

CONSORTIUM OF MEDICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

MINUTES
June 21, 1987
Chicago, IL

In Attendance:

NCSM-AAFP:	Daniel Austin	AAMC-OSR:	Vicki Darrow
AMA-MSS:	Gary Thal		Kim Dunn
	Elaine Hylek		Wendy Pechacek
	Howard Pomeranz	ANAMS:	Jeffrey Henderson
	Roberta Miller	BHO:	Roberto Diaz Rohena
AMSA:	Preston Reynolds	SNMA:	
AMWA:	Mary Mancewicz	SOMA:	

Guests:

TAMAMS: Ronald E. de la Peña
RPS: Rick Peters
SMA-MSS: Henrik Andersson

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., June 21, 1987, with Vicki Darrow of OSR serving as Chair.

II. Review/Revision of Agenda

The group expressed appreciation for AAFP's, "Strolling Through the Match".

Preston Reynolds asked that HR 1327, the National Health Service Corps reauthorization, be added as a discussion item.

Mary Mancewicz agreed that AMWA will chair the next meeting of the Consortium to be held during AAFP's meeting on August 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City.

III. Consideration of Minutes from March 22, 1987 meeting.

Gary Thal, AMA-MSS, asked that the record show that there was one dissenting vote for the motion to have "no correspondence with consortium name be sent out without prior approval of consortium members."

The minutes were approved as amended.

IV. Guest

Gary Thal introduced Henrik Andersson, Vice Chairperson of the Swedish Medical Association Medical Student Section. Henrik asked that the Consortium become involved in an exchange program with the International

Federation of Student Medical Associations. Preston Reynolds reviewed AMSA's prior involvement with such exchanges and explained that American Medical Students are still very committed to this endeavor. The problematic issue is now liability.

Vicki Darrow asked that Henrik send a written proposal to Consortium members prior to their next meeting so that they can discuss it further.

V. Reports of Member Organizations

- A) AMSA has 100 students involved in their Health Promotion Disease Prevention Project. They are also working on a Minority Student Recruitment Project. Recently, they held an International Health Fellowship Planning Meeting. This program will send 28 students over the next three years primarily to African countries. The focus will be on research and primary care. Applications will be sent to all students this summer. AMSA is also sponsoring a study tour through the reservations this summer.
- B) AMWA recently held their interim meeting on "Women's Health in the Workplace". They are developing an anti-smoking program which focuses on outreach to elementary schools. Their annual meeting October 26-30 in Orlando is developed around the theme of "Women Physicians and the Power of Preventive Medicine". It will include sessions on wellness, stress, osteoporosis, and the politics of organized medicine.
- C) BHO has over 800 student members in 15 chapters. Most are located in New York. At their conference in May they discussed the threat of AIDS in minority communities, the effects of pesticides on workers, and mental health in Hispanic communities.
- D) TAMAMS is the Texas Association of Mexican American Medical Students. They are currently seeking membership in the Consortium. They have held a series of student conferences to prepare high school and college students to apply for health professions programs. They also had a session at a recent meeting on cultural Hispanic Medicine and the power of faith in the ability to cure.
- E) Swedish Medical Association - Medical Student Section deals with many issues similar to those of the Consortium, including improving teaching in medical education and the possibility of mandatory HIV III testing of medical students.
- F) AMA-RPS is the Resident Physician Section. At this Annual Meeting their focus has been on residency work hours and the issues surrounding HIV testing. They have passed a resolution asking the AMA to develop guidelines for reasonable work/hours and conditions for housestaff.
- G) NCSM-AAFP reported having 10,000 student members and an ideal model for student and resident involvement in a parent organization. Their

upcoming conference is entitled, "Learners Today - Leaders Tomorrow". They ask that the Consortium review the alcohol tax bill and support it, if in favor. NCSM-AAFP will host the next Consortium meeting.

- H) AMA-MSS had a focus on "Teenage Sexuality and Substance Abuse" at their interim meeting this weekend. The program included a panel of high school students. Current projects are: a) fighting current taxation of grants and scholarships, b) reviewing the efficacy of school-based health clinics, c) aiming to reduce transmission of the AIDS virus by IV drug users, d) a symposium of excellence in medical student scientific research. They are also having a Student Housing Exchange Program for 4th year students.

