

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

American College of Pediatricians
Friday-March 27, 2009

Atlanta, Georgia

Clarion Hotel – Atlanta Airport

Members present: Drs Tom Benton, Den Trumbull, Joe Zanga, Tom Paulus, , Michelle Cretella, Quentin Van Meter, Patty June, (Drs, Hagler, Zeiler, Kaleida, and Diaz arrived later in the evening), Lisa Hawkins

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer	Dr. Zanga led the group in opening prayer
3. Introductions	Some flights delayed. Introductions were made and Dr. Zanga told us about his new job.
4. Approval of Minutes	A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last board meeting (October 2008). The motion was seconded and minutes were approved unanimously. ACTION ITEM: In future, Lisa to send old minutes to everyone when completed and again, several weeks in advance of next board meeting to review ahead of time.
5. Approval of Interim EC Decisions/Action Items	Some discussion and questions about action items. There was a motion to approve the Action Items that have occurred since the last board meeting. The motion was seconded and all agreed.
6. Additions to our Agenda	No additions to the agenda.
7. Approval of Agenda	A Motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded. All agreed.
8. Past President's Report-Dr. Zanga AAP	Dr. Zanga participated in an AAP Past Presidents conference call yesterday. He reported that the AAP is delighted with Obama now in the White House and the democratic congress. He reported that the AAP membership is hurting, i.e., the Pediatric Academic Society meeting is in May and so far they have only 75% registration, although they do anticipate that the National Meeting in October will be well attended. The AAP reserves have dropped from 25 million to 18 million, pharmacy companies are not contributing as much and they will most likely contribute less in the future. Dr. Zanga wrote to congressman Sanford Bishop in Georgia.

<p>Abstinence and society</p> <p>Recognition of Susan Fondy</p> <p>FOC</p> <p>Medical Institute</p> <p>Please forward those newsletters!</p> <p>Write your local newspapers.</p>	<p>New England Journal of Medicine had an article about why we should not have freedom of conscience! The journals publish articles confirming how circumcision reduces the risk of herpes and HPV, but nobody mentions you could avoid it all together if you practice abstinence. Instead, the publish that a billion dollars has been spent on abstinence in the past 8 years and in their opinion it is not working, but no one mentions that in that same 8 years maybe 100 billion was spent on condom based education and it hasn't worked either. ACTION ITEM: Susan Fondy (College member) was commended as flight surgeon of the year in the Army. She is up for promotion, and we should mention this in our next newsletter. ACTION ITEM: Lisa to submit our Freedom of Conscience statement to www.regulations.gov, Senator Tom Coburn, and Congressman Mike Burgess (this congressman from Texas contacted us some time back and was interested in the work of the College.) Dr. Zanga commented that the Medical Institute is in danger of folding. They've had to lay off staff, and the new executive director is working for \$1/year. We hope that they can continue. Is there a way the College can partner with them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Van Meter mentioned that he has changed all his publications to have FCP after his name. ACTION ITEM: Send Dr. Van Meter brochures that he can pass out. • Lisa asked board members to please take advantage of the "forward email" link on the newsletters to send these messages to their colleagues. This link can be found at the very bottom of every newsletter on the left-hand side. ACTION ITEM: Mention this feature in the next newsletter. • Dr. June said she planned to write a letter to the editor of her local newspaper urging citizens to write to HHS concerning Freedom of Conscience.
<p>9. President's Report-Dr. Benton</p> <p>8 p.m. Drs Kaleida and Diaz arrived</p> <p>Freedom2Care.org</p>	<p>Dr. Benton gave a power point presentation recapping the last 6 months. He also reported he hopes to attend the D.C. and Arlington Group meetings in D.C. in June, and the NARTH meeting in the Fall. Dr. Van Meter may be a guest speaker for the NARTH meeting speaking on the topic of GID.</p> <p>Dr. Benton also reported on his attendance of the AAPLOG meeting. He was able to make many good connections of like minded organizations through this meeting. He reported that AAPLOG received a \$100,000 grant from the Gerard Foundation (http://www.jillstane.com/archives/2008/11/stanek_receives.html) AAPLOG was kind enough to pay Dr. Benton's hotel bill when he attended their meeting.</p> <p>Upon the arrival of Dr. Diaz (College member) introductions were made again as it was his first time to attend a College meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Benton said that the College had joined Freedom2Care.org. ACTION ITEM: Lisa to send this website to all board members. Dr. Benton spoke about the fact that the College has become known</p>

