The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
District IX

Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2009 — Silverado Resort, Napa, CA
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM — Silverado West Room

Minutes

Attendees: Drs. DeFrancesco, Conry, Diamond, Gregg, Winer, Blumenfeld, McCue, Cragun, Weinert, Melkonian, Winter, Thomas, S. Ramos, Echt, Sirott, Gregory, Murray, King, Buchanan, D. Ramos, Cunningham, Salcedo, Rincon, Wallace, Ettinger, Archie, Bhalala, Haskins, Hoppe, Wachtel, McHugh, Macer, and Shipp.

National Representatives: Drs. Albert Strunk and Ramon Suarez.

Staff: Margaret Merritt, Executive Director, Shannon Smith-Crowley, JD, MHA; Sonnet Seeborg Gabbard, Director of Communications and Special Projects; Amenda Yang, Director of Member Services; Lauren Stoddard, Program Assistant; Liz Kim, Legal Intern; and Robin Finnestead, Legislative Intern:

I. **Meeting Called to Order at 11:10 AM**

II. Introductions

III. **Approval of Minutes -** Interim Advisory Council Meeting - March 21, 2009

1. Motion 1: Dr. Winter moved to accept minutes; Dr. McCue seconds.
2. Advisory Council approved minutes unanimously.

IV. **National Officer Reports**

1. Albert L. Strunk, JD, MD - Deputy Executive Vice-President & Vice-President of Fellowship Activities
   a. 501(c)3 and 501(c)6 status PowerPoint presentation during lunch break.
2. Ramon Suarez, MD, Assistant Secretary to the ACOG Executive Board
   a. Discussed how ACOG reserves have fallen over $30 million and are no longer available due to change in equity markets and additional expenses with the shift from College to Congress.
   b. Congress will be raising dues for Fellows (by $35), Life Fellows (by $10), and Junior Fellows (by $15) for the first time in 13 years.
   c. **ACTION: Dr. Suarez** to research Dr. Ramos' recommendation of an option for ACOG members to have member dues be withdrawn throughout the year.

V. **Executive Committee Reports**

1. Chair Report – Jeanne A. Conry, MD, PhD (For Review Only)
   a. **<u>ACTION</u>: Advisory Council** members, who are interested in working on an environmental toxin project, should notify Dr. Conry or District IX office.
2. Treasurer Report – Sharon A. Winer, MD, MPH

a. July 2009 General Operations
b. August 2009 Statement of Financial Position
c. 2010 Proposed Budget For Approval
   i. There is an approved cap of $200 for rental car expenses and Advisory Council members now do not need to divide expenses between business and personal, as the District IX office will process reimbursements.
   ii. Budget needs to be stringent as we are still recuperating from our 2007 and 2008 ADM losses of over $50,000 and 1/3 or $700,000 of our reserves.
   iii. The Committee on Business and Practice Management will retire this year and Dr. Wallace will become a co-chair of the Committee on Physician Work-life Balance.
   iv. The Committee on Patient Safety has been approved with Dr. Wachtel as Chair.
   v. **<u>ACTION</u>: ACOG District IX fellows** will need to submit a written report to District IX in order to receive reimbursement for meeting attendances.
   vi. Junior Fellow Chair advocates for an increase of Junior Fellow attendees to the Congressional Leadership Conference, as last year only one was sent.
   vii. Executive Committee recommended a budget alternative to move funds from the CMA Delegates to fund three or four delegates, rather than the current six delegates, to fund an increase of Junior Fellows attendees at the Congressional Leadership Conference.
   viii. **<u>ACTION</u>: District IX** will continue to fund 6 CMA Delegates and will look for Junior Fellow JFCAC funding elsewhere.
   ix. Motion 2: Dr. Ettinger moved to accept minutes; Dr. Murray seconds.
   x. Advisory Council approved the 2010 Proposed Budget unanimously.
d. ACOG, District IX Membership
   i. Discussed occurred regarding the Junior Fellow Membership decline.
   ii. **<u>ACTION</u>: Drs. Gregg, Rincon, Melkonian, Blumenfeld, and District IX** to follow up on accuracy of the numbers and work on Junior Fellow recruitment and retention.
e. March of Dimes – Interconception Care Project of California Budget

3. Secretary Report – Laurie Gregg, MD (For Review Only)
4. Junior Fellow Chair Report – Yair Blumenfeld, MD (For Review Only)
5. Executive Director Report – Margaret Merritt (For Review Only)
6. Director of Communications Report – Sonnet Seeborg Gabbard (For

