

AANP House of Delegates Annual Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2011
Phoenix, Arizona 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Roll Call

Helen Healy, ND, Speaker; Angela Agrios, ND, California; AnnAlisa Behling, ND, Michigan; Brian Archambault, ND, Arizona; Brian Paterson, ND, New Hampshire; Bruce Milliman, ND, Washington; Cassandra Mannhardt, ND, Virginia; Catherine Stauber, ND, New Mexico; Elizabeth Korza, ND, California; Emily Telfair, ND, Maryland; James Prego, ND, New York; Jill Evenson, ND, Wisconsin; Jonci Jensen, ND, Texas; Keri Layton, ND, Rhode Island; Kimberly Kalfas, ND, Ohio; Kyle Cronin, ND, Arizona; Leslie Vilensky, ND, Minnesota; Lorilee Schoenbeck, ND, Vermont; Marianne Marchese, ND, Arizona; Michelle Simon, ND, Washington; Micheal Traub, ND, Hawaii; Peter Kimble, ND, Kansas; Rhodo Nguyen, ND, D.C.; Sarah Lane, ND, Montana; Simon Barker, ND, California; Deborah Lantz, ND, Bastyr Faculty Rep; Heather DeLuca, ND, Pennsylvania; Harry Swope, ND, HANP; Jacob Schor, ND, OncANP; Jared Skowron, ND, PedANP; Jared Skowron, ND, Bridgeport Faculty; Kirsten West, ND, NPGA delegate; Marianne Marchese, ND, NAEM; Marnie Loomis, ND, NCNM Faculty; Mona Morstein, ND, SCNM Faculty delegate; Pragati Patel, Bastyr Student Rep; Stacy Mobley, SCNM Student Rep; Pamela Snider, ND, Washington; Steven Bailey, ND, Oregon; Jonathan Psenka, ND, Arizona Alternate; Jennifer Bahr, NMSA Alternate; Helen Healy, Minnesota Alternate; Pamela Snider, ND, proxy for Diane Crumine, ND, Idaho; Jared Skowron, ND, proxy for Vanessa Doyle, Bridgeport Student Rep; Simon Barker, ND, proxy for Elizabeth Korza, ND, California; Steven Bailey, ND, proxy for Kevin Wilson, ND, Oregon; Heather DeLuca, ND, held proxy for Keri Layton, ND, Rhode Island.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm with 46 delegates present including alternates and proxies. A quorum was reached.

Speaker Healy introduced Vivian Vincent who served as the parliamentarian. Vincent is president of the Arizona State Association of Parliamentarians.

Members of the Board of Directors were in attendance including Carl Hangee-Bauer, Carrie Runde, Keri Marshall, and Michael Reece. Karen Howard, Executive Director, was present. Mandisa Jones, Marketing and Membership Associate, was present. David Matteson, facilitator and visioneer, and Jan Lipsen, AANP federal lobbyist, were also present.

Introduction of Agenda

Speaker Healy introduced the agenda. Steven Bailey moved to approve the agenda. Harry Swope seconded. Speaker Healy proposed an amendment to the agenda, moving Item 4(ii), Affiliate Updates, on the agenda to Item 8, Announcements. Bailey moved to approve the agenda with the amendment. Swope seconded. The agenda was approved with the amendment.

Introduction of Minutes

Speaker Healy introduced the minutes from February 3, 2011, and May 5, 2011. James Prego moved to approve the minutes. Heather DeLuca seconded. The minutes from February 3, 2011, and May 5, 2011, were approved.

Reports from AANP President and Executive Director

A report was made by AANP President, Carl Hangee-Bauer. He stated that Karen Howard, Executive Director (ED), submitted her resignation. The Board of Directors (BOD) is implementing the Executive Director Transition Policy. A task force has been established to handle the transition. He stated the Board completed its annual meeting. The Board is committed to improving communication and working together with the HOD. The BOD would like to have more Board members on HOD committees. He commented on 2 items on the HOD Agenda: position papers and bylaw amendments. He said the BOD discussed the position paper on immunizations and voiced

the BOD's concern about the negative light the paper may cast. He stated the Board encourages referencing of all papers. He reiterated the importance of communication especially when papers are being published on controversial topics. In regards to the Bylaw amendment, he said that the Board's position is that the approval of the Executive Director as a non-voting member is the best path to follow. It would encourage communication between the Board and the Executive Director. The bylaw amendment would require 1 year of employment and the ED would remain a non-voting member of the Board.

A report was made by Executive Director, Karen Howard. She stated that at the DC FLI it was clear after the Agency meetings that people know who NDs are but they do not know what NDs do. A clear definition of what NDs do is needed. She said the Board has made new commitment to branding and will continue to expand AANP presence online. It is important to get the position paper documents up as soon as possible and when they are posted they should be referenced documents. Howard recommended giving the Board as much latitude as possible for recruiting a new ED by approving the Bylaw amendment to make the ED a non-voting member of the Board after 1 year of employment.

