



**Anchorage Medical Society
Minutes- December 3, 2014**

Call to Order 6:45

Minutes

A motion to approve the October 2014 minutes was made by Dr. Senter and seconded by Dr. List. The motion passes unanimously.

Old Business

Dr. Fortson gave an update on the use of lasers by non-physicians. There are several lasers in use for tattoo removal in areas spas and tattoo shops. Lasers can be purchased second hand by non-physicians.

New Business

AMS will need to elect a President Elect at the February Meeting. Dr. DeKeyser will be taking the helm this January for a 12 month term. The President elect will begin in January 2016

AMS is developing a new website. The site will host the meeting calendar, a member connect section as well as an area for announcements and important issues.

Dr. Demain presented the results on the AMS member survey. The full survey results will be posted on the new AMS site upon completion. The priority areas for 2015 will be networking and potentially a day seminar.

Michael Haugen from ASMA provided a short report. Items of interest include:

- Mary Ann Foland has joined the medical services review committee
- ASMA has joined an appeal with the 9th circuit involving law enforcement and their access to drug data without warrants. ASMA will be providing an amicus brief
- A new Commissioner of Health has been appointed by Governor Walker.
- The state is still working on drafting marijuana regulations. High priority issues include edibles and the need for a “breathalyzer” type test.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Mamikunian gave a presentation on malpractice cases involving the use of corticosteroids. His presentation reviewed the needs of medical documentation and patient communication.

Dr. Estrada Bernard presented on the history of medicine in Liberia including the extreme challenges caused by the civil war. The history of Ebola and the most recent outbreaks were also discussed. The needs for medical professionals, funding and infrastructure were highlighted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

