**Maine Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons**

**2019 Annual Meeting**

**March 23, 2019**

**Maine Medical Association | Large Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

Drs. Phil Anson, Gregory Askins, Nick Colaccitco, Ross Feller, Sean Hanley, Youssra Marjoua, Thompson McGuire, Kenneth Morse, Thomas Murray, Stephen Rodrigue, Sarah Shubert, James Wilkerson and Nick Colaccitco

**Members Joining Remotely:**

Dr. Stephen Barr?

**Invited Guests**:

Andrew MacLean, Maine Medical Association, Graham Newson, AAOS; Cathryn Stratton, Maine Medical Association

Dr. Kenneth Morse called the business meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

It was determined that a quorum of members was present to act on behalf of the organization.

**MSOS Status Update**: Dr. Morse led a discussion of members about the status of the organization and plans to explore new ways to connect orthopaedic surgeons in Maine with each other, local and national issues, and to invigorate the organization. The group discussed recent political events that mobilized orthopaedic surgeons and the current financial state of the Maine Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons (MSOS). The sentiment was favorable among members present.

**MSOS Management Discussion**: Dr. Morse updated the members on discussions he had with Gordon Smith regarding opportunities at the Maine Medical Association to provide a ‘home base’ for the MSOS. The Maine Medical Association offered to have Cathy Stratton help with preparations for the MSOS Annual Meeting until such time as the MSOS could meet and discuss arrangements for 2019 and beyond. Formal arrangement for payment and ongoing management was differed until the meeting of members.

Dr. Morse asked members to consider asking the Maine Medical Association to provide a home base for the organization which would include MSOS record storage, management of finances and management of corporate documents. Dr. David Carmack made a motion to authorize Dr. Morse to negotiate an agreement with the Maine Medical Association for the purposes of providing a home base for MSOS and explore options for other ongoing services. Dr. Thompson McGuire seconded the motion and the membership voted unanimously in support the motion. Dr. Kenneth Morse will review options and costs with the Maine Medical Association and bring his recommendation and the agreement back to the MSOS Board of Directors for review.

**Authorizations:** Dr. Morse noted that MSOS has upcoming organizational responsibilities to the state and federal government. The MSOS discussed who should fulfill these responsibilities and decided to authorize Cathy Stratton and the Maine Medical Association to act on behalf of MSOS with the Secretary of State Annual Report and IRS (2018 Tax Return). Dr. Phil Anson made a motion and Dr. James Wilkerson seconded the motion to authorize Cathy Stratton to file the Annual Report with the Maine Secretary of State and to work with the MSOS accountant Nicholson Michaud & Co to complete the required forms and filings. The members present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**MSOS Bylaws** – Dr. Morse noted that the last version of MSOS Bylaws on file is dated in 2013 and asked members if anyone was aware of more recent updates. The members present agreed that bylaws approved 10/5/2013 are the latest version.

**Banking** – Dr. Morse asked the members to vote to authorize Cathryn Stratton to have complete access to the MSOS bank account at Camden National Bank. Dr. Ross Feller made a motion to update the Camden National account with Cathryn Stratton as the primary contact and signer for the account and the Maine Medical Association as the primary address. The motion also included revoking privileges for former Executive Director Warene Eldridge. Dr. Thompson McGuire seconded the motion. There was discussion about establishing safeguards on the account. Cathy shared that within the Maine Medical Association, their business manager regularly reviews the account statements and that online access can be granted to the MSOS Treasurer who would then be able to audit account deposits and withdrawals in real time. The members voted unanimously to support the motion.

**Finance –** A written report of all income and expenses in 2018 was provided to members. MSOS account at Camden National Bank totaled $21,932.72 in January. Expenses totaled $1,632.34 and revenue totaled $204.59. The end of year balance for the MSOS was $20,505.01.

**Membership** – the group discussed the state of MSOS membership. No Dues were collected in 2018 and they all agreed not to levy dues in 2019. The group believed they could do the work of revitalizing the organization’s resources and interests with reserves and would revisit the issue of dues in 2020. Cathy reported that she has been able to accumulate a list of 140 orthopaedic surgeons. Several (10-15) do not have active email addresses so the organization may need to reach out to members via snail mail to obtain additional contact information on these physicians. Dr. Morse proposed that for the foreseeable future, all orthopedic surgeons in Maine are considered active members for the purposes of communications and outreach. \_\_\_\_\_ (member name?) volunteered to help with the membership list and to provide email addresses that may not be available. Cathy will send him the compiled list.

**Officers and Council Members** – Dr. Morse proposed that for the time being, the officers remain in place for the remainder of the year. Over the course of the year, the MSOS will explore member interest in leadership opportunities. It was confirmed that Dr. Thomas Murray is the current MSOS Council member. He is on the second year of a 3-year term. A council member may not serve more than 2 terms (a total of 6 years) Elections for the council position should be scheduled for the annual meeting in 2020.