<p>Board meeting attendance</p>	<p>as A C Peds, and this is a good thing in marketing as it’s something that “sticks.”</p> <p>Dr. Varma was not able to attend the board meeting. The board acknowledges the validity of his recent conflicts and the board wants to emphasize the need for board members to attend all board meetings. We need, and value his presence, and look forward to seeing him in the Fall.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Dr. Benton to call Dr. Varma</p>
<p>10. Vice President’s Report- Dr. Trumbull</p> <p>Superintendent Project</p> <p>New Website</p>	<p>Dr. Trumbull said that recently he asked Dr. Benton if he had the same passion for the College as he did in the beginning. Dr. Benton reported that he did have the same passion now as in the beginning. Dr. Trumbull admitted that why he still had passion, he had grown weary. However, as society moves further and further from the truth he realizes how much more the College is needed. Dr. Trumbull said that everyone makes sacrifices to attend the board meetings. He personally enjoys the camaraderie and he commends everyone for their commitment. He says although we are not where he envisioned we would be by now, he appreciates everyone’s persistence. He also said that he is committed to pray for the College and encourages all board members to do so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent Project: a lot has been done, but we continue to have difficulty connecting with NARTH. We need them to validate the science in our comments. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Trumbull would like for Dr. Benton to go speak to the new NARTH president about this project. • New website: Dr. Trumbull is excited about our new website and says it will give us a great deal more control. The new site will better promote who we are to our colleagues. He thinks the new site is also more professional and will help us open corporate doors.
<p>8:30 p.m. 10 minute break</p> <p>Why is the College considered a Homophobe?</p> <p>8:50 p.m. Dr. Zeiler arrived.</p> <p>11. Treasurer’s Report-Dr. Paulus</p> <p>The budget</p>	<p>Dr. Diaz suggests that we should attempt to be more humble on our issues concerning homosexuality. There is more research necessary on the topic and we want to seem more reasonable than the opposition.</p> <p>Being such could open more dialogue. We don’t want to be dogmatic. Perhaps the opposition would then not accuse us of being fundamental Christians, but they would see us as more objective and scientific.</p> <p>Dr. Paulus clarified why the executive committee recommends a change to a fiscal year (November 1 to October 31) and where our budget is currently. He made a motion to move our fiscal year from January 1 – December 31, to November 1 – October 31. Motion seconded and approved by board members present. ACTION ITEM: Lisa to seek vote from Dr. Varma. Dr. Zanga expressed concern about the members who had not yet paid their dues. He says we need to be especially careful with our expenditures in the event that these members do not renew.</p>

