

**SECTION ON UNIFORMED SERVICES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
*Minutes***

Saturday, March 07, 2009 8 AM - Noon

***In conjunction with the Uniformed Services Pediatric Seminar (USPS)
Indianapolis, IN***

Members Present:

COL Beth Ellen Davis, MC, USA, Chairperson
LTC (P) Richard Kynion, MC, USA
CAPT (ret) Joseph Lopreiato, MC, USN, Immediate Past Chairperson
Lt Col Woodson Scott Jones, USAF, MC
COL Clifton E Yu, MC, USA
CDR Christine Johnson, MC, USN
Lt Col Mike Rajnik, USAF, MC
Maj Christopher Kieling, USAF, MC
CDR Tony Delgado, MC, USN

Members Excused:

CAPT Wanda Barfield, MC, PHS
CAPT Jerri Curtis, MC, USN

Guests Present:

Col (sel) James Rick, USAF, MC, 2009 USPS Course Director
Lt Col Leslie Wilson, USAF, MC, Air Force Specialty Advisor
CAPT(Ret) Wendy Bailey, MD, Uniformed Services Chapter West
President
Maj Thomas Newton, USAF, MC, Uniformed Services Chapter East
President
CAPT Tim Shope, MC, USN, Navy Specialty Advisor (p/t)
COL Mark Thompson, MC, USA, Army Specialty Advisor (p/t)
COL Kevin Creamer Army Specialty Advisor (p/t)
COL David Estroff, MC, USA, Newsletter Editor
LCDR Cindy Schultz, MC, USN, 2010 USPS Course Director

Staff Present:

Jackie Burke, Sections Manager
Scott Miller, CME Manager (p/t)
Jake Stein, Meeting Services (p/t)

The Chairperson convened the meeting at 8:00 AM on March 7th and welcomed the members of the Executive Committee and invited guests.

The Section Executive Committee reviewed the Academy's policy on Conflict of Interest and Voluntary Disclosure. Members were given an opportunity to disclose any direct or indirect financial interests, or any personal, family, or other

relationships that conflict (or could have the appearance of conflicting) with their duties, responsibilities, or exercise of impartial and objective judgment with respect to the meeting's agenda.

There were no disclosures.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson asked for a show of hands and a majority of the Section's executive committee is doing direct primary pediatric patient care. The Section has been criticized in the past for not having good representation on the executive committee of those in direct primary pediatric care. The majority of the executive committee is doing direct primary care pediatrics.

The Chair reviewed the Section's current goal and objectives, which is to improve the health of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults served by the medical departments of the Uniformed Services by:

- A. Providing an educational forum for the discussion of challenges and discoveries relating to the global practice of Uniformed Services pediatrics.
- B. Stimulating research and education in pediatric medicine as encountered in the full practice of Uniformed Services pediatrics.
- C. Disseminating knowledge about Uniformed Services pediatrics through Academy channels to the medical profession at large and respective Surgeons General.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Dr. Jim Rick reviewed the highlights of the upcoming Uniformed Services Pediatric Seminar (USPS) meeting.

Dr. Mike Rajnik gave an update on the 2009 Scientific Awards Competition (SAC) program. There were a total of 63 submissions for this year's program broken down as follows:

- Ogden Bruton 5
- Andrew Margileth 5
- Howard Johnson 6
- Val Hemming 6
- Leo Geppert Cases 35
- Leo Geppert Research 6

The criteria for those allowed to submit an abstract were reviewed. The executive committee voted in favor to change the criteria to include:

those in civilian pediatric training with an active duty obligation.

Dr. Rajnik noted that new judges would be needed to be recruited for the 2010 program.

Dr. Christine Johnson reviewed the Section's educational programs for the 2009 National Conference and Exhibition (NCE). These programs include:

- **Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Your High Risk Patients** with Drs. Davis and Sahler
- **Grief and the Primary Pediatrician** with Nancy Black

The following programs were submitted and not approved for the 2009 NCE:

- **Taking personal responsibility to reduce climate change: How to live a low impact life at home, work, and play**
- **Using the Deployment Tool Kit to meet needs of Military Children**
- **Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief: A Pediatrics Pot Pourri of Visual Diagnoses**

Staff reviewed the 2008 COMPRA meeting. It was noted that the program could be better advertised to perinatal fellows.