Review Only)

VI. **Lunch 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM – Dr. Strunk Presentation**

VII. **Section Officer Reports (For Review Only)**

1. Section 1, Kelly McCue, MD & Jeff Cragun, MD
2. Section 2, Ashley Weinert, MD & Rita Melkonian, MD
   a. Dr. Melkonian wanted to add that San Francisco County and solo practitioners are opening a foundation for solo practitioners.
3. Section 3, Randy Winter, MD & Jeffrey Thomas, MD
   a. Dr. Winter wanted to add that he hopes ACOG will advocate for the solo practitioners, as they compete with large hospital institutions.
4. Section 4, Susanne Ramos, MD & Margaret Echt, MD
   a. Dr. Ramos wanted to add that medical practitioners in Ventura might have to close and the County facility is overbooked as well.
5. Section 5, Laura Sirott, MD & Kimberly Gregory, MD
6. Section 6, Rick Murray, MD & John Allen King, MD
   a. Dr. Murrary wanted to add UC Riverside Medical facility has been delayed at least a year but the Centennial building will be open in October 2009; also, unemployment rate is around 24% in Riverside.
7. Section 7, Dennis Buchanan, MD & Diana Ramos, MD, MPH
   a. Dr. Buchanan wanted to add UC Irvine is facing fewer doctors are coming on as volunteer faculty.
8. Section 8, Chrysten Cunningham, DO & Douglas Fenton, MD

VIII. **District IX Committee Reports**

1. Committee on State Legislation – Philip Diamond, MD

a. 2009 Legislative Bill Package

   b. **<u>ACTION</u>: Shannon** to research the maternity coverage bill on the Department of Insurance.
   c. Discussed the Committee's stance on single payer which Dr. Diamond recommends that we oppose the bill unless it is amended to include single payer but Subcommittee is still watching what happens federally.
2. Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women – Bruce Ettinger, MD, MPH
3. Committee on Physician Work-Life Balance and Patient Safety -Laurie Gregg, MD
4. Committee on Business and Practice Management – Robert Wallace, MD, MBA
   a. Dr. Wallace asked the Advisory Council how many own more than one piece of real estate and 13 Advisory Council members raised their hands.
5. Preconception Health Council of California – Diana Ramos, MD
   a. ACOG is very well represented on the Council as Dr. Conry is the Chair and Dr. Ramos is the Vice-Chair and California is the leading state in preconception health.
   b. A compact disc with two powerpoint presentations were made for the Advisory Council to be used as a learning tool.
   c. Council had a legislative meeting in June and met with legislators/made partnerships.

d. Recommended www.everywomen.org website for Advisory Council members to sign up for listserve and access informational handouts.

6. Interconception Care Project of California – Diana Ramos, MD
   a. Project is a big collaborative with 28 members and 10 diagnostic areas that are doing literature reviews and are trying to come up with 10 recommendations for diagnosis to be completed by next year.
7. Establishment of the Committee on Patient Safety
   a. Dr. John Wachtel, the Patient Safety Officer, is the newly appointed Chair of the Committee on Patient Safety and has developed the mission statement based of the National recommendations.
   b. **ACTION: District IX** to receive Dr. Wachtel's District VI Survey as template for a possible District IX Patient Safety survey.
   c. Dr. Wachtel has about 8 interested people in serving as committee members and opened the invitation to Advisory Council members.
   d. **ACTION: Advisory Council** to send Dr. Wachtel any ideas they have for possible Committee projects or partnerships.

IX. **District IX Representative Reports for 2009 (For Review Only)**

1. UCSF Program on Reproductive Health and the Environment (PRHE) – Jeanne Conry, MD, PhD
   a. Dr. Conry mentioned District IX will be involved in the analysis of ACOG National's position.
2. ACOG Fellow at Large – Dane Shipp, MD
   a. Dr. Shipp discussed the three main goals to be developed with the Junior Fellows are mentorship, communication, and leadership.
3. United States Breastfeeding Committee Meeting – Gail Newel, MD

X. **Leadership Program Reports (For Review Only)**

1. Wyeth Resident Report Program – Megan Beatty, Sarah Appelton, and Tania Basu
2. JSOG/ACOG Exchange Program – Alethea Hanley

