New Mexico Society of Otolaryngology

Minutes

Oct 6, 2017

Attendees:

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| Members | Residents | Guests |
| Erica Bennet, MDNathan Boyd, MDTara Brennan, MDRonald Escudero, MDKaren Hawley, MDBelinda Mantle, MDJason Mudd, MDGarth Olson, MDLiat Shama, MDMichael Spafford, MD | Vanina Chavarri, MDNizhoni Denipah, MDElizabeth Hobbs, MDAlexis Lopez, MDRobert Nicholas, MDNoah Syme, MDKatherine 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.
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