New Mexico Society of Otolaryngology

Minutes

Oct 6, 2017

Attendees:

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| Members | Residents | Guests |
| Erica Bennet, MD Nathan Boyd, MD Tara Brennan, MD Ronald Escudero, MD Karen Hawley, MD Belinda Mantle, MD Jason Mudd, MD Garth Olson, MD Liat Shama, MD Michael Spafford, MD | Vanina Chavarri, MD Nizhoni Denipah, MD Elizabeth Hobbs, MD Alexis Lopez, MD Robert Nicholas, MD Noah Syme, MD Katherine Vandenberg, MD | Deborah Armstrong |

Total: 18

* Call to order – Karen Hawley, MD
* Socioeconomic Grassroots Committee Update – Michael Spafford, MD
  + Discussed the roll of this committee
  + Discussed topics covered at the Academy meeting
* Legislative Affairs Committee Update – Karen Hawley, MD
  + State session will start in January, 2018 – budget topics only
  + Discussed federal laws/bills that the Academy is working on
* NMSO has a Facebook page for discussion – please “friend” Karen Hawley to join the group.
* Discussion of access funds
  + Proposal to fund a resident in attending the Spring Leadership Forum put on by the Academy and Board of Governors – This was approved by members
* Election of Officers
  + Duncan Meiklejohn, MD ran un-apposed for Program Chair – he is now the Program Chair
  + Tara Brennan, MD is now our new Secretary-Treasurer
  + Karen Hawley, MD has one more year as president
* Dinner and guest speaker
  + Representative Deborah Armstrong
    - Discussed format of lawmaking at the state level
    - Discussed bills proposed which were passed, vetoed or died in our last session
    - Discussed interim chair topics including changes in Centennial Medicaid
      * Concerns about introduction of Premiums and Deductibles as well as eliminating the 90 day retroactive payment requirement by the state
      * Proposition for the Society to draft a letter voicing our opinions about these matters – approved by the member. Dr. Hawley will work on this and get it out to the members for editing.
* Adjourn