<p>Factcines – the book</p>	<p>ACTION ITEM: Lisa to correct the formula on the total line for donations received. It would also be helpful to add to the budget some more detail to clarify where we are at a glance. Bank balance is currently in excess of \$52,000. The EC recently voted to hold in “reserve” the amount of \$16,700 up to July 1.</p> <p>Dr. Paulus reported on the book authored by member Susan Weisberg, MD, “Factcines.” He said that she did a good job of presenting facts for parents/patients in an objective manner. All author proceeds from her book go to support children’s charities. He said the book is well researched and documented. Unfortunately, many parents make vaccine decisions based on emotion rather than facts. If we could get Oprah to recommend the book it would be ideal. Dr. Weisberg happens to have some parents of her patients who are trying to get Oprah to endorse her book.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Dr. Paulus recommends that we promote this book in our newsletter and on our website. He also encourages all board members to keep copies in their offices for parents. Board accepts his recommendations.</p> <p>Dr. Diaz recommends that we have a scientific review committee review books before we recommend to members. Dr. Benton commented that the SPC would first review scientific books before they are recommended on our website.</p>
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<p>12. Membership Report – Dr. June</p> <p>ADD to Rules and Regs: Medical student dues</p> <p>Members who can't pay by dues deadlines</p> <p>ADD to Rules and Regs: Dues for International members</p>	<p>Dr. June reported that we have gained 21 new members since last October, and a large portion of them are medical students from different institutions.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Work on communicating better and more often with medical students. Possibly put something on our website catering specifically to them.</p> <p>The board voted to suspend dues payments for students beyond their initial joining. However, Lisa should continue to send them an annual statement showing a zero balance and follow up with 4th year students in April of each year to find out where they will go for their residency.</p> <p>We now have members in 46 States and 5 countries. Current membership as of 3.23.09 is 270. Of these 270 members, 215 have paid their 2009 dues so far. Last year, only 210 had paid their dues by April 10.</p> <p>Member Benjamin Bolser advised us that he could not pay his dues until after July 1. Our normal policy is to remove from membership anyone who has not paid their dues by this date. The board voted to allow him to pay his dues in July.</p> <p>Member, Jana Mullen advised that due to fiscal changes in her office she cannot pay dues before October. The board voted to suspend her membership from July 1 until October or whenever she is able to pay her dues. They recommend that when she does pay her dues she pay for both 2009 and 2010 simultaneously, or just pay for 2010 at that time and in every October or November thereafter.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Dr. June to advise Dr. Mullen as such.</p> <p>Dr. June made a motion to increase dues for International members currently in the 10% bracket. The motion was seconded and all agreed that the minimum amount any International member will pay is 20% of the regular rate for Fellows.</p>
	<p>Some discussion ensued about the definition of Emeritus and how we may change this category within the College. There is inconsistency from within our bylaws and on our application about the definition of Emeritus membership. ACTION ITEM: The board entrusted a committee consisting of Drs June, Zanga, and Trumbull to research this and make a recommendation to the board. They will also make other suggestions on how the bylaws can be improved.</p>
<p>13. Scientific Policy Committee Report – Dr. Zeiler</p>	<p>Dr. Zeiler gave a brief synopsis of what the Scientific Policy Committee has been doing, and she went through the process of approving positions.</p> <p>Dr. Trumbull discussed ways to clarify the guidelines. He prepared a step-by-step outline of the guidelines and he made a motion to accept revisions to the guidelines. Dr. Cretella seconded his motion and all agreed.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Lisa to update guidelines with recommended changes</p>

<p>ADD to Rules and Regs!</p> <p>Add to Rules & Regs!</p> <p>Referencing websites</p>	<p>– remove “d” on the last section and replace it with “e” from the section above.</p> <p>Another motion was made to have Lisa consult with the author to integrate edits half-way through the 21 day board review period and then resend the document to the board. This motion was seconded and all approved.</p> <p>In future whenever a website is referenced in a statement we should follow that reference with the date the reference was accessed. This motion was made by Dr. Cretella, and seconded by Dr. Trumbull. All in favor.</p>
<p>14. Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Dr. June closed us in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.</p>

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Members present: Drs Tom Benton, Den Trumbull, Joe Zanga, Tom Paulus, Javier Diaz, Michelle Cretella, Don Hagler, Patty June, Phil Kaleida, Randy Matthews, Quentin Van Meter, and Alean Zeiler, and Lisa Hawkins.

<p>1. Call to Order</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>2. Opening Prayer and introductions</p>	<p>Dr. Zanga opened us in prayer. Introductions and welcome to those who were not in attendance Friday night</p>
<p>3. National Meeting – Dr. Zanga</p>	<p>Drs Van Meter, Trumbull, and Zanga are working on details for a National Meeting. The hope is to organize a College meeting simultaneously during the AAP National Meeting in October in D.C. This</p>

