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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**January 27, 2023**  
**Itasca, IL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Sandy L. Chung, MD, FAAP, President
- Benjamin D. Hoffman, MD, FAAP, President-elect
- Moira A. Szilagyi, MD, FAAP, Immediate Past President
- Dennis M. Cooley MD, FAAP, District VI Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer
- Mark Del Monte, JD, CEO/Executive Vice President
- Patricia Flanagan, MD, FAAP, District I Chairperson
- Warren M. Seigel, MD, FAAP, District II Chairperson
- Meg C. Fisher, MD, FAAP, District III Chairperson
- Michelle D. Fiscus, MD, FAAP, District IV Chairperson (*virtual*)
- Jeannette “Lia” Gaggino, MD, FAAP, District V Chairperson
- Dennis M. Cooley, MD, FAAP, District VI Chairperson
- Martha C. Middlemist, MD, FAAP, District VIII Chairperson
- Yasuko Fukuda, MD, FAAP, District IX Chairperson
- Madeline M. Joseph, MD, FAAP, District X Chairperson
- Constance S. Houck, MD, FAAP, At Large Member
- Charles G. Macias, MD, FAAP, At Large Member
- Joelle N. Simpson, MD, FAAP, At Large Member

AGENDA ITEMS	ISSUES DISCUSSED	ACTION BY WHOM/BY WHEN
<i>Friday, January 27, 2023</i>		
<b>Call to Order and Introduction of Guests</b>	AAP President Sandy L. Chung, MD, FAAP, called the meeting to order at 8:00 am CT.	
<b>Statement of Voluntary Disclosure and Member Anti-Harassment Policy</b>	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.	Conflicts were appropriately disclosed.
<b>Approval of Minutes from the November 2022 Board Meeting</b>	Minutes from the November 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved as written.	<b>MOTION:</b> Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes.

