New Mexico Society of Otolaryngology

Minutes

April 27, 2018

Attendees:

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| Members | Residents | Guests |
| Erica Bennet, MDTara Brennan, MDMarie Brown-Wagner, MDRonald Escudero, MDKaren Hawley, MDTania Kraai, MDLily Love, MDBelinda Mantle, MDDuncan Meiklejohn, MDBradley Pickett, MDLiat Shama, MDMichael Spafford, MDDean Yannias, MD | Vanina Chavarri, MDAlexis Lopez, MDRobert Nicholas, MDNoah Syme, MDKatherine Vandenberg, MD | Dylan Chan, MD |

Total: 19

* Call to order – Karen Hawley, MD
* Society Updates
	+ We are a 501(c)3 now
	+ The society sponsored Dr. Nizhoni Denipah (UNMH resident) to the Academy Leadership Forum and she had a great experience.
	+ Dr. Hawley and Dr. Meiklejohn attended Academy Leadership Forum
* Legislative Affairs Committee Update – Karen Hawley, MD
	+ State session has finished, focused on state budget only
	+ May is now Better Speech and Hearing Month
	+ Discussed federal laws/bills that the Academy is working on
	+ Ways to participate in advocacy
		- ENT PAC, Project 535 (currently a resident is partially covering), State Tracker
		- Dr. Erica Bennett and Dr. Michael Spafford agreed to join Dr. Karen Hawley in setting up a meeting with a legislator or congressman
* Socioeconomic Grassroots Committee Update – Duncan Meiklejohn, MD
	+ Discussed the role of this committee
	+ Focused on the role of RegENT
* Dinner and guest speaker
	+ Dr. Dylan Chan from University of California – San Francisco presented on health disparities related to hearing loss in children.
	+ Great discussion amongst the group relating to many similar issues with have in New Mexico
* Next meeting will be immediately following the Balloon Fiesta Otolaryngology Symposium and Karl Horn Lectureship on October 5, 2018.
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