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Attendance:

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| **Board Position** | **Name** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| President | Bryan McCarthy | x |  |
| President Elect | Ray Iannuccillo | x |  |
| Past President | Maggie Charpentier | x |  |
| Secretary | Shannon Levesque | x |  |
| Treasurer | Ross Casey | x |  |
| Board Member at Large | Catherine Li | x |  |
| Director for Program Development | Amy St. Amand | x |  |
| Director for Legislation | Conor McGladrigan | x |  |
| Director for Communications/IT | Nelson Caetano | x |  |
| Director for Membership | Chloe Morgan | x |  |
| Technician Board Member | Tammy Burbine | x |  |
| Standing Alternate Delegate | Karen Nolan | x |  |

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| **Guest Name** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| Lauren Fortier (outgoing SSHP Student Liaison)  | x |  |
| Katie Scroggs (incoming SSHP Student Liaison) | x |  |
| Linda Nelson | x |  |
| Martha Roberts |  | x |
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1. Call to order: 5:00 pm.
2. Consent Agenda Items
	1. Minutes from March 21st Board Meeting reviewed and approved. Ray motion. Karen second. Unanimously approved.
3. Old Business
	1. Seminar by the Sea Debrief – Nelson. Nelson reported that first meeting arrival not required, but through afternoon was useful. Weirdly people from out of state stopped by to learn more. Nelson did a raffle, Mike Poirier won, we can offer him a year membership.
4. House of Delegates Update – Karen & Ray.
	1. March Virtual House of Delegates approved 10 policies with a vote of 95% in favor. The policies include:
		1. Education and Training in Digital Health
		2. Education and Training in Telehealth (discontinuation)
		3. Digital Therapeutics Products
		4. Interoperability of Patient-Care Technologies
		5. Patient Medication Delivery Systems
		6. Education about Performance-Enhancing Substances
		7. Support for FDA Expanded Access (Compassionate Use) Program
		8. Biosimilar Medications
		9. Licensure of Pharmacy Graduates
		10. Pharmacogenomics
	2. 7 polices did not achieve the 85% threshold for approval and will be considered in the House of Delegates in June at Summer meeting. These policies include:
		1. Well-Being and Resilience of the Pharmacy Workforce
		2. Emergency Medical Kits
		3. Raising Awareness of the Risks Associated with the Misuse of Medications
		4. Standardization of Parental Medication Concentrations
		5. Availability and Use of Fentanyl Test Strips
		6. Manipulation of Drug Products for Alternate Routes of Administration
		7. DEA Scheduling of Controlled Substances
	3. Regional Delegate Conferences this year are being offered as an in-person and virtual option.  Martha, Shannon Baker, Ray and Karen will all be participating:
		1. Martha attending Baltimore’s RDC on Sat April 29 to Sun May 1
		2. Shannon attending Chicago’s RDC on Mon May 2 to Tues May 3
		3. Karen and Ray participating in the virtual RDC together on Sat April 29 from 1-4:30pm
		4. Summer meeting this year is in Baltimore from June 10 – 14
	4. House of Delegates RISHP Reimbursement Proposal – Bryan.
		1. Pre-COVID, RISHP budgeted to travel and registration costs for RI delegates to ASHP Summer Meeting to participate in the House of Delegates. During COVID, the House of Delegates transitioned to virtual, and therefore the costs were cut from our budget. Since House of Delegates back in person, need to reevaluate the budget line item, as expenses have dramatically increased.
		2. Proposal is as follows:
			1. RISHP will reimburse each certified delegate or alternate delegate who attends an in-person Regional Delegate Conference (RDC) the $400 that RISHP receives from ASHP for their attendance.
			2. RISHP will reimburse the two certified delegates the ASHP Member Early Bird Registration rate for the ASHP Summer Meeting (in 2023, this expense is $695).
			3. All other expenses associated with in-person RDC or House of Delegates proceedings at the ASHP Summer Meeting are the responsibility of the certified delegate or alternate delegate.
			4. Approved
	5. GoToMeeting Update – Amy.
		1. Amy was able to login to the system for a free account. She downloaded videos, and uploaded into new account.
		2. Amy received another email about overdue invoice for our established account. They will cut off service in about a month. Bryan agreed to be proactive with reaching out to GoToMeeting.
		3. We have not had a webinar on the new site yet, but Amy states functionality appears identical to our previous account.

* 1. New England Residency Conference Update – Amy.
		1. Meeting by-weekly. May 22nd in Connecticut.
		2. Requesting a statement of support. Circulate to our membership on social media. Bryan has already reposted on LinkedIn.
		3. Approved to support and Bryan offered assistance if needed to write a statement of support.

* 1. Rhode Island Monthly Top Pharmacists Update – Maggie.
		1. Maggie attended most recent meeting. URI is funding the 3-5 page add in RI monthly.
		2. Focus shifted. New plan is to educate readers about the various roles of pharmacists rather than individual award recipients.
		3. Looking for sponsorship to offset costs to URI. Plan is the August edition. Not clear if it will be annual. Kerry LaPlante is drafting a plan and should have more details for future meetings.