<b>Health Care Delivery System and Financing Issues</b> <i>(Asaf Bitton, MD)</i>	Asaf Bitton, MD, joined the AAP Board of Directors meeting virtually to share information regarding key health policy and delivery trends in 2023.	
<b>Remarks from the President</b> <i>(Sandy Chung, MD)</i>	<p>Dr Chung welcomed everyone to the January 2023 Board of Directors meeting. Dr Chung thanked Moira Szilagyi, MD, FAAP, for all of her hard work during her presidency in 2022. It was noted that the Board of Directors meeting was taking place during the Chinese New Year (the year of the rabbit). Dr Chung reflected on her first 30 days as AAP president, and described her vision, including a focus on reframing, reimaging, and rejuvenating. She also briefly highlighted the AAP 2023 Child Health and Pediatric Practice Priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Mental &amp; Emotional Development</li> <li>• COVID Recovery &amp; Disaster Readiness</li> <li>• Equity, Diversity &amp; Inclusion</li> <li>• Safety &amp; Wellbeing within the Pediatric Profession</li> </ul>	
<b>AAP CEO/EVP Report</b> <i>(Mark Del Monte, JD)</i>	<p>AAP CEO/Executive Vice President, Mark Del Monte, JD, provided an organizational and operational report to the Board. He started by welcoming the 3 new members of the Board, Benjamin D. Hoffman, MD, FAAP; Patricia Flanagan, MD, FAAP; and Joelle N. Simpson, MD, FAAP. Mr Del Monte also shared that former AAP President and active AAP Senior member Dr Stephen Berman passed away in January 2023. Dr Berman was well known for his contributions to pediatric education and a leader in child advocacy and child health financing. Mr Del Monte reflected on the past few years that included a pandemic, its effects on the economy and mental health, a racial reckoning, political unrest and division, a new war in Europe, supply chain shortages and now a tri-demic of COVID, flu and RSV. He shared that the AAP budget is on track and highlighted recent progress and achievements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 new policy statements and clinical practice guidelines since November 2022.</li> <li>• Congress passing a \$1.7 trillion funding package including many AAP priorities.</li> <li>• Many key bills and investments, including the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program funding doubling and the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.</li> <li>• Yadira Caraveo, MD, joined Representative Kim Schrier, MD, to become second pediatrician in US House of Representatives.</li> <li>• AAP media hits from November 2022 – January 2023, showing the AAP continues to be a leading voice for children.</li> <li>• 1.5 million downloads of the <i>Pediatrics On Call</i> podcast.</li> <li>• 18 million users visited 25+ million pages on HealthyChildren.org in the fourth quarter of 2022.</li> <li>• A new HRSA-funded grant: <i>Providing Technical Assistance to Primary Care Providers to Support Mental Health Needs and Promote Use of Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Programs</i>.</li> <li>• The Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) program is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member giving at the National Conference was at an all-time high.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Del Monte also thanked Dr Szilagyi for her incredible year as AAP president in 2022.</p>	
<p><b>75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pediatrics</b> (Mark Grimes)</p>	<p>Mark Grimes, Vice President, Publishing, joined the meeting to discuss plans for commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of <i>Pediatrics</i>, the official journal of the AAP. A website has been created (<a href="https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/pages/pediatrics75">https://publications.aap.org/pediatrics/pages/pediatrics75</a>) that will offer new content each month reflecting on and celebrating the history of the journal. Some of the features will include infographics, vintage ads, and reflections &amp; stories from the editors and AAP members. Special articles are being prepared on a variety of topics, including the use of race in research articles over time; changes in the journal's format; research that has stood the test of time; and contributions from AAP committees/sections/councils on articles that greatly impacted their subspecialties. Other activities held during the year will include a special issue of the journal in October, a contest for AAP members, and celebration stations at AAP meetings. Mr Grimes encouraged the Board and guests to participate in as many celebration activities as possible.</p>	
<p><b>Child Demographic Data Presentation</b> (Lynn Olson, PhD, and Janna Patterson, MD)</p>	<p>AAP Senior Vice President, Global Child Health and Life Support, Janna Patterson, MD, FAAP, provided an overview of new global child health data. High level points are summarized below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since tracking on global goals began in 1990, enormous progress has been made on under-5 mortality.</li> <li>In 2021, 5 million children died before their fifth birthday, which is 200,000 fewer than in 2019; however, most deaths were from preventable causes; this is a global under-five mortality rate of 38 per 1000, which shows that much progress is still needed to meet the Sustainable Development Goal of 25 per 1000 in less than 10 years.</li> <li>The rate of decline in child mortality is much faster than it is on newborn mortality. Progress and great work on neonatal health caused mortality to fall 12% in recent years, but the neonatal period remains the most vulnerable period of a child's life, with nearly 47% of child deaths occurring in first 28 days. The emphasis of AAP Global work on the newborn is consistent with this disproportionate mortality.</li> <li>Preventable infectious diseases like respiratory infections, diarrhea, and malaria remained the leading cause of mortality for children over 1 month.</li> <li>Immunization coverage rates have faced challenges in recent years, with 25% of children missing out on vaccines in 2021, which is the highest number since 2009; the number of completely unvaccinated children (zero-dose children) rose by 5 million since 2019; resurgences of polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases have increased across the globe.</li> <li>Injuries and other NCDs became a leading cause of mortality for older children, youth, and young adults; increasing levels of anxiety and depression also challenging youth.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Much of the challenges to SDG progress were due to disruptions caused by COVID-19, which is threatening decades of progress in global children's survival and wellbeing; while data suggests that child mortality directly from the virus show no systematic effect on child mortality, challenges to health care access and disruptions to routine service provision did affect other outcomes; 92% of countries experienced disruption to essential health services throughout the pandemic.</li> <li>• WHO aims to have 1 billion more people benefit from UHC by 2025, and access to quality care is a priority for all ongoing programs, but currently, 30% of the world can't access essential health services.</li> <li>• An additional 18 million health workers are needed, primarily in low- and lower-middle income countries, to achieve universal health coverage by 2030.</li> <li>• 356 million children live in extreme poverty, living on less than \$1.90 a day.</li> <li>• In 2021, a child born in a low-income country was 14 times more likely to die before age 5 than a child born in a high-income country and 80% of deaths occurred in two regions.</li> <li>• 1 in 5 young people surveyed in 2021 often feel depressed or have little interest in doing things.</li> <li>• Worldwide, 36.5 million children have been displaced due to conflict and violence; children make up 40% of global refugees but less than a third of the global population.</li> <li>• With progress as it is, 54 countries are not on track to meet under-five mortality targets and 63 countries are not on track to meet neonatal mortality targets; increased investment, focus on local priorities, and dedication to challenges are required to ensure children survive and thrive.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Report out from the Finance and Development Committee</b> (Shelley Fiscus, MD)</p>	<p>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 Environmental, Social and Governance (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 budget is currently on target for the fiscal year.</p>	
<p><b>Report out from the Equity Committee</b> (Madeline Joseph, MD)</p>	<p>The AAP Equity Committee provided an update on progress that has been made since the November 2022 Board of Directors meeting. This included developing actions steps for the AAP Equity Agenda Workplan 2.0. There will be a focus on accountability and measurement. There will also be a close connection between the work of the Equity Committee and the new AAP 2023 Child Health and Pediatric Practice Priorities, Safety &amp; Wellbeing within the Pediatric Profession. A special acknowledgement was made to former AAP Equity Committee members Wendy Davis, MD, FAAP, and Joseph Wright, MD, FAAP, for their significant contributions to the work of the Committee.</p>	
<p><b>Report out from the Governance Committee</b> (Sandy Chung, MD)</p>	<p>The Governance Committee discussed recommendations to the full Board on the following appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 New Committee Chairpersons</li> </ul>	

