

MINUTES
Federation of Pediatric Organizations
February 8, 2010, Conference Call
9:00 am – 11:00 am EST

Organization	Representative	Attend
Federation of Pediatric Organizations	Dr. Theodore Sectish, Executive Director	Y
	Dr. Bonita Stanton (AMSPDC), FOPO Chair	Y – Vote
	Jean Bartholomew, Administrator	Y
Academic Pediatric Association	Dr. Danielle Laraque	Y – Vote
	Dr. Steven Selbst	Y
American Academy of Pediatrics	Dr. Errol Alden	N
	Dr. Judith Palfrey	Y – Vote
	Dr. Robert Perelman	Y
American Board of Pediatrics	Dr. James Stockman	Y
	Dr. Alan R. Cohen	Y – Vote
American Pediatric Society	Dr. Judith Aschner	Y
	Dr. Sherin Devaskar	Y – Vote
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs	Dr. Aaron Friedman	N
Association of Pediatric Program Directors	Dr. Ann Burke	Y
	Dr. Susan Guralnick	Y - Vote
Society for Pediatric Research	Dr. David Cornfield	Y - Vote
	Dr. Thomas Shanley	Y
IIPE	Dr. Carol Carraccio	Y
NACHRI	Larry McAndrews	Y
AAP	Mark DelMonte	Y
Guest	Laura Degnon	Y

Because the meeting in Washington, DC, had to be canceled due to a snowstorm, the members met by conference call. Dr. Stanton, FOPO Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 am and took a roll call. Members who were present for the call are marked accordingly in the table above. “Vote” designates the voting member of that organization for the purpose of the St. Geme Award.

1. Executive Director’s Report, Dr. T. Sectish

A summary of the Executive Director activities covering October 5, 2009 to February 8, 2010, was included in the agenda. Dr. Sectish briefly touched upon activities of the Strategic Plan Working Groups.

- Leadership Academy: This task group has been an organizing force to ensure adequate programming about leadership topics at PAS; in 2010 there will be two mini courses on leadership and three other workshops re: leadership.
- Positioning Pediatricians in Leadership Positions: This task group proactively assisted FOPO leadership in the effort to offer names for the NIH Search Committee for the position of NICHD Director. Dr. Devaskar reported that NIH has begun soliciting candidate names and plan to meet after

February 28 to begin the screening process for interviews. A number of pediatricians are on the list and two from the list FOPO submitted.

- Child Health Research: A manuscript based on symposium held last year prepared by Drs. Schleiss and Hay was submitted to *Pediatrics* and has been accepted. A subgroup (Drs. Hay, Schleiss, Abman, and Cornfield) is leading an effort to discuss the problem of the “leaky” pipeline of physician scientists in child health research as part of a 2010 PAS workshop regarding clinician scientists in child health research. Thought is being given to sponsoring a national meeting to address the subject.
- Global Health: This group is considering sponsoring a forum to share ideas. The working group will meet at the 2010 PAS meeting.
- GME: This work group is waiting for duty hours recommendations from the ACGME. Once this is made known, the work group and NACHRI will meet to develop the big picture for future GME funding.

2. NACHRI, Mr. L. McAndrews

Mr. McAndrews reported that NACH/NACHRI is in a “watch and wait mode.” They are keeping up efforts to promote pediatric subspecialties reimbursement. They recently came up with three additional ideas to research and pursue for the coming year:

- First is to look at the federally qualified health plans as a model for reimbursement and fit to childrens hospitals that would benefit from this.
- Second is to look at critical access hospitals.
- Third is to continue looking at Medicaid and protect what we have and push for improvement.

Federal qualified health plans get institutional funding not physician funding; and details are not available at this time. They will look at these structures and models and see if transferable to childrens hospitals. Suggested that childrens hospitals step forward with a commitment to community benefit and improve outcomes and reduced costs. Currently floating idea to membership.

