

Minutes of the GEA CME Steering Committee Call Dec. 10, 2008 at 4-5pm

Participants: Jack Kues, Bob Morrow, Kenneth Wolf, Dave Davis, Oswald Umuhoza

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

The meeting, led by Jack, started with the welcome of Ken Wolf, replacing Joyce Fried as WGEA representative. It was followed by a short introduction of Ken and his longtime involvement in academic activities, including CME.

2. UPDATE ON THE WEB PAGE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dave briefed the group about the history of the two CME Websites. First, the CME section Website is aimed at CME educators, and features member resources, meetings and professional opportunities, membership, and how to access and join the listserv. (See <http://www.aamc.org/members/gea/cmesection/start.htm>). Second, the Continuing Education and Performance Improvement site, a related initiative launched by the AAMC, is available at <http://www.aamc.org/cme>. This site features a variety of resources including Research in Continuing Education, Performance and quality improvement strategies, teaching materials and program planning in CME, etc. This site is particularly aimed at CME directors and providers to help them improving their effectiveness. Both sites are regularly updated. The group was pleased of the huge amount of resources available. Participants and the CME section steering committee were invited again to provide inputs by sending items that they find useful to the entire CME community.

Dave stressed the CME section's "ownership" of the CME Newsletter, and the CME sites. The input of the section and its membership into content is always welcome. In that regard, Jack shared the format of the the UC E-HEALTH NEWS DAILY, a daily newsletter by the University of Cincinnati Academic Health Center (see <http://www.healthnews.uc.edu>). Formatting, user-accessibility and common-appearance issues remain important for the AAMC, however. ACTION: Oswald will investigate the possibility of UC-like format for the SectioNEWS.

3. ENERGIZING CME AT THE REGIONAL MEETINGS

Bob reported on his current activities related to CME officials from all NY City schools regarding the delivering of CME for practicing physicians.

In conjunction with GME leaders, he is planning the upcoming NEGEA meeting May 1-2 2009.

Ken reported working on preparation the upcoming WGEA meeting, April 18- 21, 2009 which now is open for registration, call for papers.

SUGESTION: Both Bob and Ken expressed planning to partnering with the UGME and GME colleagues to have presentations on topics that might attract a much bigger audience such as Quality Improvement

In addition, working with the same folks to organize a workshop to address the entire learning continuum was highly recommended by the committee. Some interesting topics could be:

- Conflict of interest (there is a visible contrast between what was taught and exposed to—i.e. gifts)
- Requirement of LCME in PI
- Cultural competency
- Relationship between students and faculty with business community
- Faculty development for part-timers, highlighting CME and faculty development
- Organizing a workshop along the lines of ““everything I need for UME and GME, I learned from CME””.

Tuition scholarships will be offered by SACME to up to four outstanding presentations in CME. Those presentations will come from the four GEA regional meetings (NEGEA-WGEA-CGEA & SGEA). Those scholarships include waiving registration fees to attend and present at the next SACME meeting. If, funding still posed a problem, the AAMC could match the funding.

ACTION: Jack will touch base with SACME President Melinda Steele; a joint statement regarding this issue between Jack and Melinda will be made public after their meeting.

4. REGIONAL REPORTS

WGEA and NEGEA: see above.

5. OTHERS

Dave briefed the group about the Harrison (SACME-AAMC) survey: 80 institutions had started and completed the survey. Participants were informed of the ongoing preparations for the second phase of the AAMC/SACME survey aiming CME divisions in teaching hospitals. A request was sent out asking them to provide a designee to complete the survey when it is launched. Since the response rate was low, Dave and Oswald will subsequently send out a second reminder. A full report of the SACME-AAMC survey is expected to be available at the Spring SACME meeting.

New members (Bob and Ken) were briefly updated about the history of the SACME survey, how it became a product of SACME/AAMC, and the importance of the survey to help improve CME programs. The report will include an overall summary of findings and separate, chosen areas for highlighting and dissemination.

NEXT MEETINGS

There will be another summer meeting of the Joint Working Group, which includes the CME section leadership at the AAMC.

NOTE: NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2-3pm. Call-in numbers are always the same.