Old Business

Jacob Schor, Chair of the Code of Ethics (COE) committee, presented the Hawaii COE. Schor stated a temporary COE was approved in August of 2010 with changes made in subsequent meetings. Schor proposed that the Hawaii COE supersede the current COE. He pointed out that revisions are needed and proposed that amendments be made over time. Schor motioned that HOD accept the Hawaii COE and if there was no time during the current meeting, plan to work on amendments in the fall. Marnie Loomis motioned to accept the Hawaii COE. Jared Zeff seconded. Discussion was held. Speaker Healy encouraged delegates to join the COE committee for those who wanted to discuss the COE further. Schor pointed out that the proposed amendments which came in 2 parts. Part 1 is edits he found to be easy to make and part 2 are various suggestions of what other delegates have submitted. Loomis moved to amend her motion. Loomis motioned to adopt Hawaii COE with part 1 of the amendments and further discussion of part 2. Zeff seconded. Speaker Healy called for discussion on the motion to amend Loomis's original motion. Bruce Milliman pointed out that the discussion taking place was committee work and motioned that the discussion be moved to the COE committee. Kalfas seconded. Discussion was held over whether or not this was a privileged motion. Vivian Vincent stated Milliman's motion was not privileged but was the highest motion on floor and therefore could be given a time frame for when the COE committee should report back. Discussion was held. Milliman motioned to accept the COE as provisional and send the discussion back to the committee. Bailey seconded. The motion passed.

Speaker Healy, Chair of the House Rules Committee presented the insertion of a section in the House Rules on nominations and elections. The section would read as follows: "Nominations for Speaker or Vice-Speaker may arise from any member of the House, and members may nominate themselves. Nominees will be given an opportunity to state their qualifications and reasons for running for office. If only one nominee is declared at a regular meeting, then a voice vote is allowed. When two or more nominees are running for the same position, a ballot is required. In the event of an electronic election, there will be ballot lines for each declared nominee as well as a "Write-in" ballot line option for nominees not previously delineated on the ballot. In all elections, the majority of votes cast shall elect." Michael Traub moved to approve the insertion. Snider seconded. Discussion was held. Vincent inserted the House could have votes from the floor. When the House has an election, a nominating committee chair asks for nominations from the floor and when there are no more, the chair closes it. She also said that a ballot should always have place to write in a candidate according to the HOD parliamentary authority. The motion passed.

Speaker Healy presented friendly amendments and edits to the House Rules. James Prego motioned to accept the amendments. Heather DeLuca seconded. No discussion was held. The motion passed with 2 abstentions.

Bruce Milliman, Vice-Speaker and Chair of the Bylaws Committee, presented the committee's position on the bylaw amendment that would make the Executive Director a member of the Board of Directors after 1 year of employment. If there was unanimous agreement on the committee to accept the bylaw change, then they would forward it the House with support. If there was unanimous agreement not to approve, then they would present it without support. If mixed, they would have sent it back without support. The committee voted unanimously against the bylaw change therefore Milliman is presenting the bylaw change with a recommendation to not approve. Bailey motioned for a vote. Swope seconded. Discussion was held.

Delegates wanted to know why the Board thought having the ED as a member would make the AANP a stronger association. Carl Hangee-Bauer was invited to present the Board's position. He said the BOD is a governing board and has designated the ED to have the authority of the Board and to do the work of the Board with limitation and accountability to the BOD. He reported that the Board conducted a survey of how other Boards of other sophisticated associations have handled this and found that many have the ED as part of their Boards. He also stated that with a search for a new ED this could become an issue as the right candidate may not accept this position if the ED is not a member of the Board. Further discussion was held. Delegates rose concern about the potential conflict of interest that might be raised if the ED was a member of the Board. Bailey moved to close the discussion. Loomis seconded. Speaker Healy called for a vote to approve the bylaw change. The Bylaw change was not passed with 30 opposed and 6 abstentions.

Speaker Healy presented a Bylaw amendment that would clarify that language to include posting the position papers for both members and the general public to view. Loomis motioned to accept the amendment. Prego seconded. The motion passed with 4 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Committees with No Action

Speaker Healy presented an update on the activity taking place in the Ad Hoc Committees. The Affiliate Status Committee is working on clarifying the role of affiliates and identifying the level of activity that is expected from the affiliates. The Salus Committee is discussing wellness as a principle. The Standards of Naturopathic Medicine Committee would like help defining what good practice is.

Committees with Action

Bruce Milliman, Chair of the Position Paper Review Committee (PPRC), proposed giving the Genetic Diversity/GMO Position Paper to an expert for commentary. Proposed experts included Jeffery Smith. He also motioned that 12 position papers be published to the AANP website. The committee is looking to bring process to the discussion surrounding the papers. He pointed out that there is a mechanism online that is in place for revision and stated that no action would happen from the PPRC unless the process in place is followed. The 12 papers have been edited and amended. The PPRC recommended all 12 for public posting. The PPRC recommended voting on the 12 papers en masse considering that the PPRC has the citations and they just need to be put in place. There are 60 days before the papers have to be posted. He then summarized all the dates the papers had been drafted and reviewed and the types of edits made in 2011. All edits, except those made to the Immunizations paper, can be viewed on the HOD webpage as the papers have been posted with the Track Changes on. Speaker Healy stated a second was not need on Milliman's motion. She proposed a drop dead date of September 9th and she pointed out that 60 days from the meeting would be the 15th of October. Since that is a weekend, the papers would be posted on the following business day which would be the 17th of October. Discussion was held.