<p>CME accreditation</p>	<p>timing would be ideal as we could present an alternative way of looking at some of the same issues AAP will present. FRC is willing to provide us with room(s) at a minimal cost. Dr. Zanga is still working on CME credits. Dr. June recommends that ACTION ITEM: Dr. Zanga contact Mercer Medical College of Central Georgia for providing CME. Accreditation approval is the first step before we proceed further. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Van Meter knows another source for CME and he will check this out within the next seven days.</p>
<p>Advertising</p>	<p>Next advertising to members and other organizations will be key. We need to have at least 50 people present. Can we have people indicate in advance their willingness to participate? Contact CMDA, FOF, CMA and ask them to advertise as well.</p> <p>We could also have small fliers advertising our meeting to be handed out at the AAP meeting. (Dr. Hagler commented that in if we want to have our annual report printed in a smaller version and used to handout to colleagues we would need to include information in it about how to become a member.)</p> <p>If any like-minded organizations have a booth at the AAP perhaps they could also pass out our flyers. CMDA has a booth, but the exhibits do not open until Sunday, and this is too late to advertise.</p>
<p>Speakers</p>	<p>Who will be the presenter for the meeting? Possibly NARTH. Another suggestion is author Leonard Sax, MD, PhD who wrote the book “Why Gender Matters.” ACTION ITEM: Someone on meeting committee to contact Leonard Sax about speaking afternoon of Monday, October 19. We would promote his book and offer them for sale at our venue. Dr. Diaz liked the idea of having someone speak on ADD and a non-pharmaceutical approach to handling this. Perhaps Dr. Ravenel could speak.</p> <p>Dr. Kaleida suggested medical topics such as something unique on endocrinology or cardio that may not be covered at the AAP. He expressed the need for our topics to include both medical and ethical.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Lisa checking on availability of room at FRC on Saturday and Sunday night October 17 and 18. We already know a room is available on Sunday and Monday (daytime hours).</p>
<p>Locations</p>	<p>If we do have a National Meeting in D.C. in October, we will</p>

	<p>move our October board meeting to the city to meet that same weekend.</p> <p>The board voted to have the CME meeting on Monday (October 19) afternoon approximately 1-4 p.m. in the FRC building. A board meeting will be held on Saturday and Sunday (October 17 and 18) evening either in the FRC building or at an outside location.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Lisa to look for hotels accessible via Metro but outside D.C. area.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: In President’s letter to go out in April, inform members of our intention to have a National Meeting and provide them with a preaddressed/stamped envelope to indicate whether or not they would like to attend, or give them an easy format to notify us via email, i.e., “click here.”</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Develop a colorful mini brochure similar to the annual report to pass out at gatherings (AAP meetings, etc.) to prospective members.</p>
<p>4. Committee on Sexuality - Dr. Cretella</p> <p>Patient handout</p> <p>Psychiatric advisory</p>	<p>The Committee (Drs Cretella, Wilson, June, and Zeiler) is currently working on a patient handout to make available to our membership. This handout is being modeled after some used by the Alabama Physicians for Life, and concerns abstinence.</p> <p>Dr. June has also developed a patient handout “How Far is Too Far?” She is still editing, but hopes to have it available soon.</p> <p>Life Cycle books promote books from the Medical Institute. They have a lot of valuable material that are secular and medically accurate. Dr. Cretella would like to see recommendations from this site go on the Parenting and Membership sections of our website.</p> <p>Dr. Diaz suggested that maybe Life Cycle Books would like a “seal of approval” from the College.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Dr. Cretella to inquire if Life Cycle Books is interested in using our “seal of approval.”</p> <p>Concerning our “Superintendent Project,” Dr. Cretella recommends that we form a mental health advisory committee</p>

