



**Anchorage Medical Society
Minutes- October 9, 2014**

Call to Order 6:58

Minutes

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

Old Business

There was no old business discussed

New Business

Dr. Simono reviewed the AMS financial report.

A discussion was held about the group's desire for a December 2014 meeting. The group decided on a December 3 meeting.

An education committee was formed to meet the requirement in the current AMS bi-laws.

Volunteers for the committee are as follows:

Paula Colescott

Mary Ann Foland

John DeKeyser

Jeffrey Demain

A motion was made to approve a \$4000 budget to the education committee to allow for the use of outside speakers. The motion was made by Dr. Case and seconded by Dr. List. The motion passed unanimously

Dr. Demain announced that AMS was creating a survey that would be distributed to members. This electronic survey would collect member opinion on the goals and 2015 planning for AMS.

A discussion was held about the possibility of AMS becoming a CME provider for the community. There was a spirited discussion and the question is to be placed on the AMS survey that is being sent to all members.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Paula Colescott gave an update from the Vote No campaign. Her slideshow highlighted what the proposed legislation would mean to Alaska. She also outlined current issues being experienced in Washington and Colorado as a result of legalization. There were many questions and comments shared after her presentation.

Dr. Jayne Fortson provided a program outlining her concerns about the use of lasers by non-physicians in Alaska. She highlighted the potential dangers of this practice as well as the current state regulations which ban the use of lasers non physicians. Dr. Means reported that he has

brought this issue to the state in the past and they have not taken action. There were many questions and suggestions offered including bringing this issue to the ASMA meeting. ASMA is in a better position to bring this issue to the state medical board.

Dr. Joe McLaughlin presented a program describing the new state vaccine program that is set to begin in January. The full implementation information for this program can be found at:

http://www.epi.alaska.gov/id/iz/AVAP_ProviderInfo.pdf

and

<http://www.epi.alaska.gov/id/iz/default.htm#spotlight>

Meeting adjourned at 8:40