New Mexico Society of Otolaryngology

Minutes

April 27, 2018

Attendees:

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| Members | Residents | Guests |
| Erica Bennet, MD Tara Brennan, MD Marie Brown-Wagner, MD Ronald Escudero, MD Karen Hawley, MD Tania Kraai, MD  Lily Love, MD Belinda Mantle, MD Duncan Meiklejohn, MD Bradley Pickett, MD Liat Shama, MD Michael Spafford, MD Dean Yannias, MD | Vanina Chavarri, MD Alexis Lopez, MD Robert Nicholas, MD Noah Syme, MD Katherine 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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