



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

June 24, 2008

Present Betty M. Drees, MD (Chair-Elect)
Rodney R. Parry, MD
Michael J. Reichgott, MD, PhD
Arthur J. Ross, III, MD, MBA
Maria Savoia, MD

Absent M. Dewayne Andrews, MD
Peter W. Carmel, MD (BOT Liaison)
Donald G. Eckhoff, MD
Louis J. Ling, MD
Kenneth B. Simons, MD

Section Staff Jacqueline M. Drake, MS
Arecia Washington
Shirley Widner

Call to Order

The Section's Governing Council (GC) conference call was called to order by the Chair-Elect, Betty Drees, MD, on behalf of the Chair, M. Dewayne Andrews, MD, at 12:05 pm (Central Time) on Tuesday, June 24, 2008.

Approval of the GC Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 13, 2008 GC meeting were approved as submitted.

Report of the Section Chair-Elect

Dr. Drees welcomed Maria Savoia, MD, Vice Dean for Medical Education at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, as a new member of the GC.

Report of the AMA Vice President for Medical Education

Dr. Schneidman announced that the position of Secretary to the AMA Council on Medical Education/Associate Director of the Division of Undergraduate Medical Education/Assistant Secretary to the Liaison Committee on Medical Education has finally been filled. Dr. Daniel Winship will be joining the AMA Medical Education Group on July 9, 2008. Dr. Winship currently holds part-time academic positions as Professor at the Rush University Medical College and University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health, and is Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine. He has devoted his professional life to academic medicine, research and

medical administration. Dr. Winship served as AMA-SMS Chair from 1997-1998 and was an active SMS member prior to that time. Dr. Drees remarked that she knows Dr. Winship well and has never known him to take on any task that he did not do extremely well. The GC said they were looking forward to working with him.

Report of the Section Secretary

Ms. Drake remarked that Dr. Robert McQuillan, moderator of the Section's Teaching Teamwork session at the June meeting, had recently sent copies to the Section Office of the DVD/CD on the TeamSTEPPS program as mentioned in the session. Ms. Drake said that she will include an item in the next issue of Medical School eVoice notifying readers that they can request a copy through her.

2008 Annual Meeting

Ms. Drake mentioned that the June meeting participants have been resubmitting their evaluations and CME credit forms to the SMS Office. Everyone has been very understanding regarding the misplacement of the original forms. Unfortunately, what has been lost from the resubmissions are the detailed comments participants wrote the first time – the participants did not add these to their resubmissions. The comments have always been valuable, letting the GC know how the sessions could have been improved and what topics the participants would like to discuss at future meetings. Ms. Drake commented that she has briefly reviewed the evaluations and there seems to be a consensus that more time is needed for questions and answers after the presentations. Also, more time is needed, especially at the annual meetings, to discuss in-depth the actions that the Section should take regarding the reports and resolutions being considered by the AMA House of Delegates. The evaluation results will be included in the July GC conference call agenda material.

Dr. Drees remarked that she heard many favorable comments about the mini-presentations and overall the meeting was well-received by the participants. Dr. Reichgott mentioned that he had heard the same, but he thought the GC should rethink the number of presentations in any given meeting. He felt there were too many. The GC agreed that fewer presentations with more discussion time would be the ideal format.

Dr. Drees said she was disappointed that the Friday afternoon session with the Medical Student Section was not well attended by the students. Ms. Drake stated that it may have been because there were many concurrent sessions that the students could choose from. Many participants expressed disappointment that they did not hear anything new regarding the recommendations from the USMLE comprehensive review. Also, many stated that the room where the MSS holds their Assembly was too large and not conducive for interactive dialogue for the joint session. Ms. Drake said she had already spoken with the MSS staff and suggested that if the SMS and MSS hold a joint session in 2009 that it take place in the SMS meeting room.

Ms. Drake remarked that for those members of the GC who have not yet heard, the controversial Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs report on industry support of professional education in medicine that went before the AMA House of Delegates was referred per the reference committee's recommendation. Everyone who had anything to say said it during the reference committee hearing. Fortunately, no one extracted the report for discussion on the floor of the House.

Dr. Reichgott remarked that the reference committee testimony on the CEJA Report took at least an hour. Most everyone, with the exception of CEJA's chair and several others, recommended that the report be referred noting that it was rather narrow in focus and factually incorrect. Dr. Drees reported that the

recommendations from the Association of American Medical Colleges' (AAMC) Task Force on Industry Funding of Medical Education was approved by the AAMC's Council of Deans Administrative Board/Executive Council at its June 19, 2008 meeting. It will be presented, for approval, to the entire AAMC constituency during the 2008 AAMC Annual Meeting.

Ms. Drake reported that she was approached by Dr. Andy Thomas, Section representative from Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health, about setting time aside during each SMS Annual and Interim Meeting to discuss potential SMS resolutions to be submitted for the following meeting in order to have the resolutions actually be included in the HOD Handbook. He felt this would give the Section more visibility within the House. For year's, the SMS has only been submitting late resolutions, which the Delegates see first thing on Sunday morning. Dr. Thomas suggested the discussion of potential SMS resolutions could take place during the Section's reports and resolutions reviewers meeting. The GC agreed with the suggestion and asked Ms. Drake to implement the recommendation during the November meeting.

Dr. Drees asked Ms. Drake what the HOD final action was regarding the resolution entitled, Protection of the Title "Doctor," "Resident," and "Residency." Ms. Drake said that Substitute Resolution 232 was adopted as amended by the HOD. It reads: RESOLVED, that our AMA advocate that professionals in a clinical health care setting clearly and accurately identify to their patients their qualifications and degree(s) and develop model state legislation for implementation; and be it therefore RESOLVED, That our AMA support state legislation that would make it a felony to misrepresent ones' self as a physician (MD/DO)." Dr. Savoia commented that in the state of California in order to call oneself "doctor" one has to be licensed to practice medicine.