3. IIPE, Dr. C. Carraccio

Dr. Carraccio provided a written summary that was included with the agenda. For 2011, it would be great for IIPE to have a presence at the PAS meeting and have people going forward with initiatives to have abstracts or workshops or mini program to condense work of the programs.

With the tremendous growth of the APPD, the APPD is no longer meeting at the time of the PAS beginning in April 2010. Having PAS as the home for IIPE presentations would allow opportunity for many to hear about initiatives.

This is an issue that needs further discussion.

4. Action Items

- A. Minutes of the October 5, 2009 FOPO Meeting, Dr. B. Stanton
The minutes were approved as written.
- B. Financial Summary

- Financial Statements FY09, Dr. A Friedman

Dr. Friedman was unable to participate in the call. Dr. Sectish reported that the FY09-10 budget is under budget mainly due to the fact that some of the conferences or meetings did not materialize.

- Proposed Budget FY10-11

Dr. Sectish presented the proposed budget. There will be no increase in the current dues structure and an increase in CPI for some items. A question was asked about the FTE for the Executive Director and noted that it is 40 percent.

ACTION: A motion was seconded and passed to approve the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

At this point, Dr. Sectish left the conference call because a review of his past performance was to take place. Dr. Sectish assumed the position of FOPO Executive Director on January 1, 2007, with a five-year contract. There is no formal process in place for a review; there is an inflator in the next budget and only CPI increase would be applied to the salary of the Executive Director. No review of his performance had been done until recently. Since Dr. Friedman, the Chair of the Review Committee, was not on the call, Dr. Stockman spoke briefly about discussion on the recently held conference call related to this review. The review group recommended renewal of Dr. Sectish's contract.

Some of the newer FOPO members were not familiar with the job description or the search process for this position. Ms Bartholomew agreed to send information related to the national search process (including the advertisement and job description).

It was suggested that there be some discussion of the position and responsibilities at the September meeting and that Dr. Friedman coordinate efforts of this with newest members. Dr. Laraque said it would be helpful to describe the scope of activities of the Executive Director, the collective aim of FOPO and function of how we look at the process through the Executive Director. Each member organization has a longitudinal member who should be familiar with responsibilities of the Executive Director.

Dr. Perelman said that prior to Dr. Sectish becoming the Executive Director, FOPO was mainly a discussion organization and is now an action-oriented organization. Dr. Stockman noted that many organizations include Dr. Sectish as a guest at their BOD meetings to keep him apprised of activity of the member organizations and allow him to see the scope of activities to help keep him informed. Dr. Sectish convened a strategic planning session of FOPO at the beginning of this term and a review of what has been accomplished is clearly visible. Dr. Carraccio praised the vision of Dr. Sectish and this is critically important for an organization like FOPO. Several

individuals concurred with this statement and added additional positive comments about his leadership to date and concurring with the recommendation to renew his contract.

C. Joseph St. Geme, Jr. Award Funding

At the present time, there is approximately \$68,715 in the St. Geme Award account. Ms. Little, CFO of the ABP, provided a brief history of the account to Dr. Sectish.

2009 was the first time we had to draw down from the Vanguard 500 Index Fund to support a portion of the award. We knew eventually we would have to do this because the short term investment account - even in good times - did not generate enough revenue to cover the annual expense of the award. In fact that is why in 1998 we split the St, Geme money into two equal amounts of approximately \$40K each, one part was invested in a short term account and the other in the VG Index fund. Since then the awards have depleted the short-term monies and even with the recent implosion of the stock market the decision to invest in the VG Index 500 Fund was a good one (the balance in that fund before the recession was nearly \$99K). Hopefully the market recovery will continue and our investment will rebound in tandem.

At 10/31/2009 the short term investment account had a balance of \$335, and the Index 500 Fund had a balance of \$68,379.94 - enough to fund at least 20 years of awards - depending of course on what happens in the stock markets. Expense for the award this past year was \$3,670 (award = \$2,500, plaque = \$126, and travel and lodging for the recipient was \$1,045).