<p>committee</p>	<p>composed of psychiatrists and psychologists to back our position on this project. There are several psychiatrists/psychologists long involved in GID and homosexuality issues who would support our position. This motion was seconded by Dr. Matthews and the board agreed to proceed. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Cretella to seek out psychiatrists/psychologists to form this committee.</p> <p>Dr. Diaz made some comments about the need for the College to be prepared for the fact that science is always changing and it is possible that one day our ideals may not be supported by science. Dr. Kaleida commented that science only establishes what is possible, but it does not establish if things are right or wrong.</p> <p>Dr. Zanga wants us to be definitive in our statements.</p> <p>Dr. Cretella comments that our mission, vision, and values are consistent and upfront. Even if science changes, our mission, vision, and values will remain the same.</p> <p>Dr. Van Meter used the example of the holocaust: Excellent science was used, but the circumstances were horrible and immoral.</p> <p>What makes us different from Christian medical organization is that our approach is about natural law, science and ethics, not Christianity.</p> <p>Even if science one day establishes that a person is born as a homosexual, it does not mean that they have to choose to exhibit homosexual behavior.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Dr. Cretella to email adult stem cell research information to Dr. Diaz.</p>
<p>10 minute break at 10 a.m.</p>	
<p>Links for website</p>	<p>Lies, Damn Lies and Spin article presented to the board as something to be linked on our website. Dr. Benton also brought up an article recently published in the Wall Street Journal. A motion was made and seconded to link both articles to our website. All present in favor.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Dr.Trumbull or Lisa to link both articles to our website.</p>
<p>Author. L. Saxer, MD, PhD</p>	<p>Dr. Cretella presented the book by Leonard Saxer, MD, PhD “Why Gender Matters.” This book goes through why men and women are different based on x and y chromosomes and how they are different. His research is based on both animal and human data. He follows through on how these differences apply to education and risk-taking behavior.</p>
<p>GID issues</p>	<p>Dr. Van Meter prepared a paper concerning GID recently thinking that the paper would be for a journal article. Since we</p>


	<p>are not having a journal, he will edit the article to make it appropriate as a position statement. He has delayed his edits because there is some new information that is not yet publicly released. In his position statement he will present the science and then comment on what the College's ethical recommendation is based on that science.</p> <p>The College wants to encourage psychiatric interventional therapy as opposed to sexual reassignment surgery.</p> <p>The board all agreed on this paper being morphed into a position statement and on the position the College would take.</p>
<p>5. Planning & Development – Drs Diaz and Benton</p> <p>Pornography</p> <p>Sexting</p> <p>Parent Power!</p>	<p>Dr. Benton presented a power point reviewing the ideas in the book “The Tipping Point.”</p> <p>What will our priorities be in conjunction with our focus for 2009?</p> <p>Dr. Diaz brought up his concerns about pornography in our society and how it is infiltrating society like drugs did in the 60's. Perhaps pornography is more dangerous because it is legal.</p> <p>What can pediatricians do to inform their young patients about the dangers of pornography?</p> <p>Dr. Cretella brought up the new issue of “sexting” as has been seen in the media recently.</p> <p>Dr. Diaz talked about the addictive nature of pornography. This is a topic the AAP has ignored and it needs to be tackled.</p> <p>Dr. Matthews commented that FOF has already done a fair amount of research on this topic.</p> <p>The board encouraged Dr. Diaz to start a position paper on this topic and confer with Dr. Cretella.</p> <p>Dr. Zanga commented that the real issue is probably not specific with drugs, alcohol, sex, but more about the breakdown of our society and the desensitization of the current culture.</p> <p>Dr. Van Meter reminds us that the core message we want to portray is that parents need to be parents. We need to empower parents to take the lead and do something about these issues and not succumb to the media.</p> <p>Contrary to popular belief, kids do value the opinions of their parents', but parents feel powerless.</p> <p>The epidemic we want to start is PARENT POWER! Parent's lead, children follow. Society and the media have made us believe that adolescents</p>

<p>Funding the College</p> <p>12 noon – brief break for lunch</p> <p>Planning & Development – cont.</p> <p>Patient Handout – Tantrums</p> <p>ACPeds – subcommittee to AAP?</p>	<p>need and deserve their privacy, their rights, and their choices. What we know is that adolescents need guidance, protection, and rules.</p> <p>A child is a part of a family, and it takes a family to raise a child.</p> <p>It was mentioned that Dr. Trumbull could consider teaming up with Drs Rosemond and Ravenel to write his book it would be a great launch for this College campaign.</p> <p>Dr. Zanga made a motion to create a campaign called “Parent Power,” Dr. Cretella seconded the motion, board agreed. Who will lead this project? Dr. Benton and Dr. Diaz will lead focus groups to better define the scope of this campaign.</p> <p>When the website is complete, we will have the annual report printed in a presentable format. Drs Trumbull, Zanga, and Van Meter will make a presentation to a corporate entity to seek funding to support this project. To be discussed later in meeting.</p> <p>Blessing by Dr. Kaleida</p> <p>Dr. Trumbull created a patient handout on Childhood Tantrum and Whining that he is willing to share with the College. There was discussion on some of the wording used in the handout, specifically the word “punishment.” Recommendation to use the word “discipline” instead. The board appreciates Dr. Trumbull’s work on this! ACTION ITEM: Dr. Trumbull to change wording on handout and post in the member’s section of our website.</p> <p>Dr. Zanga brought up the fact that AAPLOG is a sub committee of ACOG. Why doesn’t the College consider being a sub committee of the AAP? ACTION ITEM: Dr. Zanga to prepare a report of this possibility and the pros and cons involved to be presented at the next board meeting.</p>
<p>6. Marketing – Dr. Trumbull</p>	<p>We need money and we need members. Should we have a booth at the CMDA meeting in June at a</p>