Ms. Drake mentioned that in reviewing the evaluations from the Governing Council's June meeting, she noted that some GC members would like more time allotted for fully discussing issues at the Annual and Interim GC Meetings. Noting this, she asked if the GC would like the meeting time to be extended from 2 hours to 2½ hours? If yes, then the reviewers meeting, which is held prior to the Governing Council meeting, will need to begin earlier. The GC agreed that the reviewers meeting could begin at 8:30 am in order to extend the length of time for the GC meeting by half-an-hour.

2008 Interim Meeting

Ms. Drake informed the GC that the SMS Interim meeting will be at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, Florida from November 7-9, 2008. This is a little over 6 miles from Disney's Magic Kingdom if anyone is interested in visiting the theme park.

Ms. Drake prepared a draft schedule for the GC to review. She noted that it has been customary, at the Interim Meeting, to ask a dean from the meeting city to be host dean and present an overview of their medical school. Ms. Drake thought that it might be nice to ask Dr. Deborah German of the new medical school in Orlando, the University of Central Florida. Since the medical school will be starting its first class in Fall of 2009 and each of the first 40 entering students will receive a full tuition scholarship with living expenses for all four years, Ms. Drake thought it might be interesting to hear Dr. German's perspective about the challenges of starting a new medical school and what innovative programs the school will be initiating. The GC agree and asked Dr. Andrews to extend an invitation to Dr. German.

Ms. Drake reminded the GC that the Council on Medical Education and the Section only hold joint educational programs during the Annual Meetings. During the Interim Meeting, the Council will be

holding an educational program of its own on Friday (11/6) from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Section representatives will be invited to attend. The topic for November's session has yet to be determined.

Ms. Drake said that since Drs. Ling and Simons couldn't be on the call, they asked her to mention that they suggested having Dr. Jeff Fabri lead a panel presentation on whether healthcare engineering can revolutionize healthcare. Dr. Fabri, who is a general surgeon and associate dean of GME at the University of South Florida College of Medicine and former at-large member on the Section's Governing Council, recently received his PhD in industrial engineering. About 5 years ago, he observed that the majority of health care problems are systems and process problems, and that industrial engineers are the authorities in systems/processes. Last fall, Dr. Fabri was on sabbatical at Northwestern University where he worked with the University's department of industrial engineering to develop and refine a four course certificate program in healthcare engineering for health professionals. It has been quite successful. He also came by the AMA headquarters to present his findings to staff at a "Professional Standards Grand Rounds" session, which was well-received. He has some very interesting ideas that would stimulate much discussion. The GC agreed that this was a good topic, but would prefer to have Dr. Fabri speak at the A-09 SMS meeting rather than the I-08 Meeting in order to reach a wider audience. They were concerned that the SMS may not have a large turnout at the November meeting because it is again back-to-back with the AAMC Annual Meeting.

Ms. Drake commented that the AMA Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council would like to hold an one-hour joint educational program with the SMS like the last Interim Meeting when resident intimidation was one of the topics held during the Open Forum part of the meeting. The GC agreed to the joint program. Since the SMS meeting coincides with the Presidential election, health system reform and the implications of the election may be an appropriate issue. Arthur "Tim" Garson, MD, MPH, executive vice president and provost of the University of Virginia and co-author of "Health Care Half Truths: Too Many Myths, Not Enough Reality," was suggested as a potential speaker. The GC thought this session would be a good one to hold with the Resident and Fellow Section. The session is tentatively scheduled for Saturday from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Dr. Andrews was asked to invite Dr. Garson to address the Section. If Dr. Garson is unavailable, then it was suggested that James J. Mongan, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer of Partners HealthCare and Professor of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School, be invited. Ms. Drake will speak to the RFS staff regarding the suggested session topic/speakers for their input.

Dr. Drees suggested that since it was agreed that Dr. German will address the SMS as host dean from a newly formed medical schools, the topic of starting a new medical school might be an appropriate one for a mini-presentation. The GC proposed additions topics for the mini-presentations session: curricular challenges and innovations in newly developed medical schools; a report from the LCME on the current status of newly developing medical schools; integrated models in medical school development; and addressing the problem of adequate positions in clinical training sites.

Ms. Drake asked the GC if they would like an AMA Washington update from Todd Askew, AMA Director of Congressional Affairs, during the Interim meeting. The GC agreed that this session would be beneficial, especially since the meeting falls right after the national elections and there might be some very significant events to report. It was noted that Mr. Askew's session would be more appealing to the audience if he prepared his remarks in advance rather than talking off the cuff, like he has at previous meetings. It would also be beneficial if he had a handout of his comments. Ms. Drake said that she would follow-up with Mr. Askew.

Urban Serving Universities Proposal on Health

Dr. Drees asked that this item be placed on the agenda and she briefly summarized an article on the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities, which was included in the conference call's agenda materials. She remarked that although many U.S. medical schools are already a part of the coalition there is a need to further advocate for participation in order to address the issue of health workforce shortage and cultural competence, and subsequently provide equitable care for all citizens. The GC felt that this is an important issue and one that should be discussed with the SMS representatives at the I-08 meeting. The GC asked which schools are members of the coalition and Dr. Dress said that she would immediately send the list, after the call, to Ms. Drake to forward to the GC.

Next Governing Council Conference Call

The next Governing Council conference call will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 12:00 noon Central Time.

Adjournment

The conference call adjourned at 12:55 pm on June 24, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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