The question was raised whether to use this award as a focus for fundraising OR keep drawing on the account until there are no funds remaining and then draw \$\$ from the FOPO budget and build this expense into the FOPO operating budget as necessary costs for the annual expenses. It is not certain there would be a lot of contributions. The award account was initially set up with contributions

Dr. Cornfield said he would prefer to come up with a strategy to re-fund the account rather than draw down. Dr. Aschner agreed that this would be a good idea.

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to set up a group to devise a plan on how to move ahead with this fund.

The subgroup should consist of three members and should probably include Dr. Friedman. Dr. Selbst volunteered to work with this group. The subgroup would prepare a proposal and then ask each member organization react to the proposal. Dr. Stockman suggested that this committee lay out options, pros and cons, and preferred methodology.

D. Joseph St. Geme, Jr. Award 2010

Due to the fact that voting for the award would not be done at a meeting and paper ballot, Ms Bartholomew explained the process she set up for the ballot. One vote is allowed per member organization. The first ballot sent by e-mail would be to rank the nominees. Once the top three are determined, another ballot would be sent to determine a winner. If there is a tie, then another ballot would be sent to break the tie.

Drs. David Cornfield and Sherin Devaskar spoke for the APS/SPR selection, Dr. Abraham Bergman.

Drs. Daniel Laraque, Steve Selbst, and Alan Cohen spoke for the APA/ABP selection, Dr. Steve Ludwig.

Dr. Judith Palfrey spoke for the AAP selection, Dr. Renee Jenkins.

Dr. Bonnie Stanton spoke for the AMSPDC selection, Dr. Elizabeth McAnarney.

Dr. Susan Guralnick spoke for the APPD selection, Dr. Gail McGuinness.

It was subsequently determined that Dr. Stephen Ludwig is the 2010 St. Geme Awardee.

5. Strategic Plan - Progress on Initiatives (see Executive Director's report)

A. AAP Department of Federal Affairs

Mark Del Monte has assumed the role previously held by Jackie Noyes at the AAP and moved into his new role as Assistant Director after five years with the AAP. He is moving forth with the coordination of the Public Policy Council, which has undergone a dramatic change. Mr. DelMonte will talk to Dr. Myron Genel and other members and figure out how to rebuild a clear line of communication and listen to PPC members. There are no clear ideas at the present time. Dr. Laraque suggested polling past PPC members for their ideas and thoughts. Dr. Palfrey emphasized the need for working with a common voice.

B. Helping Babies Breathe (HBB)

Dr. Judith Palfrey spoke about projected launch for HBB. They are planning to reach hospital-based providers and there has been a major effort to pull together a curriculum. Launch will be in summer 2010. This is Informational at this point. Africa and India have had pilot programs and expansion will allow opportunities for involvement.

C. Proposed Survey for Relief Efforts

Dr. Stanton spoke for the proposed survey for Relief Effort for Haiti. There has been a mismatch of supplies pouring in versus the needs at the time. Need pediatric guidance on what should be provided and how this should be done. The questions to the following should be determined:

- When do you go?
- What supplies did you bring?
- What supplies did you use?
- What supplies would you have liked to have?

Coordination of how people traveled to Haiti emphasizes how poorly organization relief efforts are.

6. Task Force Reports

A. Task Force on Women in Pediatrics, Drs. B. Stanton, T. Sectish

The task force met in November 2009 at the time of the AAMC meeting. They established new priority areas: mentoring, pipeline, issues women face with disparities.

B. Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. D. Laraque

The Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion was approved in October 2009 by FOPO. Drs. Fernando Mendoza and Tina Cheng will take the lead in preparing a survey. Dr. Laraque requested representation from the FOPO membership and to choose an individual who is particularly interested in diversity and inclusion. The plan is to set up a steady call schedule and map out the next steps. She will report back at the September meeting.

The conference call/meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2010.