- 2 New Council Chairpersons
- 21 Committee Chairperson Reappointments
- 1 Council Chairperson Reappointment
- 1 Advisory Committee Chairperson Reappointment

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board approve the following:

Appointment of New Committee Chairpersons

- Vanessa Hill, MD, FAAP for the Committee on Hospital Care (COHC)
- Deepa Camenga, MD, FAAP for the Committee on Substance Use and Prevention (COSUP)

Appointment of New Council Chairpersons:

- Sarita Chung, MD, FAAP for the Council on Children and Disasters (COCD)
- Sural Shah, MD, FAAP for the Council on Immigrant Child and Family Health (COICFH)

Reappointment of Committee Chairpersons for a new one-year term:

- Elizabeth Alderman, MD, Committee on Adolescence (COA)
- 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)
- Sally Goza, MD, Committee on Development (CODE)
- John Routt Reigart, MD, Committee on Drugs (COD)
- Melinda Williams-Willingham MD, Committee on Federal Government Affairs (COFGA)
- Eric Eichenwald, MD, Committee on Fetus and Newborn (COFN)
- Sean O’Leary, MD, Committee on Infectious Diseases (COID)
- James Scibilia, MD, Committee on Medical Liability and Risk Management (COMLRM)
- Allison Empey, MD, Committee on Native American Child Health (CONACH)
- Mark Corkins, MD, Committee on Nutrition (CON)
- Natella Rakhmanina, MD, Committee on Pediatric AIDS (COPA)
- Allen Friedland, MD, Committee on Pediatric Education (COPE)
- Gregory Conners, MD, Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine (COPEM)
- Michael Cabana MD, for Committee on Pediatric Research (COPR)
- Harold Simon, MD, Committee on Pediatric Workforce (COPW)
- Jesse Hackell MD, Committee on Practice and Ambulatory Medicine (COPAM)
- Arwa Nasir, MD, Committee on Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health (COPACFH)

