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Rhode Island Society of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons

**Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
Friday, August 5th 2:30pm EST**

In Attendance:

Dr. James Griffin, President
Dr. Gregory Allen, Vice-President and Treasurer
Dr. Karl Felber, Secretary
Dr. George Pasquarello, Immediate Past President

Members in Attendance:

Dr. Halina Harding
Dr. Dave Liebowitz
Dr. Robert Leonard
Dr. William Slade
Dr. John Osborne
Dr. Aaron Way
Dr. John Corsi

Guests in Attendance:

Dr. Boyd Buser, AOA President
Dr. Ernest Gelb, AOA Trustee
Dr. Jane Carreiro, Incoming Dean of UNECOM
Dr. Guy DeFeo, Associate Dean for Clinical Education at UNECOM

Staff in Attendance:

Samyuktha Gumidyal
Andrew Peck

The membership meeting was called to order at 2:38pmEST. A quorum was established and no conflicts of interest were disclosed. The 2016-2017 proposed slate of RISOPS officers was announced. No nominations were given from the floor. A motion was made and seconded that slate of proposed candidates be approved. The motion passed and the slate was approved. An announcement will be sent to the members regarding the new board of trustees.

Dr. Buser provided an update on the SaveOMT campaign and the CMS issue in Baltimore. The AOA is fully involved in combating the LCD OMT and is asking everyone's participation and cooperation in this.

Dr. Carreiro from UNECOM introduced herself to the group and gave some announcements on UNECOM events.

Dr. Griffin gave the President's Report. Out of total ROME registrations, we have 20 registered from Rhode Island. RISOPS held a dinner meeting with Legally Mine and hopes to hold more in the next year. There is a need for someone to serve as an educational coordinator who has contacts with pharmaceutical representatives that would be interested in being speakers at these dinners.

Interviews for students applying for UNECOM will be held on September 17th. Being able to track those who were accepted was discussed.

Ideas about upgrading the RISOPS website were discussed. Andrew introduced himself and talked about ways to get RISOPS more involved through social media. If anyone has a story they would like to feature, Andrew would be able to get that published across all channels. This will help RISOPS reach more people.

The financial and membership reports were discussed. The total assets are little lower than last years. Membership numbers have increased since last year with a big concentration in residents.

RISOPS has been very involved in legislation this past year and signed onto different bills with the AOA.

The members talked about the discrimination issue DO's are facing at Lifespan Hospital. Josh Prober from the AOA has sent a letter to the hospital and further steps to address this are being determined.

Dr. Pasquarello provided an update on the New England Consortium with Maine and how they can receive services from them.

Dr. Griffin was recognized for his years of service and dedication to RISOPS as president. Dr. Allen presented him with a plaque.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19pmEST.