
Council Highlights

Friday, June 5, 1998
Roger Kimura MD, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Dr. P. Chinn, President-elect & Chair at 5:40 p.m.

Present: C. Kelley, Treasurer; J. Spangler, Immediate Past President; A. Bairos, G. Caputy, W. Chang, H KW Chinn, W. Dang, C. Goto, P. Hellreich, C. Kam, P. Kim, A. Kunitomo, C. Lehman, J. Lumeng T. Magoun, J. McDonnell, G. McKenna, W. McKenzie, E. Montell, S. Saiki, M. Shirasu, T. Oldfather, W. Young.

Staff: J. Won, B. Kendro, J. Asato, P. Kawamoto, A. Rogness-recording secretary

Distinguished Medical Reporting Awards: Dr. Lehman, Chair of the Public Relations Committee presented awards for four categories: Television: *Richard Allgire* (KITV News 4) "This is Your Brain on Drugs"; Radio: *Marc Shlacter, MD* (KHVH Radio - The Country Doctor) "Women & Post Traumatic Stress Disorder"; Commercial Print: *Beverly Creamer* (Honolulu Advertiser) "Fight for Her Life" Series; Non-Commercial Print: *Michael Tsai* (HMSA Island Scene) "Ain't Misbehavin". A round of applause was given to all the winners.

Component Society Reports

Honolulu.—Dr C. Goto, President, reported; 1) that their last general membership meeting in April was successful and their next meeting will be on June 16 and will feature a voice dictation system called Dragon Dictate and Roadrunner hookup with Oceanic Cable. The August 18 meeting will be at the Bishop Museum and will feature a Space Exhibit. The October meeting, held in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, will be on smoking cessation; 2) The HCMS is currently revising their bylaws which will be voted on later this year; 3) The date of the HCMS Caucus meeting has been moved from Sept. 15 to Oct. 13; 4) The Mini-Internship Program in May was successful with 7 interns participating.

Hawaii.—Dr T. Oldfather reported that they had a meeting on May 28th. Dr Howard gave a presentation and about 20 members attended.

Kauai.—Dr T. Magoun, President reported that they had a meeting in early May which was well attended.

Maui & West Hawaii.—No report.

Action Taken

- Council voted that the results of the election be released to the membership after being tabulated.
- Council ratified HMA Executive Committee's previous action in favor of the AMA policy which opposes Physician Assisted Suicide.

- A motion was passed by Council to accept the nominations of Dr Glenn Pang as representative to the United States Pharmacopoeial Convention and Dr Gerald McKenna as alternate.
- Council asked Drs P. Chinn, A. Meyers and Mrs. S. Wong, Esquire to draft and disseminate a letter to the HMA membership on the various contracts that are being formed at this time.
- Council asked the Annual Meeting Committee to look at alternative sites for the 1999 Annual Meeting site as the options proposed were not appropriate.
- A motion was passed by Council to hold a bloodbank drive at the HMA Annual Meeting in October 1998.

For Information

AMA Letter to Washington: A letter to Senator Trent Lott written by the acting Executive Director of the AMA, Lynn Jensen was distributed at the meeting. HCFA has made some changes in their guidelines. HCFA now wants physicians to reenroll and pay \$100 for the privilege of providing Medicare services to patients. Another proposal is that doctors will be charged \$1 for every duplicate or unprocessable claim. Physicians would be penalized for resubmitting claims even when payment was seriously overdue or when the contractor has rejected the claim for trivial reasons.

HMA Resolutions: HMA submitted two resolutions to the AMA for the Annual Meeting. The titles are: *Certified Procedural Coders & Protection of Patient Privacy in E&M Guidelines*.

Long Range Planning Committee: Many changes are currently being considered and a final draft of the Long Range Planning Committee report should be ready for the August Council meeting.

HAMPAC: Dr McDonnell, newly elected HAMPAC Chairman, reported that AMPAC membership needs to be increased and encouraged every member of Council to become a member. HAMPAC will be taking a very strong position on candidate support this year. Dr McDonnell will make arrangements to have HAMPAC member stickers available to place on delegate badges at the HMA Annual Meeting this October.

Finance Committee: Drs George Bussey and Charlie Sonido have been appointed to the HMA Finance Committee.

Dr Holschuh for Senator: Dr Montell thanked everyone who supported Dr Holschuh and especially HAMPAC for a generous contribution.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.