American Academy of Pediatrics

District VIII Section on Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Council Meeting

June 1, 2021

Teleconference via Zoom

Call to Order by Robert DiGeronimo at 1:05 PM PDT

**Introductions**

**Members Present:** Sheree Kuo (Past District VIII Section Chair, Nominations Committee Chair, and Quality Improvement Committee Chair), Dennis Mayock (Secretary), Bob DiGeronimo (Section Chair), Alison Rentz (Montana Representative and 2022 Co-Chair), Lauren Beard (Colorado Representative), Kimberlee Allred (Advanced Practice Representative), Nicholas Carr (Social Media/Website and 2023 Program Chair), Lily Lou (Chair AAP SoNPM and Past District VIII Section Chair), Mihai Puia-Dumitrescu (Washington Representative), Erin Willey (Nevada Representative), Amy Kirk (Idaho Representative), Sabrina Malone Jenkins (Membership Committee Chair), Tara DuPont (2021 Annual Meeting Program Co-Chair New Mexico), Leslie Ruybal (2022 Annual Program Co-chair Montana), Joseph Kaempf (Oregon Representative), Hava Haischer-Rollo (Uniformed Services Representative), Carl Bodenstein (Foundation Committee Chair), Megan Doty (Hawaii Representative), Jeanne Krick (Uniformed Services Representative), Trisha Aldridge (Santa Fe, New Mexico Program Assistants), Stephanie Maughan (Advanced Practice Representative and 2022 Annual Program Support Montana), James Berry (SoNPM District VIII Representative), Teresa Lam (Alaska Representative), Joe Livingston (Chair Website Committee), Angie Horne (Executive Director), Abhay Lodha (Alberta Representative), Stacy Bruquist (Advanced Practice Representative)

Council Minutes from Fall Meeting September 30, 2020: Robert DiGeronimo asked for **Motion** to approve minutes. Sheree Kuo so **Motioned** and Abhay Lodha seconded. **Motion approved unanimously**. Dennis Mayock will work with Joe Livingston to upload approved minutes to District website.

**Council Members:** Robert DiGeronimo reviewed the Council terms. No changes proposed. Lily Lou suggested that the Council terms be adjusted so that approximately 1/3 of the member’s terms expire annually. Robert DiGeronimo will inquire about addition of TeCAN representative to Council. Lily suggested that Nicholas Carr investigate the addition of a District IX representative (APP or Physician to get local knowledge) to Council to assist with the Annual Meeting to be held in San Diego in 2023.

**Membership Report:** Dennis Mayock presented the current membership report as of May 30, 2021. Currently, 99 individuals are paid members which includes 68 physicians (10 in-training) and 31 Advanced Practice members. Due to website restrictions, only 86 members can be assigned to a state or province. Dennis Mayock has discussed the later issue with Joe Livingston and he will research whether this can be rectified. Sheree Kuo suggested that the Website committee reconvene to discuss this and other website issues. Robert DiGeronimo recommended that all website issues from Council members be forwarded to Joe Livingston and Robert DiGeronimo.

**Treasurer Report:** Linda Wallen presented the Treasurer’s report. The account currently has slightly over $32K. Council discussed whether any funds should be transferred to the Foundation. Due to the low sponsorship for the 2021 Annual Meeting being held virtually and the uncertain status of meeting income, Council decided to maintain the current funds status as is.

**Foundation Report:** Carl Bodenstein presented the Foundation report. The fund has appreciated over 4.5% over the past year and has about $357K. Carl Bodenstein recommended continuation of current account. Carl suggested that Council members consider donating to the Foundation. Lily Lou reminded the Council that the Foundation will grow by donations. The new District website allows for direct donation to the Foundation. Sheree Kuo and Lily Lou reviewed the Council’s previous desire to use about $10K annually from the Foundation to fund trainee attendance at the Annual Meeting, but the current Foundation income averages about $5.6K annually. After further discussion from multiple Council members, Sheree Kuo recommended that the Foundation Committee review use of funds from the Foundation and report back at the Fall Council meeting. Lily Lou suggested that Council members aspire to 100% giving (with not minimum amount) as a culture of leadership.

**Jerry King Lectureship:** Robert DiGeronimo reviewed the status of the Jerry King Lectureship. The funds will be held by the Division of Neonatology at the University of Utah. The Council discussed whether Jerry King should be the initial speaker, but he is on mission currently and will not be available this summer. Robert DiGeronimo requested that Council members send him names of individuals that should be considered.

**2021 New Mexico 44th Annual Conference:** Tara Dupont presented plans for the 2021 Annual Conference scheduled for June 17-20, 2021. Due to low sponsorship and high cost of infrastructure to support a virtual meeting, the plan is to use the Zoom platform. Gift baskets have been donated by state/province representatives and will be awarded to attendees by auction**.** The Fellows conference at the Annual Conference will also be virtual. Robert DiGeronimo recommended Council members to talk up this opportunity with their Fellows.

**Founder’s Dinner at the 2021 New Mexico 44th Annual Conference:** Vlad Ianus is planning an in-person dinner meeting with the honorees, Sirkka-Liisa Spencer, NNP, and LuAnn Papile, MD. Carl Bodenstein has the awards and will ship to Vlad Ianus.

**Scientific Committee:** Sheree Kuo requested that Council members act as moderators for the abstract presentations at the 44th Annual Conference. Abhay Lodha announced that 34 abstracts had been submitted. Kimberly Allred will moderate APP presentations. Sheree Kuo will ask for moderators from the Council by an email request soon.

