MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 26, 2024
Itasca, IL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Benjamin D. Hoffman, MD, FAAP, President
Susan J. Kressly, MD, FAAP, President-Elect
Sandy L. Chung, MD, FAAP, Immediate Past President
Margaret C. Fisher, MD, FAAP, District III Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer
Mark Del Monte, JD, CEO/Executive Vice President
Patricia Flanagan, MD, FAAP, District I Chairperson
Jeffrey Kaczorowski, MD, FAAP, District II Chairperson
Patricia Purcell, MD, MBA, FAAP, District IV Chairperson
Jeannette “Lia” Gaggino, MD, FAAP, District V Chairperson
Dennis M. Cooley, MD, FAAP, District VI Chairperson
Susan Buttross, MD, FAAP, District VII Chairperson
Greg Blaschke, MD, MPH, FAAP, District VIII Chairperson
Yasuko Fukuda, MD, FAAP, District IX Chairperson
Madeline M. Joseph, MD, FAAP, District X Chairperson
Angela M. Ellison, MD, MSc, FAAP, At Large Member
Kristina W. Rosbe, MD, FAAP, At Large Member
Joelle N. Simpson, MD, FAAP, At Large Member

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<td>Call to Order and Introduction of Guests</td>
<td>AAP President Benjamin D. Hoffman, MD, FAAP, called the meeting to order at 8:00 am CT.</td>
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<td>Statement of Voluntary Disclosure and Member Anti-Harassment Policy</td>
<td>The Board of Directors reviewed the Academy’s policy on Conflict of Interest and Voluntary Disclosure. Board members were given an opportunity to disclose any direct or indirect financial interests, or any personal, family, or other relationships that conflict (or could have the appearance of conflicting) with their duties, responsibilities, or exercise of impartial and objective judgment with respect to the meeting’s agenda. The anti-harassment policy in the agenda book was referenced.</td>
<td>Conflicts were appropriately disclosed.</td>
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<td>Approval of Minutes from the November 2023 Board Meeting</td>
<td>Minutes from the November 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as written.</td>
<td>MOTION: Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.</td>
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**AAP Advocacy Update**  
*James Baumberger, Tamar Haro, and Jamie Poslosky provided an AAP advocacy update.*

**CEO/Executive Vice President Report**  
*Mark Del Monte, JD, provided the CEO/Executive Vice President report. The following highlights were provided:*  
- 7 new members joined the Board of Directors:  
  - Susan Kressly, MD, FAAP, President-Elect  
  - Jeffrey Kaczorowski, MD, FAAP, District II  
  - Patricia Purcell, MD, MBA, FAAP, District IV  
  - Susan Buttross, MD, FAAP, District VII  
  - Greg Blaschke, MD, MPH, FAAP, District VIII  
  - Angela Ellison, MD, MSc, FAAP, At Large  
  - Kristina Rosbe, MD, FAAP, At Large  
- A summary of the AAP evidenced-based policy approach. In 2023, 46 statements were released by the AAP.  
- The 2024 AAP Strategic Initiatives are:  
  - Healthy Mental and Emotional Development  
  - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion  
  - Safety and Wellbeing within the Pediatric Profession  
  - Environmental Health and Disaster Readiness  
- The AAP is supporting healthy mental development with a number of initiatives, including a $2 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to launch Year 2 of a technical assistance grant to support pediatric primary care providers in addressing mental health and building connections with state/regional Pediatric Mental Health Care Access teleconsultation programs.  
- The AAP is leading several complementary programs to integrate the Blueprint for Youth Suicide Prevention into clinics and communities.  
- The AAP secured $3.2 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to build a foundation for a National Center for Relational Health and Trauma-Informed Care, which aims to build capacity of pediatricians to provide trauma informed care.  
- In August 2023, the AAP was awarded a 5 year, $7.5 million grant from HRSA to implement a new initiative aimed at increasing the capacity of states, territories, and tribal organizations to integrate systems of care, including health, school, community systems, to promote adolescent and young adult health and well-being.  
- Last November, the AAP was awarded $1.7 million from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to establish a Pediatric Health Equity Scholars Network that will encourage the development of equity-focused research aimed at addressing health disparities in children and adolescents. The Network will create an ecosystem in which the scholars can thrive and be supported to, not only strengthen their bibliometric footprint, but build the necessary evidence-base to establish a race-conscious approach to the development of equitable child health policy and practice.  
- The Physicians Foundation has awarded the AAP a third and final grant to fund Women’s Wellbeing through Equity and Leadership program (WEL) programming.
- The Task Force on Safety and Well-being Within the Profession of Pediatrics will be launching efforts soon.
- A new project advisory committee of 12 members was established to develop the new AAP program called the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How in Clinical Event Debriefing (WHICED) focused on education, mentorship, and data collection for clinical event debriefing.
- A three-day, in-person global health education event took place at AAP Headquarters on November 17-19, 2023. 32 learners attended Global Health Education Course a Point of Care Ultrasonography workshop and the Global Health Education on Equity, Antiracism and Decolonization interactive workshop.
- The AAP member and customer care team services 19,363 calls and answered 11,661 emails from the period of July – December 2023.
- The year to date financials as of 12/31/2023 were shared.