Some delegates raised concern about how posting the papers would impact their legislative efforts while it was also expressed how the lack of position papers has hampered legislation in other areas. Delegates also expressed that it would make more sense to vote on the papers once they are complete with the citations in place. Jared Skowron suggested that they be voted on individually.

Several other delegates were in agreement. With so much discussion, Pamela Snider said the committee should have another meeting to finalize the papers and report back seeing as they are governing documents. Speaker Healy stated the next HOD meeting was scheduled for an hour and would be the first Thursday in November. Speaker Healy called for a vote to end the debate over the papers. All were in favor to stop the debate. Benjamin Stratford motioned that all position papers get posted for members only and give them the 60 day period to review them and once the citations are in place the papers can be voted on for public posting. Vincent pointed out that there was a motion on the floor proposed by a committee. The next motion called for the question. The new motion from Stratford can be a proviso that the papers go online for 60 days for allowing all members to give input. If the business of committee is approved, Stratford could ask that the papers be posted with a proviso. Vincent presented another option where delegates could rise and strike individual papers from the PPRC's motion, could call for division and that each paper be voted on separately, or could pull out papers separately and add back in and then vote on them *en masse*. Snider motioned that the edited papers be voted on one at a time. She stated that a yes vote would mean they get posted for the general public and a no vote would mean they get posted for 30 days allowing for members to review and for the PPRC to make edits and report back with new drafts at the November meeting so the House can vote. Bailey seconded the motion. Discussion was had. Speaker Healy called for the vote. A clarification was made that if no revisions are received within 30 days, papers will be presented as is for reconsideration. Snider's motion passed with 6 opposed and 1 abstention.

Speaker Healy called for the vote on the 12 papers individually. Manipulation passed with 5 opposed and 1 abstention. Heavy Metals passed with 5 opposed. Definition passed with 1 opposed. Immunizations passed with 22 in favor and 19 in opposition. In-Office Pharmacy passed with 3 opposed. Injection Therapies passed with 7 opposed. Civil and Human Rights passed with 1 opposed. Cancer passed with 28 in favor and 6 in opposition. Naturopathic Research passed with 3 opposed. Diabetes passed with 8 opposed. Homeopathy passed with 4 opposed. Physicians Oath passed with 1 opposed.

Snider rose concern about the close vote on the Immunizations paper. She motioned to hold back Immunization paper for 30 days. Zeff seconded. No discussion was had. The motion passed with 3 opposed and 1 abstention.

Bailey motioned to move the voting for officers forward. Zeff seconded. The motion passed.

The first vote was held for the Speaker position. Bruce Milliman won the election and was installed as the next Speaker. Marnie Loomis won the election for the Vice-Speaker and was installed.

Agenda Committee

Jacob Schor was voted onto the Agenda Committee. Emily Kane was voted onto the Agenda Committee. Steven Bailey withdrew his candidacy for the Agenda Committee.

New Affiliates

Iowa Naturopathic Physicians Association was approved for affiliate status, the BOD approved their bylaws in May 2011, with all in favor. North Dakota Association of Naturopathic Doctors was approved for affiliate status, the approved their bylaws in August 15, 2011, with all in favor. Georgia Association of Naturopathic Physicians was approved for affiliate status, the BOD approved their bylaws August 15, 2011, with all in favor.

Resolution Proposal for HOD Budget

The resolution was presented by Steven Bailey. There was little discussion. The resolution to increase the HOD budget excluding staff support passed 2 opposed and 1 abstention.

Resolution Proposal for HOD Parliamentarian

The resolution was presented by Marnie Loomis. A brief discussion was held. Loomis stated that once all conflicts are resolved from old minutes, and the Speaker has sufficient training there will no longer be a need to hire a parliamentarian for each meeting. The resolution to hire a parliamentarian for each meeting passed with 1 abstention.

Annual Meeting Schedule

Speaker Healy took a count on who would like to have the next annual meeting held during the day time instead of after 5pm. The majority in the room would like an earlier meeting.

Website Ease of Use

People having trouble were asked to contact Speaker Healy.

Announcements

Lorilee Schoenbeck made an announcement about a meeting on health care reform that would be led by her and Bob May, ND, at 10:30am, the following morning. Pamela snider proposed Ryan Bradley work on the Standards of Care paper. Speaker Healy said she would ask him to do so. Marnie Loomis stated the ZRT Cup needed moderators.

Affiliate Updates

There were no affiliate updates made.

Next Annual Meeting

The next annual meeting will be held August 14, 2012, in Bellevue, Washington.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19pm.