<p>2008 Annual Report</p>	<p>cost of approximately \$2000? Board voted no based on limited marketing funds, and the fact that we did not gain any new members from the Medical Institute Meeting or the CMA Meeting.</p> <p>Mailings have given us the best results in marketing so far so we may want to pursue pediatricians in key states via mail outs.</p> <p>Dr. Trumbull presented the final 2008 annual to each board meeting attendee. The board members were impressed with the report and some commented they would like to see a smaller version that could be used as a brochure to handout to colleagues.</p> <p>This particular report was chosen in a PDF format that can be emailed to members and also printed out as copy appropriate to present to corporations.</p> <p>The back page of the report is blank and could be used to recognize a corporation's sponsorship.</p> <p>Dr. Zanga moves to approve the annual report. Dr. Matthews seconds this motion. All approve.</p>
<p>Marketing to Corporations</p> <p>What corporations could we market to?</p>	<p>If we could convince a corporation that the College is self-supporting, but their endorsement would be the tipping point that helps us grow and expand our concept of the importance of family and PARENT POWER. To present for corporate sponsorship we will require a complete business plan, and we must emphasize that we think this project is critically important to our society at this time.</p> <p>Dr. Zanga proposes that we seek corporate sponsorship in the amount of \$200,000 for a medical copywriter salary, materials, clerical support, and the ability to spread the word.</p> <p>Brainstorming on which companies to approach: Hobby Lobby (a subsidiary of Mardel's Christian book store), Zondervan Publishing, Wal-Mart, Lands End (a subsidiary of Sears), Osh Kosh, Moss Foundation, HCA or CHA (ACTION ITEM: Dr. Diaz will find out which Christian business group takes over hospital administration) , The Golden Rule Insurance Company, Saddleback Church, Gerard Foundation, Beauty for Ashes.</p> <p>Board agreed that we would focus on Moss, Gerard, and Chick Fil A.</p>

<p>Greetings from Dr. Bell</p>	<p>ACTION ITEM: Lisa to send materials (Freedom of Conscience, and possibly our annual report) to Tom Coburn, and Mike Burgess.</p> <p>Dr. Benton mentioned that we had spoken with Dr. Bell on Friday. Dr. Bell regrets not being able to join us for the board meeting, and he encourages us to work with Glenn Stanton from Focus on the Family more often.</p>
<p>7. Nominating Committee – Dr. Hagler</p> <p>Possible board candidates for 2010</p> <p>1:54 p.m. 10 minute break</p>	<p>Dr. Hagler spoke about the some of the nominees we had this year: Bill Shaw, Jim Pearson, Frank Maffei, Kevin Donovan, Mark Grubb. He said they came with high recommendations, but circumstances prevented them from serving on the board in 2009. He suggests we follow up with these same individuals in August or September.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Lisa will remind Dr. Hagler to follow up with these members (Shaw, Pearson, Maffei, Donovan, Grubb, Fondy, J. Anderson – possibly Weisberg) in August.</p> <p>Dr. Zanga suggests that we seek out Susan Fondy next year as a potential board member. She was just honored as Flight Surgeon of the year for the U.S. Army.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Lisa to get details from Dr. Zanga about Dr. Fondy’s award and announce in our next newsletter.</p> <p>Dr. Paulus recommends Dr. Susan Weisberg as a possible board member. ACTION ITEM: Dr. Cretella will phone Dr. Weisberg and see how she is feeling as she has not been well.</p> <p>Dr. June recommends Jane Anderson as a possible board member. Dr. Zanga commented that she is probably too busy, but worth a try.</p> <p>It would be ideal to have board members from more states not in the south.</p>
<p>8. Web Committee – Dr. Trumbull</p>	<p>Our new website temporary address is www.acped.com/temp.</p>