### Child Demographic Data Presentation

(Lynn Olson, PhD, and Janna Patterson, MD)

Lynn Olson, PhD, and Janna Patterson, MD, provided child demographic data presentations.

### Report out from the Finance and Development Committee

(Pat Flanagan, MD)

The Finance and Development Committee shared that investment advisors from Bank of America Merrill presented first year results and provided a presentation explaining the new ESG measures and portfolio performance. Examples of how the current investment portfolio is meeting and exceeding goals set forth for the conversion of the investment portfolio to ESG metrics were given.

The AAP reserve balances were shared:
- $74.5 Million Board-Designated Reserve Fund
- $10.7 Million Strategic Endowment
- $3.9 Million Tomorrow’s Children Endowment
- $4.2 Million Endowment Funds

The Committee reviewed financial results for first half of year (through December 31). The budget is currently on target for the fiscal year. The tax return (990) will be released to the Board within two weeks.

### Report out from the Equity Committee

(Madeline Joseph, MD)

The Equity Committee welcomed 2 new District Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Champions:
- Ruchi Kaushik, MD (District VII)
- Jeanne Delgado, MD (District IX)

An update was shared on the Race-Conscious Approach to Clinical Guidance in Pediatric Care:
- The six Rapid Revision Team (RRT) members from this initiative are reviewing AAP clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) and clinical reports (CRs) to identify problematic uses of race.
- The next in-person meeting with the RRT will be held February 5-6, 2024.
The RRT will share their findings from this review and develop criteria and rationale for selecting the policies to revise; specifically selecting three policies for focused rapid revision.

The AAP received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of more than $1.7 million to support research in addressing health care disparities for children and adolescents. The Committee recently reviewed charter and scope for the group. The Committee also discussed next steps with the equity workplan.

| Report out from the Governance Committee  
(Benjamin Hoffman, MD) | The Governance Committee reviewed committee and council chairperson appointments and reappointments.  

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Directors appointment of the following new committee chairpersons:

- Geoffrey Rosenthal, MD, Committee on Federal Government Affairs (COFGA)
- Steven Bondi, MD, Committee on Medical Liability and Risk Management (COMLRM)
- Jason Deen, MD, Committee on Native American Child Health (CONACH)
- Anne Neilan, MD, Committee on Pediatric and Adolescent HIV (COPAH)
- Robin Warner, MD, Committee on Practice and Ambulatory Medicine (COPAM)
- Toni Gross, MD, Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine (COPEM)
- Jesse Hackell, MD, Committee on Pediatric Workforce (COPW)
- Lisa Costello, MD, Committee on State Government Affairs (COSGA)

**MOTION:** Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Directors approve the reappointment of the following committee and council chairpersons:

- Naomi Laventhal, MD, Committee on Bioethics (COB)
- James Perrin, MD, Committee on Child Health Financing (COCHF)
- Eileen Brewer, MD, Committee on Coding and Nomenclature (COCN)
- Rani Gereige, MD, Committee on Continuing Medical Education (COCME)
- John Routt Reigart, MD, Committee on Drugs (COD)
- Eric Eichenwald, MD, Committee on Fetus and Newborn (COFN)
- Vanessa Hill, MD, Committee on Hospital Care (COHC)
- Sean O’Leary, MD, Committee on Infectious Diseases (COID)
- Mark Corkins, MD, Committee on Nutrition (CON)
- Michael Cabana, MD, Committee on Pediatric Research (COPR)
- Sally Goza, MD, Committee on Philanthropy (COP)
- Arwa Nasir, MD, Committee on Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health (COPACFH)
- Deepa Camenga, MD, Committee on Substance Use and Prevention (COSUP)

**MOTION:** Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation.
| Report out from the Member Value and Engagement Committee (Yasuko Fukuda, MD) | The Member Value and Engagement Committee reviewed 2 action items. **RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Directors approve adjustments in member dues for FY 24-25. **RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Directors approve the AAP adjusting the existing partial dues waiver for PR from 83% to 80% for FY 24-25. **MOTION:** Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation. **MOTION:** Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation. |
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| Report out from the Policy Committee (Lia Gaggino, MD) | The Policy Committee completed the following tasks:  
- Annual review of the Policy Committee charter.  
- Name change request and a proposed peer review list for a clinical practice guideline (CPG) in development.  
- Reviewed 4 intents for final approval.  
- Reviewed 2 intent for retirement.  
- Discussed process improvement opportunities for the year ahead.  
In 2023, the Committee approved 36 new or revised policy intents, 17 reaffirmations, and retired 3 statements.  
In 2023, the AAP released 18 policy statements, 14 clinical reports, 1 clinical practice guideline, and 13 technical reports. | |
| Report out from the Strategic Planning Committee (Joelle Simpson, MD) | The Strategic Planning Committee discussed plans for reviewing the AAP strategic plan and implementing the 2024 AAP Strategic Initiatives:  
- Healthy Mental & Emotional Development  
- Environmental Health and Disaster Readiness  
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion  
- Safety & Wellbeing within the Pediatric Profession | Signature: Sean Diederich, Manager, Executive Initiatives |
| The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM CT. | |