Student Section Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

6:00pm – 8:00pm, MedChi’s **Baltimore** Office

Attendees

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| Ben Bigelow | James Ting | Neel Koyawala |
| Neha Anand | Cara Plott | Colleen George, MedChi |
| Rafa Rahman | Lucy Nam | Amalia Rivera Oven, MedChi |
| Alina Spiegel  |  |  |

1. Call to Order at ­­­­­­­­6:15pm
2. What are lessons & updates from last House of Delegates (30 min) (Neha, Lucy)
	1. Need to be cautious bringing too many resolutions to AMA HOD (limit is probably 5) and this needs to be kept in mind when writing resolutions.
	2. Neel—we did coordinate with other physicians, but we should continue to be clear that we want to give input to refcom and receive feedback from others on our resolutions.
	3. Limit number of resolutions brought to next HOD by MSS.
3. What are things to keep in mind on Spotlight resolution for the upcoming Maryland Medical Student Health Advocacy and Policy Partnership (MMSHAPP)? (10 min) (Neel)
	1. Goal is to unite around a spotlight topic that the various advocacy groups at the medical schools can work on together. Exciting partnership to get more people involved.
	2. Topics presented by the group included: gun violence, opioid epidemic, refugee health, health insurance and health access.
	3. Next meeting of MMSHAPP is Thursday 5/31 to discuss further plans
	4. Goal for MMSHAPP is to have one representative from each student group and possibly community.
4. How can we accomplish our [marketing / recruitment](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Bdd7qlHBme5AWmN2TqjtQ3pG0J-wcjIkMPnUE6WedE0/edit?usp=sharing) goals? (20 min) (Lucy)
	1. Lucy reached out the marketing company, but is waiting to hear back.
	2. Question to ask marketing team is how they can help MSS with its goals and what their roles is so we have a better understanding of how to utilize them.
	3. Goals of marketing include increasing membership and visibility to medical students. We want students to know who we are and what we do.
	4. James—have student rep at UMD and JHU student group fair
	5. Colleen-there is membership board that can be used to present info on student section at the student fair.
	6. Have information to hand to interested students about MSS and the next meeting dates pre-planned.
	7. Continue to work on and improve Facebook group
	8. **Updated:** Purpose statement
	9. Cara and Lucy to work on legislative update and Neel and Neha to work on recruitment issues for next meeting.
5. How can we best establish [mentorship goals](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LjUSHmaLymzcCkl9ggmbCw_yS3ZDZsshqcXAB8qpmDM/edit)? (30 min) (Alina)
	1. Combine Baltimore City Medical Society student meet and greet with AMA/MSS dinner? Speed Dating?
	2. Have a physician help students plan out resolutions as well as someone who knows the rules and regulations.
	3. See linked guide for further info.
6. Other events? Fourth goal of [education / empowerment](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_il_WA3idbSbut79dTNAyrBivX_PqXrrrLwO3T4g8U8/edit)? Point person? (10 min) (Lucy)
	1. Discussed if this should be added as goal since we state training students is important.
	2. Cara—has contact that can help train students to present orally to legislators.
	3. Teach people how to read a bill and assess it.
	4. Legislator panel
	5. Private practice panel was not as effective as hoped for.
	6. Need to be aware of scheduling since it is an election year.
7. Next meeting: Mon., June 18th, 6-8pm (feedback; refinement of initiatives; resolutions)
8. Adjournment at ­­­­8:05pm

**Purpose**

The MedChi Medical Student Section unites, empowers, and trains medical students to advocate for better health and medical education in the state legislative process alongside other components of the Maryland Medical State Society.

**Goals**

Our 2018 goals are to:

* **Build 2-3 high-quality "spotlight" resolutions** that can be translated from resolution to House of Delegates meetings to advocacy during the 2019 General Assembly (e.g., discussion during Component Day, secure buy-in during MedChi Legislative Council). Collaborations with other MedChi components, university professors, and other student groups can be a source of high-quality, passionate ideas.
* **Rebrand MedChi MSS** so that a) what we do is more transparent and intuitive (e.g., rename or rewrite mission); b) we establish a social media presence; c) we recruit more members from various medical schools in Maryland (e.g., active member goals from all universities).
* **Establish stronger relationships with MedChi physicians** through appropriate mentorship programs and networking events
* **(optional) Educate and empower constituent members to advocate effectively (e.g., panel events, workshops)**