

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

Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, November 11th, 2010 at 8:30 pm

Valentino's on the Green, Bayside

CE Presentation: Management Considerations for Patients with Stable Ischemic Heart Disease by Speaker Dennis Miura, MD, PhD.

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 :

PSSY Report :

Charles Catalano reported that results of this year's elections is undecided in NYS-3 senate seats are still undetermined. We don't know if the new democratic government will be good for pharmacy. There will be some changes legislatively- change in OMIG leadership is one of them.

He learned that NYS DOH has own lobbyist who review and recommend whether or not laws pass or not. He believes that we should meet with the lobbyist of DOH instead. There are lot of new leaders and changes in DOH and therefore we don't know who will be in charge in January. He attended the pharmacy advisory meeting and received positive response. Went over topics such as, diagnosis code, why does MD have to NPI # on RX, and a definition of dispensing RPh is still undecided. There are 20-30 MD's in NYS who do not have NPI number, this mandate that NPI # are not required on the prescription, they are optional that they appear on prescriptions. CMS regulates the requirements of NPI .

ERX is in an infancy stage because DOH states ERX has to be computer to computer and have a diagnosis code and a NPI . If Erx is "prepared by" anyone other than a prescribing MD, it is not a valid ERX and on an audit OMIG will take the money back. This ERX should be converted to telephone prescription to avoid future problems.

State Board of Pharmacy Report:

Dan Molino reported that the state is broke and the audits are getting expensive and aggressive.

On October 29th, state board of pharmacy played a part in the District 1 and 2 meeting in Cooperstown, NY. DEA was present and asked what their opinion was regard controlled substances allowed with erx and they stated there is not a single software system that meets the requirements that they have set up for pharmacy. This is about 2 years away. Agenda of NYS of Pharmacy is at a standstill due to dysfunctionality and state deficit-very little has gotten done.

He reported that the state board exam is scheduled on January 5th & 6th and 500 candidates are expected to take the exam.

Newletter Report:

Fran Gatto reported that there will be a newsletter going out soon. She is requesting ideas, information or anything to include in the last newsletter of the year. She will include information about an online magazine that is offering a pharmacist to tell their story, opinions or ideas they would like to share.

At St. John's, there will be a mass of remembrance at the chapel this Saturday by the alumni association and a tree lighting ceremony on December 6th.

Nominations for Board Positions:

New board members, Charlie Ciacco, Sal Pansarella, and William Riccardi were approved. These members were confirmed with 1 vote by the secretary.

NYCPS Report:

Ray Macioci reported that PSSNY have hired a public relations firm to fight mandatory mailorder.

Legislators are not aware of the dissatisfaction of mandatory mailorder. A petition "Operation Ammo" where signatures are to be collected and brought to legislators on March 2nd -at Independent Pharmacy Owner's Lobby Day.

The petition form also allows everyone to find out who their legislators are.

These forms are being distributed to everyone and the goal is for 400 pharmacy owners to be attend in Albany.

Dinner Dance Committee:

if anyone has any suggestions for 2011 dinner dance honoree, contact Anthony Ciarletta.

****Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 9th At Verdi's at 7 pm.****

Please let Anthony know if there is anyone they should invite to the party.

Good and Welfare:

On this Veteran's Day, the members acknowledged veterans Frank Fata and John Navarra for their service.

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