

**Dallas County Medical Society
Board of Directors**

**Meeting of March 5, 2019
Minutes**

The board of directors of the Dallas County Medical Society met Tuesday, March 5, at 6:45 p.m. at Park City Club. Ruben Velez, MD, DCMS immediate past president and board chair, called the meeting to order.

Members present were Drs. Christine A. Becker, Christopher Berry, Greta Brodsky, Mark A. Casanova, Donna L. Casey, Samuel J. Chantilis, Shaina M. Drummond, Seth D. Kaplan, Elizabeth Kassanoff, Kevin W. Klein, Haskell (Gill) Kirkpatrick, Lisa L. Swanson, and Ruben Velez. Also present were Michael Darrouzet, DCMS executive vice president; Connie J. Webster, DCMS chief operating officer; and Steve Winn, CPA, DCMS chief financial officer.

Administrative Agenda

Minutes. Minutes of the February 2019 meeting were **approved as submitted.**

Financial Report. Dr. Kassanoff presented the financial report for January 2019. This was **received for filing.**

DCMS Board of Censors Report. Dr. Drummond presented the Board of Censors report and the candidates for membership for March 2019. **They were approved as submitted.**

DCMS Board of Censors Policy Recommendation. Dr. Drummond presented a recommendation on behalf of the Board of Censors (BOC) regarding membership applicants who have an open Texas Medical Board (TMB) remedial plan. According to DCMS policy, membership applicants and transfers from other county medical societies who have an open TMB disciplinary agreement are ineligible to apply for DCMS membership until the pending order or action is no longer active or has been resolved, or the applicant has been cleared. The BOC recommends applying this policy to Remedial Plans, which are nondisciplinary orders from the TMB. After thorough discussion, the board approved the following motion:

Action: Upon a proper motion and second, the board approved that applicants and member transfers from other county medical societies who have an opened TMB Remedial Plan be treated in the same manner as applicants who have a TMB Disciplinary Agreement — both are ineligible for DCMS membership until the order or action pending is no longer active or has been resolved, or the applicant has been cleared.

Membership Update. Mr. Darrouzet presented a membership report, which included historical and recent membership trends. **This was received for information.**

Circle of Friends Proposal, Medical Billing Unlimited. Mr. Darrouzet presented a Circle of Friends proposal from Medical Billing Unlimited. After thorough discussion, the board approved the following motion:

Action: Upon a proper motion and second, the board approved the Circle of Friends proposal from Medical Billing Unlimited.

Circle of Friends Proposal, FairLease. Mr. Darrouzet presented a Circle of Friends proposal from FairLease. After thorough discussion, the board approved the following motion:

Action: Upon a proper motion and second, the board approved the Circle of Friends proposal from FairLease.

Appointment of Chairs for DCMS TEXPAC. Dr. Klein presented a list of nominees to serve as 2019 DCMS TEXPAC chairs. The names presented were Drs. Seth D. Kaplan, Steven R. Hays and John Scott. TEXPAC asks county medical societies to nominate district chairs and vice chairs, based on Senate districts, to serve on the TEXPAC board. These chairs and vice chairs constitute the DCMS TEXPAC Committee. The steering committee of three physicians will work with the DCMS EVP/CEO to create the rules of engagement related to selecting future chairs and vice chairs, evaluating and endorsing candidates, and reporting these actions to the TEXPAC board. **After a thorough discussion, the board approved the following motion:**

Action: Upon a proper motion and second, the board approved the slate of 2019 DCMS TEXPAC chairs.

Update on AMA Advocacy Conference. Dr. Klein gave an update on the AMA National Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC, which he attended with Dr. Casanova and Mr. Darrouzet. They met with several lawmakers.

Other Business. Mr. Darrouzet reminded board members of the networking social on March 19 at Park City Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Elizabeth Kassanoff, MD
DCMS Secretary/Treasurer