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pam Shaw MD, Committee on State Government Affairs (COSGA)</li> </ul> <p>Reappointment of Council Chairpersons for a new one-year term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Juan Gutierrez, MD, Council on Immigrant Child and Family Health (COICFH)</li> </ul> <p>Reappointment of Advisory Committee Chairperson for a new one year-term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg Barabell, MD, Payer Advocacy Advisory Committee (PAAC)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Report out from the Member Value and Engagement Committee</b> (Connie Houck, MD)</p>	<p>The Member Value and Engagement Committee shared that one of the AAP 2023 Child Health and Pediatric Practice Priorities is Safety &amp; Wellbeing within the Pediatric Profession. This will be a key guiding priority for the Committee. It was noted that dues for voting members is evaluated annually. To support members during the pandemic, the AAP did not raise dues for Fiscal Year 21-22. For Fiscal Year 22-23, a modest increase in dues was recommended.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Approve the increase in member dues for FY 23-24.</p> <p><i>Fiscal Note: member dues revenue will be included in budget proposal for next fiscal year.</i></p> <p>During Fiscal Year 16-17, the AAP implemented dues relief for National Members in Puerto Rico. This initial waiver required an annual evaluation to determine continued need.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> That the AAP extend the existing partial dues waiver for PR for 2 years through FY 24-25.</p> <p><i>Fiscal Note: member dues revenue will be included in budget proposal for next fiscal year.</i></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation.</p>
<p><b>Report out from the Policy Committee</b> (Charles Macias, MD)</p>	<p>The Policy Committee provided an update on current initiatives to align the development of new AAP policies with the strategic priorities of the organization. As of January 27, 2023, the AAP had 28 intents, 138 clinical reports, technical reports and policy statements in the writing process, 12 statements in executive review, and 72 statements that have been in development for over 2 years. The Committee received a request for the Board to endorse and collaborate with the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) who led the development of the <i>Pediatric and Adult Brain Death/Death by Neurologic Criteria Consensus Practice Guideline</i>. This represents a single guideline across all ages linking the intense work of multiple professional societies for a single standard. The AAP committees, councils, and sections were engaged in the development.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> That the Board approve endorsement and co-collaborator status of the AAN-led <i>Pediatric and Adult Brain Death/Death by Neurologic Criteria Consensus Practice Guideline</i>.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve</p>

	Upon publication, the current AAP clinical report on the same topic is retired.	the recommendation.
<b>Report out from the Strategic Planning Committee</b> <i>(Meg Fisher, MD)</i>	<p>The Strategic Planning Committee shared an update on AAP plans to launch a new Pediatric Mental Health Education Center. With the national state of emergency for pediatric mental health, an urgent and ongoing need exists to expand the capacity of pediatricians and care systems to address the mental health needs of our nation's children and teens through the development of a new center. The Center will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform a needs assessment to identify gaps,</li> <li>• Develop a multi-modal learning portfolio, and</li> <li>• Create and offer educational curricula and resources on a wide range of topics, including a focus on promotion and assessment of relational health and resilience skills from infancy to adolescence.</li> </ul> <p>Courses will be offered through real-time instruction, asynchronous learning, simulation and learning collaboratives.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Approve the creation of the Pediatric Mental Health Education Center.</p> <p><i>Fiscal Note: Fundraising underway, \$200,967 (FY 22-23)</i></p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Approve the 2023 Child Health and Pediatric Practice Priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Mental &amp; Emotional Development</li> <li>• COVID Recovery &amp; Disaster Readiness</li> <li>• Equity, Diversity &amp; Inclusion</li> <li>• Safety &amp; Wellbeing within the Pediatric Profession</li> </ul>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation.</p>
<b>New Business</b> <i>(Mark Del Monte, JD)</i>	<p>The current rotation of the terms of the AAP Board of Directors results in uneven expiration of terms across the 13 members of the board. The grouping of terms now results in board members leaving the board in a 4-year cycle of this pattern: 0 members, 2 members, 6 members, 5 members.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> That a Task Force be convened to evaluate the rotation schedule and make a recommendation for consideration at the May 2023 Board of Directors Meeting.</p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation.</p>
The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM CT.		Signature: Sean Diederich, Manager, Executive Initiatives