

Wyoming Medical Society

QUARTERLY BOARD UPDATE

The Wyoming Medical Society operates under the direction of a Board of Trustees comprised of representatives from each county medical society as well as Trustees to represent Physician Assistant, Student, Resident and Retired members. The Board meets quarterly to decide strategy and policy for the organization. WMS will send communication following every Board meeting to keep members apprised of work being done on their behalf in the state.

Board Members Present October 9, 2010

Gerrie Gardner, DO - President
Cynthia Casey, MD - Vice President
Michael Tracy, MD - Secretary/Treasurer
Reed Shafer, MD - Past President
Robert Monger, MD - AMA Delegate
Robert Kanard, MD - Retired Physician Trustee

Jennifer Thomas, MD - Campbell County Trustee
Mark Murphy, MD - Converse County Trustee
Jay Swedberg, MD - Natrona County Trustee
Bradley Hanebrink, MD - Sheridan County Trustee
Stephen Rotholz, MD - Fremont County Trustee
Jennifer Frary, PA - C - Physician Assistant Trustee
Amy Kennedy - WWAMI Student Representative

Business of the Board

Financial and membership reports were reviewed and approved. While the Wyoming Medical Society remains in sound financial condition operating expenses continue to increase. WMS Board members unanimously voted to increase physician and physician assistant membership dues in order to allow WMS the ability to sustain the benefits to which members have grown accustomed. WMS last voted to increase dues in 2004. Recent studies of surrounding states indicate that medical societies across the West are being faced with similar financial challenges and also, reluctantly, increasing membership dues. WMS is committed to serving our members to the very best of our ability and very much appreciate the medical community's support in our continued efforts to advocate on your behalf.

2011 Annual Meeting

Results from the 2010 physician survey were reviewed and carefully considered. WMS members indicated that they would be more likely to attend and participate in the annual conference if it were held Friday through Sunday, rather than Thursday through Saturday. In an effort to be as responsive to our members as possible, WMS has taken the necessary steps to change the contract with the Laramie Hilton Garden Inn to schedule our meeting Friday, June 10, through Sunday morning, June 12. We hope that this change, along with the input of the newly formed physician lead CME Advisory Committee, will bring new life to the conference and allow for increased availability and benefit to Wyoming physicians and physician assistants.

WYOPAC Update

Financial and membership reports were reviewed and discussed. WYOPAC is proud to have supported 33 candidates in the 2011 general election. A more detailed report of those candidates identified as friends of medicine will be included in the electronic *Political Fencepost* publication scheduled to be distributed to all members by the end of the month.

State and Federal Legislative Issues

WMS Executive Director Sheila Bush presented updates on several state and federal legislative issues that are currently being debated. At the federal level, WMS is closely monitoring the status of the SGR and joining