XI. Break

XII. District IX Business

1. Prenatal Genetic Screening Program Update – Jeanne Conry, MD, PhD
   a. District IX organized scholars from around the world to participate in our recorded webinar with the California State Department of Public Health, which will be transcribed and available for information.
   b. **ACTION: Advisory Council** members interested in being a Prenatal Genetic Screening Program Advisory Council representative to notify Dr. Conry or District IX of their interest.
   c. Dr. Jeff Cragun volunteered to be an ACOG representative.
2. Immunizations for H1N1 – Jeanne Conry, MD, PhD & Ashley Weinert, MD
   a. Discussed how the nasal spray is going to be available early October and the immunization shot will be available at the end of October.

b. Dr. Weinert advised the Advisory Council not to give pregnant women the nasal spray because it has a harmful preservative ingredient.

3. Patient Safety – John Wachtel, MD
   a. Discussed during the Establishment of the Committee on Patient Safety.
4. The Access through Primary Care (APC): Manpower Pilot Project with UC San Francisco – Laurie Gregg, MD & Philip Diamond, MD
   a. Project approved through March 2010 and has 47 trainees and 4 sites.
   b. Discussed if it is acceptable for midlevel doctors to perform abortions with physician onsite and offsite.
5. District IX Grant Officer – Jeanne Conry, MD, PhD
   a. Grant Officer is Dr. Jolea Von Herzen
   b. **<u>ACTION</u>: District IX** to research how District II is accessing grant money and for what projects.
6. Future of ADMs – Jeanne Conry, MD, PhD
   a. **<u>ACTION</u>: District IX** to work on a location in which satisfies the Advisory Council's prerequisites as being easy to travel to, sunny, and coastal.
   b. **<u>ACTION</u>: District IX** to research New York City as a possible destination.
   c. **<u>ACTION</u>: District IX** to research how Cabo San Lucas location turned out for this year.
7. Office Move – Margaret Merritt

a. Picture slideshow of new 1400 K Street office

   b. Environmentally toxin-free office and meeting rooms will host future Committee, Interim, other meetings, as well as an Open house in 2010.

XIII. Elections and Nominations for 2010

1. 2009-2012 ACOG, District IX Section Election Results(For Review Only)
2. District Section Election Slate for 2010-2013 (For Review Only)
3. National Officer Candidates – Laurie Gregg, MD
4. District IX Young Physician Representative – Jeanne Conry, MD, PhD

a. Nominee: Rene Allen

5. 2009 - 2010 Projects, Programs, Tasks and Awards Timeline
6. Outstanding District Service Award

a. Advisory Council Nominates – Due by 10/5/09
b. Nominee: Laurie Gregg, MD

7. Committee on Nominations: Chair plus two alternates 2010-2011

a. Due by 11/15/09

   b. Nominees: Frank Gamberdella, MD as Chair; Laurie Gregg, MD as First Alternate; and John Pfeffer, MD as Second Alternate.

8. Congressional Leadership Conference

a. Advisory Council Nominates – Due by 11/23/09
b. Nominees: Alejandrina Rincon, MD; Tania Basu, MD; and James Macer, MD

9. 2010 Inaugural Candidate Classroom
10. Community Service Award

a. Advisory Council Nominates – Due by 11/30/09
b. Nominee: Carolina Reyes, MD

11. Medical Board of California Physician Humanitarian Award

a. Advisory Council Nominates – Due by 11/30/09
b. Nominee: Bruce Ettinger, MD, MPH

12. 2010 Wyeth Resident Reporter Program

a. Due by 2/9/09

13. Beverlee A. Myers Awards for Excellence

a. Advisory Council Nominates – Due by 3/10
b. Nominee: Michael Lu, MD

14. ACOG International Service Award

a. Nominee: Leo Legassi, MD

15. ACOG Leadership Institute

a. Nominees: Yair Blumenfeld, MD; John McHugh, MD, and Laura Sirott, MD

XIV. Executive Session

XV. Adjournment

XVI. **Addendums (For Review Only)**

1. Medical Student Essay Winners for 2009 ADM
2. 2009 Recipients of Awards and Attendee's of Leadership Programs
3. 2010-2011 ACOG, District IX Applicants for ACOG National Committees
4. ACOG and the Northern California Obstetrical and Gynecological Society Symposium
5. 2009-2012 ACOG, District IX Calendar
6. District IX Travel Expense Voucher