Proposed dates for 2011 are: Winter Meeting: January 31 or February 7

Fall Meeting:

Maria T. Britto, M.D., M.P.H., Chair (SPR), September 13, 2010 and January/February, 2011



Report From IIPE to FOPO, January 2010

Accomplishments for 2009

- Established infrastructure of Review Committee and Project Support Team
 - Review Committee: Drs. Carol Aschenbrenner, Robert Englander (Chair), John Frohna, Robert Galbraith, Patricia Hicks, and M. Douglas Jones
 - Project Support Team: Drs. Dorene Balmer (qualitative expert) and Alan Schwartz (quantitative expert)
- Successful call for proposals with response of 25 letters of intent (LOIs)
- Two face to face meetings of the Review Committee and Project Support Team at the time of the LOI and full proposal submissions
- Bi-monthly calls with the Oversight Committee
- 4 full proposals (representing 10 institutions) accepted for implementation
 - University of Michigan and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: "Education in team-based collaborative care and transfer of care to improve resident education and quality of care"
 - Children's Hospital of Boston is partnering with National Capital Consortium, Stanford University, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, University of California San Francisco and University of Utah: "Implementation of a comprehensive hand-off program to improve pediatric patient safety: A multi-center pediatric residency quality improvement initiative."
 - Children's Hospital of Denver: "Structured extended career centered block time in a pediatric residency program"
 - University of Utah: "Academy of Pediatric Education and Learning."
- 2nd call for proposals sent out in early winter with timeline adjustments
- Brief survey in the fall to all who submitted LOIs to plan future improvements to process/application
 - Major lesson learned is the need to better align expectations with deliverables so cover letter attached to revised template for LOI
 - Explicit about only accepting proposals with most likelihood of leading to transformation
 - Time that the project support team can devote to IIPE
- Eligibility criteria allow for more programs to apply
 - Old criteria- 75% Board pass rate and 2 most recent accreditation cycles of 4-5 years
 - New criterion – most recent accreditation cycle of 4-5 years
- 4th goal added to three R³P goals to connect and provide synergy between national initiatives
 - *Goal 4: Meaningful tools need to be developed to assess resident performance based on the Pediatric Milestones as the next step in competency-based education.* Learning collaboratives are encouraged to ensure adequate sample sizes to adequately test tools. A utility model that addresses not only reliability and validity but also cost, acceptability and impact should be factored into the plan. How can you meet this challenge?
- Established a partnership with the Association of Pediatric Program Directors
 - Matching funding from APPD and IIPE to build APPD LEARN (process and infrastructure for networking and data sharing)

- Hilary Haftel, program director at University of Michigan, to be LEARN Director
- Alan Schwartz (project support expert in quantitative measures also with expertise in data repositories) is consulting
- Website launched (www.innovatepedsgme.org) and logo developed
- Finalized IIPE Charter with FOPO
- Arrangement made with *Pediatrics* to have quarterly update on IIPE
 - Inaugural article for IIPE Pages of *Pediatrics* appears in the January issue
 - Jones MD. Innovation in residency education and evolving pediatric health needs. *Pediatrics* 2010;125:1-3.
 - Early history of IIPE to appear in the April issue
- New Member of AAP SOMSRFT appointed (Dan Schumacher) effective January 1, 2010

Goals for 2010

- Create an on-line process for submission and review of LOIs and full proposals
- Apply for foundation grant
- Apply for National Library of Medicine grant
- Generate enthusiasm for IIPE at the April APPD meeting
 - Brief presentation at the plenary
 - Dinner and half-day program for PIs of programs implementing projects for purposes of networking, workshop on diffusion of innovation and advice from project support team
 - One hour discussion open to the entire membership for those interested in submitting an LOI
- Review second round of LOIs and full proposals
- Garner feedback about process and revise accordingly
- Begin to build APPD LEARN to function as the network infrastructure and data repository for innovation
- Discuss opportunities for an IIPE presence at the 2011 PAS meeting, as well as the APPD meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Carraccio