**Maine Medical Association Agreement** – Members discussed solidifying an agreement with the Maine Medical Association. Andrew Maclean explained the many options available. \_\_\_\_ made a motion for authorize Dr. Morse on behalf of the MSOS to sign an agreement with the Maine Medical association for up to $2,500 for services rendered to date on behalf of the organization (membership development, meeting planning and staffing) and for the Maine Medical Association to be the MSOS’s agent in 2019, ensuring that the organization remains in good standing with state and federal agencies. The motion was seconded by\_\_\_\_. Members present voted unanimously in support of the motion.

**MSOS Topics of interest**: Throughout the meeting, members expressed interest in the MSOS focusing primarily political/social issues and becoming more of a hub of information on legislative initiatives. They recognized the importance for members of Continuing Medical Education (CME), but thought that members probably had other resources. Broad topics of interest that came up over the course of the day were:

* Opioids
* Prescription drug pricing
* Veteran issues & services
* Physician owned hospitals
* Insurance - pricing deductibles,
* Insurance - surprise billing
* Single payer Healthcare
* Price transparency
* Medicare for all
* Gun Violence

**MMA Legislative Update**: Andy MacLean provided a comprehensive update of the Legislative process, Maine Medical Association’s (MMA) advocacy and lobbying efforts and issues on the MMA’s radar.

Described the 2-year cycle of the Legislature. We are in the “long session” and the first year of the 2-year process.

The legislature anticipates a total of 18,000 to 20,000 bills to be introduced over the 2-year cycle. This year, MMA anticipates and I seeing an unprecedented number of healthcare related bills being introduced. MMA is tracking roughly 400 bills of interest.

* Opioids continue to be an issue with over 53 +/- related bills.
* Gun violence
* Drug Pricing
* Healthcare reform
* Medicaid buy-in

**LD 320** An Act To Amend the Scope of Practice of Podiatric Medicine has been killed in committee. Testimony in opposition of the bill was provided by 2 orthopaedic surgeons.

**LD 558** An Act To Amend the Continuing Education Requirements for Prescribers of Opioid Medication. The MMA Supported this Bill but it was killed in Committee. The committee asked the boards of licensure to update the committee in coming years of how licensees where doing with training.

Andy talked about the opportunities for obtaining legislative information – newsletter, MMA website, legislative calls. MMA is looking for input from members.

Planning Session

Discussion Facilitator: Cathryn Stratton

Date of Formation:

* The organization was founded in 1993 as the Maine Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
* The name was changed in 1994 to the current name - Maine Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Mission Statement:

The Mission Statement of the Maine Society of Orthopaedic Surgeons (MSOS) is to facilitate the interchange and dissemination of knowledge of orthopaedic surgery and to promote the highest possible standards of orthopaedic care rendered to the people of Maine.

Most important goal

* Reestablish the group network and retain a family centered culture
* Have a voice at the table on political and social issues that impact orthopaedic surgeons.
* Protect the profession from erosion of physician autonomy
* Be at the table when issues come up and responding with a unified voice
* Advocate for patients
* Comradery / social connection to colleagues
* Provide an arena for dialogue among colleagues
* Have a base for growing professionally

What is the MSOS culture

* Community
* Patient Centered

Brainstorm Goals for 2019

* Communication
* Website
* Connect with colleagues more easily
* Membership development
* Advocacy
* Encourage member contribution to the PAC
* Increase involvement in legislative issues
* Membership meetings
* Promote opportunities for professional education sharing

These goals and sub goals were identified by MSOS member at the Annual Meeting on March 23, 2019:

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| ID | Goal | Year | Responsible  Person | Impact on Budget? | Progress |
| 1 | **Communication** |  |  |  |  |
| 1.1 | Reactivate MSOS website | 2019 | Ken Morse | Yes |  |
| 1.2 | Update or New: Assess website options | 2019 |  | No |  |
| 1.3 | Assess Content | 2019 |  | No |  |
| 1.4 | Member listserve | 2019 |  | No |  |
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| 2 | **Membership** |  |  |  |  |
| 2.1 | Update list of Maine orthopaedic surgeon contacts | 2019 |  | No |  |
| 2.2 | Survey members for interest and identify ambassadors – leadership, interests, specialty | 2019 |  | No |  |
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| 3 | **Advocacy** |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1 | Designate a member to join the MMA legislative call on Tuesday evening and report back to the membership | 2019 |  | No |  |
| 3.2 | Promote ‘Doctor of the Day’ to Members | 2019 |  | No |  |
| 3.3 | Raise awareness for PAC advocacy work | 2019 |  | No |  |
| 3.4 | Promote contributions to PAC | 2020? | Thompson McGuire | No |  |
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| 4 | **Meetings** |  |  |  |  |
| 4.1 | Establish date and location for 2020 Annual meeting | 2019 |  | Yes |  |
| 4.2 | Hold a mid-year meeting of MSOS in conjunction with the MMA Annual Session (9/2019) | 2019 |  | Yes |  |
| 4.3 | Discuss collaborating on Sugarloaf meeting | 2019 |  | No |  |
| 4.4 | Establish quarterly leadership conference calls | 2019 |  | No |  |
| 4.5 | Establish meet-up’s of orthopaedic surgeons in Portland | 2019 |  | Yes |  |
| 4.6 | Establish meet-up’s of orthopaedic surgeons in Bangor, Presque Isle, Lewiston, or Augusta | 2020 |  | Yes |  |