SPECIALTY LEADERS COMMENTS

The Pediatric Consultants to the Surgeons General have each been asked to give a state of community update at the Pediatric Education Forum meeting instead of the executive committee meeting. Dr. Davis noted this is a good change as more people will be able to hear the information.

Newsletter

Dr. Estroff noted that the next newsletter will go out in April and includes many highlights of the USPS. He noted that it is important to have an update from all three consultants in each issue.

Dr. Estroff also noted that he is retiring from the military in May and a new newsletter editor needs to be recruited.

The executive committee discussed whether the newsletter can go paperless.

Awards

The process for obtaining recipients for both the Outstanding Service Award and the Dave Berry Award were reviewed.

Section Election

Dr. Joe Lopreiato reviewed the Section's election for 2009. For CHAIRPERSON, Mike Rajnik, USAF will run unopposed for Chairperson.

For the NAVY Christine Johnson (incumbent) will run against Erin Balog.

For ARMY, Rich Kynion (incumbent), Jeffrey Hutchinson, Catherine Kimball-Eayrs, and Tom Eccles will run for 2 positions.

Section Web Page

Dr. Joe Lopreiato will continue to oversee the Section's Web page.

REVIEW OF THE SECTION'S DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr. Davis summarized the strategic planning session, which took place in October 2008.

Goal # 1, "Increase the number and method of educational offerings for section members" was discussed. It was noted that the section isn't interested (necessarily) in increasing the number of educational offerings. The Uniformed Services Section already surpasses most sections in educational offerings. Instead, the section is interested in improving access of these programs to the uniformed services pediatrician.

Goal # 2, "Strengthen pediatrics in the military" was discussed, particularly objective 2.2, "Unify the uniformed services section and chapters". History of the section and chapters east and west were reviewed. It was noted that the section's mission was education for both the uniformed services pediatrician and the general pediatrician. The chapters east and west were created for representation in the AAP.

While these charters were clear many years ago, a healthy overlap has blurred the lines in more recent history. It is unclear to military members the differences between military chapters and section, despite deliberate and consistent education by all involved. In addition, the military chapters and the section do share information but still seem to be operating in separate orbits. It is appropriate for military leadership to discuss an integrated model.

The Section is aware of the chapter's independent structure, their representation and votes at ALF and their connection to Districts 1 and 8. The Section would only seek this integration with full support of chapters east and west and, most importantly, to move military pediatrics FORWARD, not backwards.

It was suggested that interim steps be discussed in order to create an informal council, as a means of test-piloting an integrated model. This may include creating one web page for all three entities so that the members can find all pediatric military information in one place. Another step may include one newsletter that includes information from all three organizations. It could include joint meetings of chapter and section leadership instead of separate meetings. These items, and others will be discussed on a June conference call. All parties agreed that making things better for children and military pediatricians is the "true North."

THE ROLE OF THE PEDIATRICIAN IN MILITARY MEDICINE

Dr. Davis reviewed that the Section is celebrating their 50-year anniversary this year.

Two special projects were agreed upon to honor this landmark.

The first is a Section yearbook FOR UNIFORMED SERVICES PEDIATRICIANS to review and celebrate the history of the Section's fifty years in the AAP. This yearbook will be distributed to every USPS attendee as they leave the section business meeting and lunch during the course. Dr. John Pierce will be honored at the lunch for his integral role in developing the yearbook.

The second project, led by Cliff Yu, MD, is a supplement to the **Pediatrics** journal FOR ALL AAP MEMBERS to educate the general pediatrician on the role of the pediatrician in military medicine. The supplement will chart the landmarks of pediatrician influence and clinical discoveries in the uniformed services.

Dr. Yu noted that with the help of many, including the Uniformed Services University for the Health Sciences (USUHS), all (six) sections of the supplement have been identified, authors are identified and writing is underway.

The Section continues to pursue funding for this project. A meeting will take place during USPS to further hone topics and to discuss funding.

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed that the Section will have conference calls in January and June to further discuss a union between the section and east and west chapters. If possible, these calls will also be used to update one another on progress of section work.