



**Quarterly Meeting**  
**Date: September 11, 2007**  
**5:00 to 6:30 pm**

**Present:** Tim Keay, Wendy Toler, June Winkler, Will Rowe, Danell Avery Bookman,  
Carol Billett

**Participant by Conference Call:** Micke Brown

**Minutes of June 19, 2007:** were approved with one addition to the attendees, Tim Keay

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. IRS has sent official notification, dated June 25, 2007, that we have Federal Tax exempt status under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. Wendy Toler is working with Mary Vargas to get her name on the accounts and complete the transition from Mercantile to PNC.
3. As of 8/31/07 the balance in our regular checking account is \$17,606.10
4. As of 8/31/07 the balance in the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) account is \$ 46,820.40
5. As of 7/31/07 the balance in the Maryland Home and Community Care Foundation (MHCCF) account is \$17,554.00
6. check books and other financial data was turned over today to Wendy who will pay bills and manage accounts. She will keep June informed so that she can keep the books accurately.

**Recruitment:**

1. Dr. Keay has left a message for Dr. Goll to call him when he returns from vacation.
2. Wendy will try to think of someone else to contact besides Mary Ann Antony
3. Mary Bennett is now in Wisconsin. It is suggested that we may want to invite Mary or Ronna Popkin of ASPI to conference call with us about recruitment ideas.

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**Grant Updates:**

LAF Grant: Butterfly Connection: data is being collected at Johns Hopkins and beginning to roll out program at University of Maryland.

ACS Request for funding was submitted by the deadline of August 30<sup>th</sup> for fiscal year 2007.

MHHC Foundation: Postcard is with the IRB. Lynn McPherson is monitoring

**ASPI Conference Report:** Micke Brown and Will Rowe reported that it was a very good conference with exceptional “collegial feeling”. Dr. Ira Byock gave an excellent presentation. Massachusetts State Pain Initiative made Kat Herbert feel very welcome and guided her around

**ACTION:** Kat Herbert and Gail Katz will be asked to report about the conference at our next meeting in November.

**Guidelines for Medical Boards:** It is expected that the State Medical Board will purchase the books for their physicians and that other states will follow. Our role would be to lobby for it to happen, perhaps by writing a letter. Tim Keay suggest the “End of Life Council”, of which he is a member, could write to Med Chi to get involved.

**ACTION:** Put on agenda for discussion at next meeting. Seek input from Gail Katz.

**Pain Care Policy Update:** Will Rowe reports that Congressmen Lois Capps (D-CA) and Mike Rogers (R-MI) introduced legislation in July which “ provides a blueprint to improve pain care research, education, training, access, outreach and care.” Senators Hatch and Dodd will introduce in the Senate at the end of September. There will be a briefing during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October. Should be passed by the end of 2007 or early 2008. Two military bills will be introduced in the next 2 weeks from the Department of Defense and The Veteran’s Administration. Will is in communication with our delegates and Senators. Pain Care Forum is working on contacts.

**ACTION:** Will is going to send information to June to forward to our membership.

**ASPMN/MPI Letter to Board of Nursing:** was sent to them in July. No response has been received.

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**PROGRAM/ EDUCATION SPEAKERS:** We are not clear what Karen and Kat had in mind when discussing this, but the members present agreed that a 15 minute presentation should be sufficient to hold attention at our meetings.

**ACTION:** Discuss at length at next meeting

**DEA/Bioethics Roundtable in September:** did not include an invitation for us to participate, so we don't know how it went.

**Goals for MPI:** It was the consensus of those present that our primary focus should be Educational. We need to review the Strategic Plan from 2004 and consider a follow up survey of people with pain in Maryland.

**Other issues:**

Senate Hearing on July 31, 2007. Karen wrote a letter on behalf of MPI to Senator Ben Cardin

Patient Advocate Award: Mary Vargas and Shannon Leidig would be good candidates but Mary isn't eligible because she is on the committee.

Proclamation of September as Pain Awareness Month received from Governor O'Malley. It was suggested that it be posted on the website.