<p>Joomla</p>	<p>This website was developed with Joomla.com which is a public domain platform. It will give us a great deal more control of our own website. The cost of this new site is \$7,475, and the beauty of it is any web master can take over this site if necessary (unlike our current site which is exclusive to the developer).</p> <p>We are still in the design process, and the site is not yet live. Dr. Trumbull solicited design changes from board members. These recommendations will be sent to the developer this week.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: When the new website is complete send links to the Policy Makers page to Senator Tom Coburn, Representative Mike Burgess, and Representative Chris Smith.</p> <p>Dr. Zanga made a motion to not include on our website the “find a doctor” feature. This motion was seconded and passed with a majority vote.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: We need to solicit our membership for good content to include in our “Parent’s Section” of the website. Lisa include in next newsletter. ADD DR. Weisberg’s book in Parent section.</p>
<p>Google Report</p>	<p>Google Report: We had a sharp increase in visits to our site when we posted commentary on the website Opposing Views.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: If we have a National Meeting in October, it is important to check our Google Reports to see if that meeting increases visits to our site.</p>
<p>Additional Items</p> <p>Bylaw amendments</p>	<p>ACTION ITEM: Lisa to send electronic bylaws to Dr. Zanga for editing. Drs. Zanga (chair), June and Trumbull are appointed as an ad hoc committee to suggest by-law revisions</p> <p>Proposed amendments to bylaws: (1)Change fiscal year to begin on November 1, instead of January 1 (2)Change in wording for Emeritus members (to be determined by committee recommendations).</p>

<p>12. Executive Session of the Board at 3:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Lisa and Dr. Diaz exit the meeting for 10 minutes.</p>
<p>Full meeting resumes College logo</p>	<p>Dr. Diaz brings up the topic of our Seal/logo. What does it mean to someone who doesn't know what we are about? He thinks our seal is too simplistic and not classy enough. Dr. Trumbull commented that he would like for us to go to a professional logo company to have them develop a logo for us. This was discussed and it was decided not to proceed at this time</p>
<p>13. Meeting Adjourned and closed in prayer.</p>	<p>Dr. Trumbull closed the group in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.</p>
<p>Addendum: vote sought via email from Dr. Varma</p>	<p>From: Varma, Surendra [mailto:surendra.varma@ttuhsc.edu] Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 10:10 PM To: Lisa Subject: RE: Board vote required - ACPeds</p> <p>I agree with both.</p>  <p>Surendra K Varma, MD, FAAP, FACE Associate Dean for Graduate Medical education Ted Hartman Chair in Medical Education Vice-chair & Program Director, Pediatrics TTUHSC School of Medicine Tel. - 806-743-2244 X 261 Fax - 806-743-2314</p> <p>From: Lisa [mailto:acop_admin@bellsouth.net] Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 2:51 PM To: Varma, Surendra Subject: Board vote required - ACPeds</p> <p>Dr. Varma:</p> <p>At the board meeting the board voted to:</p> <p>1) change the fiscal year start from Jan 1 to Nov 1 (to be</p>

consistent with our dues billing cycle);

2) change the definition in the bylaws for Emeritus status (Currently the bylaw definition of Emeritus is not consistent with what we have been practicing with our membership. Our current bylaws state that in order to be an Emeritus member, one must have been a Fellow member for at least 10 years and now be retired. ACPeds has not been in existence for 10 years, but we do have many Emeritus members. Any change taking place will not affect those who are currently Emeritus – they will be grandfathered in, and we will make some sort of category for pediatricians who are retired and want to join our membership.)

These are both bylaw changes and require a 100% affirmation from the board. Please let me whether or not you agree to these changes, and if you have any questions just call me (888-376-1877).

Kind Regards,

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