New Mexico Society of Otolaryngology Minutes  
Friday, May 17, 2019  
Hotel Parq Central  
5pm

Attendees:

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| Members | Residents | Guests |
| Erica Bennet, MD Tara Brennan, MD Whitney Brennan, CNP Ronald Escudero, MD  Christine Fordham, MD David Gallegos, MD Karen Hawley, MD Lily Love, MD Duncan Meiklejohn, MD Liat Shama, MD Michael Spafford, MD Ajit Tipirneni, MD Dean Yannias, MD | Elizabeth Blasberg, MD  Brian Husen, MD Robert Nicholas, MD Sherna Sheth, MD Katherine Vandenberg, MD | Janalee Stokken, MD  Sunny Desai, MD Elizaveta Rogol, MD |

Total: 21

* Call to order – Tara Brennan, MD
* Society Updates/Voting
  + Dr. Kraai and Resident Dr. Vanina Chavarri attended spring leadership forum
    - Dr. Hawley read updates/experience from Dr. Chavarri
* Socioeconomic Grassroots Committee Update – Duncan Meiklejohn, MD
  + The BOG has a Payer tool kit that is used to solve carrier pay issues for unlisted codes including a contact person on their website.
  + There is a Work Development Plan which is currently addressing risk adjustment and ways to respond to internet ratings and complaints—unclear how this is going to work.
  + The physician payment policy group was able to rescind the proposed 50% payment reduction for office visits that occur on the same day of a procedure.
  + RUC surveys are performed 3 times per year – they are important in establishing appropriate RVU levels and compensation.
  + BOG recommends we have a lawyer for consulting – discussed having Mark Fine as a potential source
* Legislative Affairs Committee Update – Karen Hawley, MD
  + Update in State Legislative issues – passing of bill allowing NPs and midwives to admit patients
  + Update in Federal laws effecting us – over the counter hearing aids, scope of practice
  + Ways to participate in advocacy
    - ENT PAC, Project 535, State Tracker, IGO
* Dinner and guest speaker
  + Janalee Stokken, MD – Individualized Care for Chronic Rinosinusitis
* Next meeting will be October 4, 2019 at Hotel Chaco. Will be electing a new program chair
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