

MINNESOTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Nominating & Leadership Development Committee
MMA John Murphy Conference Room
August 27, 2008

MINUTES

Members Present:

Michael B. Ainslie, MD
G. Richard Geier, MD - Chair
J. Michael Gonzalez-Campoy, MD, PhD
Frank Indihar, MD (Phone)
David D. Luehr, MD
Jerry Rogers, MD (Phone)
Patrick Zook, MD(Phone)

Non-Voting Members Present:

James Dehen, MD (Phone)

Staff Present:

Robert K. Meiches, MD

1. Call to Order

G. Richard Geier, MD, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Vacancy of President-elect

The primary order of business was to review options and prepare a slate of candidates with particular focus on the office of president-elect (currently open due to the resignation of George E. Schoephoerster, MD).

- Bylaws pertinent to this role of NLDC were reviewed
- Options for filling the vacancy for president-elect were reviewed. Dr. Geier reported that Benjamin Whitten, MD who was previously nominated by the NLDC to fill the president-elect position for 2008-09 was unable to move his candidacy ahead and did not wish to be considered for the role of MMA President beginning September 2008.
- Recommendations for four physician members were received by Dr. Geier each with endorsement from their component medical society (East Metro Medical Society, Zumbro Valley Medical Society, West Metro Medical Society and Blue Earth County Medical Society).
- Each of the four candidates was reviewed including biographical and resume information, histories of their participation in organized medicine and other professional endeavors
- In addition to the fulfilling the role of president, as outlined in the position description for MMA president, the NLDC discussed the importance of this nominee being “ready” to assume the MMA presidency immediately, familiarity with current issues, policies and activities and their abilities to interact effectively with media and external requests.

Following a thorough review of each candidate and an understanding of each of their strengths, the committee members each voted on their top choice to fill this role. 100% of the committee members were in attendance (one member of the committee abstained from the discussion and voting because of a conflict).

Following deliberation and voting, it was moved, seconded and unanimously adopted to recommend Noel Peterson, MD, Olmsted Medical Group, Zumbro Valley Medical Society as the president-elect for the Minnesota Medical Association.

- Dr. Geier, NLDC Chair, will submit Dr. Peterson's name as president-elect to the House of Delegates on Wednesday, September 17.
- Nominations will remain open until Thursday morning, September 18 at which time the election for president will occur. The president will assume office following the conclusion of the House of Delegates on Friday, September 19.
- Dr. Geier will contact all four physicians to inform them of the committee's recommendation.
- The NLDC recommendation of Noel Peterson, MD as president-elect will be communicated to MMA members via MMAonline this week.

The remaining slate of candidates was re-confirmed as follows:

MMA Officers

President-elect (2008-09)	Benjamin Whitten, MD
Speaker of the House	Lyle Swenson, MD
Vice Speaker of the House	Karen Dickson, MD
Secretary/Treasurer	David E. Westgard, MD

AMA Delegates and Alternates

AMA Delegates:	Kenneth Crabb, MD
	John Van Etta, MD
	Paul Matson, MD

AMA Alternate Delegates:	Benjamin Whitten, MD
	F. Blanton Bessinger, MD
	David Luehr, MD

3. MMA At-Large Trustee

Robert Meiches, MD, CEO, provided information regarding a candidate for the at-large trustee role from the University of Minnesota Physicians. The committee agreed to learn more about this individual, reviewing written materials and having one-on-one conversations. The committee agreed to deliberate electronically to determine whether to bring an at-large candidate forward as a nominee to the House of Delegates

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., MMA John Murphy Conference Room. The primary topic will be to review the nominations for MMA Standing Committee appointments.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chair, G. Richard Geier, MD at 7:40 p.m.