Oklahoma College of Medicine
Duke University School of Medicine.

It was noted that the membership program is getting more traction now. Dr. Skochelak and Ms. Drake will be meeting formally with Membership staff on a monthly basis to touch base and discuss new implementation ideas.

Dr. Barbe commented that as the Chair of the Membership Committee for the past several years, the Academic Leadership Group Membership program has been a very exciting development. A few Board members have gotten involved in contacting schools and some schools have requested that the Board members schedule a visit. There have been enough requests that a priority list should be prepared.

Dr. Ross asked Ms. Drake to invite the new AMA Manager of Segment Membership, Alyce Christensen, to the SMS Governing Council face-to-face meeting scheduled on June 15, 2012 for a “meet and greet” as well as a program update.

Ms. Drake also reminded the GC that the AMA Headquarters will be moving to a new location in August 2013. The clean-up process has begun. Offices and work spaces will be smaller in the new building because there will be less need for filing cabinets and book shelves. The AMA is going “paperless / paper light.” There will be more space on the shared drives to save files rather than having hard copies filed away. Ms. Drake commented that much of her time in the next few months will be devoted to reviewing every Section file to see what can be tossed, what needs to be sent to AMA Archives and what documents can be pdf’d.

June 2012 SMS Business Meeting / Education Program

Ms. Drake reported that an email will be sent to Section representatives on April 27 to remind them to register for the meeting, if they have yet to do so. There are about 45 registrants to-date.

The panel presentation that Dr. Skochelak will be moderating, all the speakers but one have been confirmed. Dr. Tim Brigham of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) will be traveling internationally and unable to participate. Dr. Skochelak has asked Dr. Dewitt “Bud” Baldwin, ACGME Scholar-in-Residence, and he is still consulting his calendar. The program will be finalized as soon as Dr. Baldwin responds.

The SMS Continuing Medical Education Credit Application has been approved. A total of 3 credit hours for the 2 education sessions will be offered.

As discussed on last month’s conference call, the Section’s networking luncheon with all the meeting participants will be discontinued. In its place, the GC and the AMA Foundation and Alliance Presidents will have lunch together. The invitations have been sent and Ms. Drake is awaiting a response.

Lastly, Dr. Richard Hoppmann, Dean of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and Director of the Ultrasound Institute, asked Dr. Ross for his assistance in seeking the support of the SMS on an A-12 resolution that is asking the AMA to support the educational efforts and widespread integration of ultrasound throughout the medical education continuum as well as recognize those responsible for “2013: The Year of Ultrasound” and acknowledge their many efforts to promote ultrasound as safe, effective, and affordable. After a brief discussion, the GC agreed to include this resolution in the June 2012 SMS Agenda Book for consideration. Dr. Ross will inform Dr. Hoppmann of the GC’s decision.

AMA House of Delegates Forum on Interim Meeting

After the GC’s email dialogue regarding the future of the Interim Meeting, Dr. Eckhoff had been asked to post, on behalf of the GC, the following language on the Forum: "Provided that the Section on Medical Schools could continue its recent practice of meeting at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Annual Meeting held in November, several members of the Governing Council were in favor of option 8 (elimination of the Interim Meeting). Those who were not in favor of option 8 found options 6 (policy and non-policy HOD meetings) or 7 (policymaking HOD meeting and HOD/NAC) to be acceptable alternatives to the current arrangement." Dr. Eckhoff reported that the HOD Forum will be open until May 6. There are 83 responses to-date. Unfortunately, he has encountered technical

difficulties in registering and posting on the Forum. Ms. Drake will assist Dr. Eckhoff to resolve this issue.

Ms. Drake also offered to resend the link to any of the GC members if they would like to read what has been posted by various delegates and Federation representatives.

AMA Board / Sections / Special Groups Leadership Conference Call

Dr. Ross reported that he and Dr. Savoia participated in the April 10, 2012 conference call. He explained that each of the sections and special groups are asked to submit ahead of time a few bulleted activities that they would like to highlight to the group. He commented that being able to read these reports ahead of time has enabled the discussion to be more focused. Dr. Ross found it most interesting to hear from the Board and AMA leadership as well as senior staff.

Stakeholder Input for the 2014 AMA Planning Cycle

The Council on Long Range Planning and Development (CLRPD) is asking that the Councils, Sections and Special Groups provide their input this year via the CLRPD Stakeholder Online Discussion Forum. The deadline is August 17, 2012.

The questions for this year's input are different from previous years in that this version complements AMA's new five year strategic plan – focusing on improving health outcomes, reforming medical education and improving physician satisfaction by optimally shaping delivery and payment reforms.

Ms. Drake reminded the GC that last year they collaborated with the AMA Council on Medical Education in one submission for both groups. She asked the GC whether they would like to work with the Council again or prefer to submit their own responses. The GC agreed to work with the Council since it provides a strong message of collaboration. Ms. Drake will follow-up with Council staff to discuss next steps.

2012 AAMC Annual Meeting

Ms. Drake noted that she spoke with Ann Steinecke, Director of AAMC Council of Deans, who said that the Council of Deans Administrative Board would definitely like to meet with the Governing Council on Saturday, November 3, 2012. Since the AAMC is switching to a block programming format (60 minute or 90 minute sessions) for the Annual Meeting, this meeting time will need to be from 11:45 am – 1:15 pm. A room request has been forwarded.

Other Business

The Governing Council of the AMA Minority Affairs Section is inviting members of AMA Councils and Sections to participate as interviewers in a special event to assist minority college students who wish to go to medical school. Mock medical school interviews will be held with the members of the Premed Club of Chicago State University on Saturday, June 16, 2012. This special event will take place from 8 – 10 am at AMA Headquarters. Unfortunately, this event is being held when the SMS business meeting is taking place. Ms. Drake assured IMG Section staff that she would ask the SMS GC members if any of them have an interest in participating in this event. After some discussion, Dr. Barbe suggested that the GC could assist in finding other academic physicians that may be attending the AMA Annual Meeting but not involved in the SMS meeting, to see if they would have an interest in participating in the mock interviews. Ms. Drake will prepare and send an email for the GC to forward to their colleagues.

Next Governing Council Conference Call

The next conference call will be held at 12 pm on Tuesday, May 22, 2012.

Adjournment

The conference call adjourned at 12:55 pm CT on April 24, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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