A recommendation is now going to the AMA House of Delegates to have a delegate and alternate from each of the 8 member groups of the Consortium in the AMA-MSS.

- I) ANAMS will have their annual meeting in Spokane with their parent organization, the Association of American Indian Physicians. The issues will include Domestic Violence and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. ANAMS has 170 members, and they welcome students from other health professions. They are developing clerkship opportunities on reservations and continue to focus on recruitment and retention of Native American medical students and physicians.
- J) OSR has joined the AAMC in reaffirming its commitment to minority representation in medical schools. The AAMC has formed a task force on physician supply and there is student representation on the committees. The Problem Based Learning Committee had a successful meeting last month and is planning a workshop for implementing the recommendations of the GPEP report. The AAMC and OSR are working on how to include housestaff representation in the AAMC. The OSR is in the process of becoming "computerized" through use of the CONFER System and electronic mail. Demonstrations will be provided at the Annual Meeting.

Preston Reynolds mentioned the changes in the NRMP schedule and new computer rank order lists. Vicki Darrow explained the rationale behind these changes and the November 1 release date for dean's letters. The NRMP staff will attend any student meetings where they might answer questions or give demonstrations.

VI. Discussion with Texas Association of Mexican-American Medical Students about joining the Consortium

Ronald E. de la Peña presented reasons for TAMAMS wanting to join this group. They established the association in 1979 and currently have 200 members. There was some discussion about the appropriateness of a state association joining a group of national organizations. There was a motion to accept TAMAMS as a member of the Consortium. It passed unanimously with the understanding that this is an exception to the policy of including only national groups.

VII. Discussion of Discrimination in the Residency Application Process

Vicki Darrow and Wendy Pechacek presented the AAMC's proposal to add a set of questions to the Graduation Questionnaire about this issue. Gary Thal asked if the group wanted to do anything in addition to AAMC's effort. The group agreed that Maria Gordian should continue to monitor activity on this issue with the NRMP.

The Consortium asked that appreciation be expressed to Dr. Petersdorf of the AAMC for taking an active approach to deal with this problem.

The AAMC will forward a sample set of GQ questions to the Consortium for their feedback. The OSR will also explain these new questions in their publication to let students know what is being done.

AMSA will also be sending out a general manual of student rights.

AMWA had passed a resolution strongly supporting the complaint form concept.

VIII. Discussion of Consortium Policy on Use of the Consortium Name in Correspondence

Vicki Darrow presented the following proposals for discussion:

- a) Individual writes letter, sends to consortium members, and allows two weeks for members to respond, then sends out letter.
- b) Individual writes letter and copies to consortium for their information without waiting for a response.
- c) Write a letter and send it.

Members noted that any of a-c only refer to issues which have been voted on and are reflected in the minutes.

After much discussion a motion was passed that between meetings prior to the approval of minutes, a letter must be copied to all consortium members with two weeks allowed for response time. Once minutes are approved, a letter should be copied to all consortium members, but no response time is necessary. This motion was passed.

IX. New Business

- A) AMWA extended an invitation to meet at one of their annual meetings. Members discussed this possibility and decided that they would plan to meet with AMWA in Boston in October, 1988.
- B) Rick Peters suggested that the Consortium come up with a joint student nominee to the COGME Committee. Members discussed this possibility and decided that it was too late. A motion was made that Vicki Darrow write a letter requesting that the Consortium be given the opportunity to nominate one student from the group in the next round. The motion passed.

C) HR 1327 - National Health Service Corps

Preston Reynolds distributed AMSA's Statement of Support for HR 1327 and encouraged people to contact their representatives in the Senate.

Jeff Henderson spoke of the importance of the bill and the ambivalence about the Corps in the Indian community. It is seen as an ill provision of continuity of care and hopes that other recruitment programs will be more successful for long term support.

X. Old Business

Gary Thal asked Preston Reynolds why AMSA had not written a letter to Dr. Windom as a follow-up to their earlier letter regarding the COGME resident representatives. The Consortium discussed the situation. A motion was made to drop this issue. It passed with one dissenting vote.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.