MINNESOTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 10, 2009

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Members Present:
Michael B. Ainslie, MD
James D. Dehen, MD (Phone)
Donald Jacobs, MD
Daniel Maddox, MD
Noel Peterson, MD
Lyle Swenson, MD
David Thorson, MD
David Westgard, MD
Benjamin H. Whitten, MD

Staff Present:
George Lohmer
Robert Meiches, MD
Janet Silversmith
Becky Schierman
Kathy Messerli (Phone)

Guest
Terence Cahill, MD

1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called by Chair, Michael Ainslie, at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Annual Meeting**
   - Janet Silversmith, Director of Health Policy, **reviewed** recommendations to change MMA Bylaws Section 4.3 on Disciplinary Action as guided by the Executive Committee in October 2008. Following review it was **moved, seconded and unanimously adopted** to forward the Bylaws Resolution to the 2009 House of Delegates with the resolved to read:

     That the amendments to section 4.3 of the MMA Bylaws be adopted as described in Exhibit A of this resolution, effective immediately.

     MMA Bylaws section 4.3 (Disciplinary Actions):

     ~~A.~~ Membership may be denied, revoked or restricted only by the action of the Board of Trustees~~, which may only be taken pursuant to the MMA Professional Performance Review policy~~.
     ~~B. The MMA Professional Performance Review Policy shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees, and may be amended by resolution of the Board of Trustees~~.
     ~~C. The MMA Professional Performance Review Policy~~ and ~~membership actions taken pursuant thereto~~ shall be binding upon the component medical societies.

   - Janet Silversmith **presented** the staff recommendation for the reaffirmation calendar for the 2009 House of Delegates including the review of the process. Four resolutions were recommended for reaffirmation. Following discussion it was **moved, seconded and adopted** to move the following three resolutions to the reaffirmation calendar, 304-Payment Parity to Health Plan Patients Who See Out-of-Network Psychiatrists, 310-Prohibit Payments for Volume of Referrals, 312-Hospital

Payments.

- Lyle Swenson, Speaker, House of Delegates, and Kathy Messerli, Director, Member Relations, gave an update on the 2009 Annual Meeting. In addition, Ms. Messerli informed the Executive Committee that 2012 Annual Meeting planning in the west metro area was progressing. The Executive Committee supported holding the meeting at the downtown Minneapolis Marriott Hotel.

3. Executive Conversation with Minnesota Hospital Association

Robert Meiches, CEO, **presented** a recent discussion he had with his counterpart, Lorry Massa with the Minnesota Hospital Association. Following discussion there was Executive Committee support to meet with a small number of other members of governance of the MHA to explore a variety of topics and opportunities to strengthen and collaboration within the MMA and MHA. Topics suggested for possible inclusion include member communication, cross board linkages, hospital medical staff and bylaw issues and work force issues.

4. Health Care Reform Update

Janet Silversmith, Director of Health Policy, **provided** updates on a variety of state based health care reform activities. Regular updates have been provided via MMA Online and other sources to membership.

Robert Meiches, MD, CEO, **provided** an update on recent federal health care reform activities. Meetings with Senators Klobuchar and Frankin are pending at this time.

5. MMA Committee on Board Effectiveness

Michael Ainslie, MD, Chair, **reviewed** the charge of the Committee on Board Effectiveness that was approved by the Board of Trustee in July 2009. He presented a slate of potential members (including potential Chair of the Committee) for discussion. Following review the Executive Committee supported moving forward the following slate of candidates for review discussion and approval by the full MMA Board of Trustees in September.

Trustees (4)

- Michael Ainslie, MD — 1 year term
- Michael Heck, MD — 2 years
- Beth Baker, MD — 3 years
- David Agerter, MD — 3 years

AMA Delegate

- Raymond Christensen, MD — 2 years

Board Chair

- David Thorson, MD

Staff

- Pending

6. **Membership**
Kathy Messerli, Director, Member Relations, reviewed two policies recommended by the MMA Membership Task Force regarding multi membership plan and discounts and free retired membership activities. Following discussion the Executive Committee supported these recommendations.

If an individual or clinic that discontinued an MMP wants to re-join the MMP in the future, they will need to pay full dues for the remainder of the original term before they are eligible. For example, they are MMP for one year, discontinue in year two and request it again in year 3, they would need to pay full dues for years 3 and 4 (because it was a four year agreement) before they are eligible for a discounted rate.

Physicians must be paying members of MMA for five years before they are eligible for retired membership. If they are moving from outside MN, they need to confirm membership in the AMA or another state association for five years.

7. **Updates**
MMA staff provided updates including:

- June 2009 financials
- Minnesota Credentialing Collaborative
- MMA staffing
- Board changes
- AACME Accreditation.

8. **Minnesota Community Measurement**
Robert Meiches, CEO, presented background and update on Minnesota Community Measurement including MMA needs for this relationship and pros and cons of both continuing to engage or disengage in Minnesota Community Measurement. Following discussion there was a uniform and strong input from committee members to continue to work to change Minnesota Community Measurement in a variety of ways to strengthen its effectiveness while at the same time understanding alternative pathways.

9. **Adjournment**
Michael Ainslie, MD, Chair, **adjourned** the meeting at 8:45 PM.