The Council discussed the methodology to award abstract presenters. The call for abstracts for the 2021 Annual Conference stated: “Awards for best presentation in Basic science, Clinical research and Quality improvement will be announced by the conclusion of the meeting.” Concern was raised that some abstracts were of low quality and few were submitted in the basic science group. The Council discussed whether awards should be given even if abstract was not excellent. Lily Lou recommended awards only to be given for excellent abstracts. Mihai Puia-Dumitrescu suggested the awards should be given to the top 3 abstracts regardless of category. Sheree Kuo and Abhay Lodha to work with Conference Committee to finalize procedure for award presentations. The Council agreed to awarding the top 3 abstracts.

**Membership:** Sabrina Malone-Jenkins presented information regarding updating the District website to for provide information regarding benefits of membership. The Council raised issues regarding the website capabilities including notices of expiring membership and ease of membership renewal. Sheree Kuo recommended that the website committee reconvene to address website issues. Robert DiGeronimo encouraged state/province representatives to update their pages on the website. Lily Lou suggested representatives add more pictures to their website pages displaying notable places in their state/province. Robert DiGeronimo suggested adding list of NICU sites to state/province web pages. Lily Lou suggested adding list of Annual Conferences and locations to website. Sheree Kuo suggested that member and meeting attendee testimonials be added to website to promote membership benefits. Sabrina Malone-Jenkins reminded Council that job opportunities can be listed on the website and this is free to District VIII Section members.

**Social Media:** Nicholas Carr reviewed the use of social media as a way to promote the District. He requested content from Council members including job opportunities and publications.

**2022 Montana 45th Annual Conference:** Ali Rentz and Leslie Ruybal briefly reviewed the meeting scheduled for June 15-20, 2022 at the Big Sky Resort. This is planned as an in-person conference. Ali Rentz informed the Council that she will need a conference planner and has contacted the Montana American Academy of Pediatrics assistant for help as this individual is well versed in Montana meeting planning. Ali Rentz also requests a program for attendee registration. Ali Rentz requested previous conference chairs to forward vendor contact listings to her. Lily Lou raised the issue of room sharing at the Annual Conference be trainees as this may be of concern for attendees and the potential for additional costs to the Conference.

**2023 Uniform Services West 45th Annual Conference**: Nicholas Carr briefly reviewed plans for the conference to be held June 1-4, 2023 in San Diego at the Kona-Kai Resort. Nicholas Carr is working with Uniform Services and the American Academy of Pediatrics on planning details. Council provided suggestions to encourage Neonatology physicians and Advanced Practitioners in District XI to participate.

**Fall Council Meeting:** Robert DiGeronimo suggested that the Fall Council meeting be held in-person in Salt Lake City at the University Guest House. Lily Lou mentioned that since NCE is scheduled October 8-10, 2021 in Philadelphia, the Fall Council meeting should not that ne scheduled at that time; maybe either just before or after. Council discussed alternatives including Denver. The Council also considered the advantages/disadvantages of a virtual/in-person/hybrid meeting format. Most members were happy with an in=person meeting to take place in Salt Lake City. Angie Horne and Sabrina Malone-Jenkins will check on availability of University Guest House and notify Robert DiGeronimo so plans can be set.

**Adjournment:** Robert DiGeronimo adjourned the Council Meeting at 4:06 PM PDT

**Action Items:**

**Sheree Kuo:**

**Continue work with Tara Dupont and Vlad Ianus and other Council members to organize 2021 virtual Annual Conference**

**Organize moderators for abstract sessions**

**Reconvene Council member group to assist with on-going website development**

**Robert DiGeronimo:**

**Organize Fall Council meeting with Angie Horne**

**Update Council terms document with Dennis Mayock**

**Identify Jerry King Lecturer and collaborate with University of Utah Neonatology Division on support**

**Joe Livingston:**

**Work with Nicholas Carr, Sheree Kuo, and Sabrina Malone-Jenkins on website development**

**Dennis Mayock:**

**Update the Council terms document with Robert DiGeronimo**

**Transcribe minutes from Council meeting and distribute to Council for corrections/suggestions**

**Update Annual Meeting history document for publication on website**

**Work with Joe Livingston to upload 2020 Fall Council minutes to website**

**Membership/Website Committee:**

**Continue to work website functionally**

**Tara Dupont and Vlad Ianus:**

**Continue to organize the 2021 Annual Conference (44th) to be held as a virtual meeting**

**Alison Rentz and Leslie Ruybal:**

**Continue to organize the 2022 Annual Conference (45th) to be held at the Big Sky Resort in Big Sky, Montana June 16-19, 2022**

**Nicholas Carr:**

**Continue to organize the 2023 Annual Conference (46th) to be held in San Diego at the Kona-Kai Resort**

**Carl Bodenstein:**

**Send Founder’s awards to Vlad Ianus**

**All Council Members:**

**Please send any ideas you may have for the Annual Conferences to the Section Chair and Annual Conference program chairs:**

**Potential Speakers (Jerry King Lecture)**

**Topics /themes for the meeting**

**Ideas for panel discussions**

**Ideas for workshops**

**Ideas for breakout sessions**

**Talk-up Fellow’s Session at Annual Conference with your program’s fellows**

**Consider being a moderator for abstract presentations – notify Sheree Kuo if interested**

**Consider forwarding Social Media content to Nicholas Carr for distribution on Twitter**

**Send information about job opportunities to Sabrina Malone-Jenkins and Nicholas Carr for publication on website and Twitter**

**Send names of individuals for Jerry King Lectureship to Robert DiGeronimo**

Respectfully submitted, June 3, 2021

Dennis E. Mayock, M.D.

Section Secretary