

The Italian-American Pharmacists Society of the State of New York

Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, MARCH 11th, 2010 at 8:30

pm

	Action Items:	Person
Responsible:	Complete by:	Update on Medicaid
Card swipes 4/15/10		Joseph Navarra
Update mailing list for newsletter members	ASAP	All
copy of journal ads at every table at the dinner/dance	Roger Paganelli	Whether to provide a hard ASAP

CE Presentation: Prevention and Treatment of Venous Thromboembolism by speaker Marilena S. Antonopoulos, PharmD.

Secretary Report: Minutes were approved and will be posted on website.

Treasurer Report: Account is the black and approved by chairman of board.

Committee Reports :

***Pharmacy Owners Lobby Day** report was given by Charles Catalano. He stated that over 100 independent pharmacist showed up in Albany. The main focus was on changing method of reimbursement for independent pharmacies and pushing for OMIG reform. Charlie notified that Fox insurance lost rights to service medicare patients for failing to follow medicare guidelines. Their patients were transferred to Humana.

***Medicare/Medicaid:** Charlie also stated that all supply prescriptions/fiscal orders for Dept. of Health must have a diagnosis code written by the doctor on it. This includes E Rx's. Fiscal orders needs to be transmitted with all S's for serial numbers.

***Scholarship Report:** John Visconti, a fourth year St. John's University student, a recipient for this year's Paganelli Scholarship was introduced at the meeting.

***State Board of Pharmacy Report** by Dan Molino: New York State, like 47 other states, is experiencing financial problems. This has resulted in an increase in registration fees. State Board of Pharmacy meetings are scheduled and are open to the public. Most State Board of Pharmacy questions can be answered by accessing or e-mailing the state board representatives via the websites. State Board of Pharmacy and Board of Regents are reviewing issues of co-mingling drugs. The issue with co-mingling is that these planners are not

sealed. Guidelines for these packaged drugs will be spelled out and soon approved.

****PSSNY Report*** given by Ray Macioci. He stressed that Independent Pharmacy day was a chance for independents pharmacy owners to lobby and was not an attack on chain pharmacies. He pointed out that PSSNY membership still needs to be increased.

**** April 13, 2010 is Pharmacy Lobby Day **** if any one interested in attending call the PSSNY office for arrangements.

There are open seats for the PSSNY regional representatives for New York City. Ray encouraged pharmacy owners/pharmacist to considers these seats. New York City is represented by four regional representatives: Bronx/ Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn/Staten Island. Joe Navarra will provide further updates on Medicaid card swipes.

*****PSSNY Convention is July 7th -10th, 2010 at Fort William Henry in Lake George, NY.******

Charles Catalano reported that NYCPS and PSSNY are raising campaign contributions for Senate conference Leader John Sampson, Senator Eric Adams and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver. Charlie personally requested that pharmacists show support for these leaders. He suggested pharmacy owners contribute \$300-\$500 for each of these legislators and pharmacy employees \$300-\$500 one of these legislators. This is needs to be sent in by next Wednesday.

****Newsletter Report*** by Fran Gatto. Newsletter was sent out to all members last week via E-mail and postal mail. The mailing list is not accurate and she urged all members to update the mailing list.

****Journal Ads*** report by Roger Paqanelli. The journal ads are on schedule. The revenue for this year is less (by 10k) than last year. However Roger stated that it should still be profitable for journal ads. The journal ads will be in DVD form and will be played live during the dinner/dance. Roger will present to the committee members whether to provide a hard copy of a journal in book form at every table at the dinner/dance.

****Dinner***

Dance: Stephanie Vitale reported that all preparations are done.

New Business: Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Leonards of Great Neck.

Good and Welfare: Vito Columbo introduced Veronica Saieva, a 6th year pharmacy student and David Niyazov, a 5th year pharmacy students to the members.

****Next membership meeting will be held Thursday, April 15th, 2010****

****Please note: This is a change in date for April membership meeting****

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