* 1. Transitions of Care SAG Update – Shannon.
		1. First TOC SAG meeting held on March 30th via Teams. Attended by Dan Hawkins (Kent), Joe Aquilante, Claudia Harris and Zach from TMH, Kenny Correia (Lifespan Ambulatory Care), Abby Henry (Backus) and Matt Amaral (Westerly). Demetria Malone (SCH) and Jen Wills (L&M) had last minute conflicts.
		2. First meeting was a nice chance to introduce everyone and talk about their roles/population/volume/ communication. Great idea sharing. Actively engaged.
		3. Agreed to monthly meetings to launch the group. Will plan quarterly social networking outings. Date not set yet, but next meeting with be late April.
	2. Fellow of RISHP Policy DRAFT – Ray.
		1. Ray recapped history of why this proposal came to be. Previewed proposal. Will establish a selection committee. Fellows will be recognized at the Annual Future of Pharmacy Showcase. Application window 4/1-6/1. Brief review of scoring system and credentials.
		2. Draft will be circulated to the board after the meeting and vote at next meeting and operationalizing will also be discussed.
	3. DRAFT Rhode Island Pharmacy Preceptor Education (RIPE) Series – Bryan.
		1. Bryan presents proposal for statewide preceptor development content every other month, shared across residency programs.
		2. Link to accreditation standards included. Brief list of suggested topics included. Live or on-demand with a feedback form to get credit for attendance. Not trying for CE immediately, but could be a goal in the future. Establish a board (1 representative from each organization) to attend quarterly meetings and make sure organizations participate and disseminate invitations, etc.
		3. Draft will be circulated following the meeting. Areas in yellow need to be completed.
1. New Business
	1. Tech Check Tech Proposal – Connor.
		1. In summary, there is an opportunity to add language to the RI pharmacy regulations that would allow a Pharmacy Technician II to check prescriptions filled by another pharmacy technician using a technology-assisted medication verification (i.e. barcode scan).
		2. Adding this language would ideally allow technicians to check medications pulled for restocking automated dispensing cabinets. This opportunity is available because the Board is making updates to the regulations because of USP 797.
		3. RISHP will have an opportunity to present (via PowerPoint) proposed language changes and how they would be beneficial. Linda suggested checking ASHP resources and touch base with government affairs liaison for support/resources.
		4. Committee supports moving forward with proposal. Power point will be circulated for feedback in advance of the BOP meeting.
	2. Payment of Long-Acting Injectable Medications in the Hospital Setting (Emergency Department and Admitted Settings) (H6220) – Bryan, Connor, Ray.
		1. Costly medications, lack of receipt of medication may prevent patient being received into different community settings. Costly and not- reimbursed in fee for service bundles at acute care hospitals.
		2. RIPA and Alkermes (pharma company that manufactures a long acting product) are working on language for the proposal. Meeting this week, will bring more details to the next meeting.
		3. Ray highlights our focus is on patient access not reimbursement to institutions.
		4. Chloe would like to include language about pharmacist administering as well. She will share resources with Bryan, Ray and Connor in advance of Friday’s meeting
	3. RISHP/SSHP Networking Event @ Whalers – Lauren, Katie.
		1. Survey sent to students for availability. Selected May 2nd at 5pm. Casual networking event with student chapter. Whalers in Narragansett.
		2. RISHP will purchase food from a local vendor to bring to the event. Lauren anticipates 20-25 students likely to attend.
		3. Nelson will send a blast email and add to social media to recruit pharmacist to attend.
		4. Lauren will touch base with Bryan for a pizza place.
2. Board Member Updates
	1. Past President – Maggie.
		1. Maggie reviewed some of the legislative items that are active in the state house right now for the PreP act, contraception, smoking cessation and lowering pharmacist licensing fees. Encouraged engagement and readiness to provide testimony on short notice if called upon.
	2. Program Development – Amy.
		1. Had her first committee meeting for Showcase planning. Lifespan would like to expand RISHP offerings for CE programming when contract is ready to renew.
	3. IT – Nelson. Katie will be added to Nelson’s meeting scheduled. Seminar by the Sea- vendor interested in working with us in the future. Will share contact information
	4. Legislative Affairs – Connor.
		1. Connor’s employer limits his speaking on behalf of RISHP. If public testimony is needed, another board member will be needed.
	5. Membership – Chloe.
		1. Most new membership since last meeting has been residents and industry.
	6. Treasurer – Ross.
		1. Reports attached to meeting invitation. Outstanding items have been reconciled. No significant activity this month.
		2. Ross and Bryan will schedule meeting with bank to talk about investment opportunities.
		3. Ross will schedule external audit now that tax season is over and the auditor has more time.
		4. Bill Pires award winner process discussed. Shannon to provide contact information and Linda will share letter and process from prior years.
		5. Ross was provided with contacts for prior Finance Committee participants and suggestions for meeting content and calendar.
	7. Technicians – Tammy.
		1. No additional report
3. Meeting Adjourned: 6:30pm. Ray motion. Ross second. Unanimously approved.
4. **Next meeting: Tuesday May 16th, 2023 @ 5pm IN PERSON AT KENT TROWBRIDGE 318. Dinner will be served and no virtual option will be available.**