



HAWAII PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting
February 9, 2012

Mission: Helping Hawaii's Psychiatrists Provide the Highest Quality Care

Location: Homes of Jeffrey Akaka, MD on Oahu, and Dr. Amber Rohner-Sakuda, MD on Maui.

Attendees on Oahu: Jeffrey Akaka, MD (Chair), Iqbal Ahmed, MD (President Elect), Bill Sheehan, MD (Secretary), Greg Prier, DO (via speakerphone)

Attendees on Maui, via conference call: Amber Rohner-Sakuda, MD (via Skype)

Call to order: 6:30pm

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved as amended.

Membership: Deferred.

Presidents Report: Legislative Season is in full swing. I have been down at the halls of the Legislature, representing HPMA, both on opening day, and in hearings. The results of the APA National Elections will be made public in a few weeks. AMA is coming to Honolulu in November. Planning for a welcome reception for the AMA Board of Trustees and certain specialty society delegates, as well as elected Hawaii Officials, has begun. APA, HPMA, and HMA will host, and the Hawaii Convention Center will sponsor.

Treasurer Report (Dr. Sakuda): Current balance is \$45,165.55, as we are now in receipt of the CALF grant. Dr. Sakuda agreed to draft a budget for calendar 2012.

Ethics Report: (Dr. Prier): No ethics issues reported this month.

Legislative Report: Legislature opened January 18, 2012.

Telepsychiatry (HB 1708): Representative Evans submitted legislation to permit initial involuntary hospitalization exam by telemedicine. It passed House Health and this week passed Judiciary first reading with amendments.

Single Prior Authorization Form (HB 1741): Dr. Akaka testified in support.

Crash Course Prescribing: HPMA will continue to vigorously oppose any legislation that seeks to legitimize crash course prescribing while supporting legislation that improves access to safe medical care. As of now, no new bills have been submitted, and only a resurrection of the bill from last year could be heard by the Legislature.

Communication Report: Deferred.

Reimbursement committee (Dr. Doug Smith): Deferred.

Membership Committee Report: Dr. Leslie Gise has accepted appointment as Chair of the Membership committee for the duration of Dr. Akaka's term.

New Business:

Business Cards: discussion held and agreed that new business cards for Dr. Akaka will be purchased.

Continuing Medical Education: Deferred for now, but if there is future interest the HPMA could put together a program.

Elections: An election slate is needed for new officers for an April election.

HPMA IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEER OFFICERS!!!

Anyone interested in running for HPMA office is invited to volunteer. Open positions include the following: President Elect; Treasurer; Secretary. Please notify Dr. Jeff Akaka of your interest by email at jakaka@gmail.com

Recommendations for a possible slate:

President incoming: Dr. Ike Ahmed
President Elect: open
Secretary: open
Treasurer: open
Area VII Representative: open
Area VII Deputy Representative: open
Early Career Psychiatrist representative: open
Member in Training representative: open

APA Elections: Voting is concluded, results expected before the next meeting.

APA National Advocacy Conference in Washington DC. Dr. Akaka was invited by APA to represent Hawaii. March 12-14, Dr. Akaka planning to attend.

The **2012 Waipahu Aloha Club Benefit Golf Challenge** will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2012, at the Hawaii Prince Golf Club, to benefit the Waipahu Aloha Club, a 501c3 nonprofit organization that supports the mission and vision of the Waipahu Aloha Clubhouse, whose members are in recovery from severe psychiatric illness and who seek to become productive citizens in the community. Last years benefit, which also benefitted the American Psychiatric Foundation as it was held during the APA Annual Meeting here in May, was an outstanding event. Contact Kim Golis, Director at kimgolis@hawaii.rr.com or at 675-0093 for more details on signing up your team!

2012 Annual APA meeting in Philadelphia, dates May 5-9. Link on website is www.psych.org. It will be a fantastic meeting. Everyone is encouraged to register and to attend.

Next meeting: Thursday April 12, 2012, at which we will be electing our officers for the 2012-2013 year. (There will be no HPMA meeting in March).

Oahu: Home of Jeffrey Akaka, MD Maui: Home of Amber Rohner Sakuda, MD 6:00pm Welcome Reception, Meet and Greet (Bring a beverage to share). 6:30pm-7:00pm Business meeting
We welcome any member who would like to call or skype in from their home, Dr. Kemble has a cell phone which can conference up to 10 calls, so feel free to join in from your home.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Sheehan, MD , Secretary, HPMA