

**Physician Assistant Professional Advisory Group  
U.S. Public Health Service  
April 25, 2013 Minutes**

**Chair Report/ LCDR Scott Klimp**

**PAPAG Chair report:**

Reminded everyone of upcoming COA conference. For PA breakout sessions/ category day to reach out to new members.

**Subcommittee Reports**

**Awards Subcommittee- CAPT George Carter/CDR Janet Valdez**

We proposed to change the deadline for submission date for PA of the Year Award to end of March beginning next year to allow ample time for people to prepare their nomination package. We will work with Communication Committee to post new changes at least six months in advance.

**Communications Subcommittee- CDR Stephen Keller/LCDR Jim Reid**

The HS-PAC Communications Subcommittee has created a separate email account to submit website requests to. I am hoping this will improve the timeliness of things being published to the website and the submissions won't get lost in the officer's personal e-mail account.

**Membership Subcommittee-LT Tracy Sanchez**

No new information.

**Policy and Procedure Subcommittee- CDR Paul Hager/CDR Joe Morris**

No new information.

**Professional Development Subcommittee- CDR Anthony Bryant**

No new information.

**Readiness Subcommittee- CDR Josef Rivero/LCDR Dan Goldstein**

On March 31, 2013, the quarterly Basic Ready check was done for all PHS officers. Unfortunately, we have been unable to obtain the master list of HSOs to determine how we did as PAs for the readiness check. We have contacted CDR Castillo, the new Chair of the readiness subcommittee for the HS-PAC, and he did not receive the master list of HSOs as well. In addition, LCDR Derrick Wyatt is no longer stationed with DCCPR, and he was the person who helped us obtain the master list previously. It is unclear who at DCCPR we could contact regarding this list. By next month's meeting, we are hoping to be able to report data for readiness for PAs. We will contact the person who can provide us with the information we need.

**Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee-CDR Matthew Zagula/ LT James McLellan**

No new information.

**Welcoming Subcommittee-LCDR Candace Been/LCDR Paul Licata**

No updates.

**Ad Hoc COF Subcommittee/ CDR Pelkey**

No new information.

**Ad Hoc AMSUS Subcommittee/ CAPT Cole**

AMSUS is still planned for Nov 3-Nov 8, 2013, in Seattle, WA. One more week to submit Abstract for plenary session.

**Liaison Reports****JOAG/ LCDR Pieter Vanhorn**

No updates.

**BOP/ CDR Anthony Bryant**

LCDR Goldstein reported that an email was sent from Eric Holder, the Attorney General of the United States, that all employees in the Department of Justice will NOT be furloughed for the remainder of this fiscal year which ends on September 30, 2013. This means all civil service employees in the BOP will NOT be furloughed. It is unclear at this time what happens starting October 1, 2013, which is the beginning of fiscal year 2014.

**IHSC- LCDR Bishop**

No new information.

**IHS- CAPT Gary Cole**

We are currently having our National Combined Council Meeting for 2013. This being done on a virtual platform with Adobe Connect. This is the first Council conference that we have had virtually and is so far deemed successful according to the IHS Director, Dr Yvette Roubideaux, MD. The Sequestration and Travel Ceiling's have pared travel back as it has for other Federal Agencies. We will work on refining a concept that appears to be here to stay.

MLP's have been recognized as an essential component of IHS implementation of the Affordable Care Act and this was recognized in today's meeting with the Director. We are assisting our ANP colleagues with obtaining Title 38 Market Pay in the Indian Health Service.

Phoenix Area COA is sponsoring the upcoming COF Symposium. We received a letter this week from our National Personnel Director that directs us to route our Travel Authorization through their designated liaisons. This action is unprecedented and the end-result is CO's will need to self-fund and take leave to attend the Conference. Officers that are O-5 and below have a higher priority for attendance. No word on the politics behind this action but there is speculation that COF is less of a Scientific Conference than a gathering of Officers to network. The decision has been made at HQ with late delivery and firmness. RADM Elizondo and RADM Milner (RETD) are scheduled to be in attendance at COF. I am hosting a Barbecue for the PA's at my home on Wednesday 5/22/13. Please RSVP me at [gary.cole@ihs.gov](mailto:gary.cole@ihs.gov) if you would like to attend and be sure to bring your appetite.

We have purchased a recruiting booth for AAPA in Washington for the conference. LCDR Tim McCreary staffing it and I am looking for one additional IHS Physician Assistant to staff it.

**FDA/ LCDR Stephen Smith**

A recent search on US Jobs noted that there are several overseas positions available in Beijing, Guangzhou, and Shanghai China. We also have positions available in Mexico City, Mexico along with three other sites in Hyderabad, New Delhi and Mumbai India if you are interested in a change of scenery and language. Consumer Safety Officer (OVERSEAS), GS-696-11/12/13/14.

As always stated, these positions change weekly and you can search on "consumer safety officer FDA" at USAJobs.gov. Happy hunting and if you have any questions on what it is like to work for FDA, email or call me anytime.

**NOAA/ CDR Michelle Pelkey**

No updates.

**PHSAPA/ LCDR Pieter Van Horn**

No updates.

**DOD/ LCDR Billy Collins**

Web communication with liaison and arrange a meeting for all federal service. Will give more information after the national meeting.

**Action Items:**

1. LCDR Klimp proposed for each committee to work off-line to develop a project or action item related to their area and report back with ideas and a general plan. Highly encouraged new members to plug in with each committee to work on those goals to represent PAs as a whole and to improve our category.
2. Communication Committee to develop a system to track active and completed requests that are submitted to HS-PAC for posting on the website.

**Meeting adjourned at 20:48 hours EST.**

**Next teleconference: May 30, 2013 at 20:00 hrs EST.**

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**Minutes prepared by: CDR Janet Valdez, Secretary**

**Reviewed and approved by: LCDR Scott Klimp, Chair**

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Thursday, April 25, 2013  
2000-2100 EST**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>OPDIV</b>
Present	LCDR	Klimp	Scott	DOD
Present	LCDR	Goldstein	Dan	BOP
Present	CDR	Valdez	Janet	NIH
Present	CDR	Keller	Stephen	IHS
Present	CDR	Rivero	Josef	BOP
Present	CAPT	Cole	Gary	IHS
Present	CDR	Hager	Paul	IHS
Present	CDR	Saini	Parmjeet	HRSA
Present	CDR	Morris	Joe	OHA
Present	LCDR	Forster	Jerry	DOJ/BOP
Present	LCDR	Bishop	Deborah	IHSC
Present	LCDR	Olson	Holli	IHS
Present	LCDR	Collins	Billy	DOD
Present	LT	McLellan	James	IHSC
Excused	CAPT	Carter	George	NIH
Excused	LCDR	Burt	Brian	HRSA
Excused	CDR	Bryant	Anthony	BOP
Excused	LCDR	Been	Candace	IHSC
Excused	LT	Sanchez	Tracy	IHS
Excused	LCDR	Smith	Stephen	FDA
Excused	LCDR	Van Horn	Pieter	BOP
Absent	CDR	Pelkey	Michelle	NOAA
Absent	CDR	Meece	Rebecca	HHS
Absent	CDR	Zagula	Matthew	IHS
Absent	LCDR	Reid	Jim	IHS
Absent	LCDR	Licata	Paul	FDA
Absent	LCDR	Thompson	Jansen	DHS
Absent	LCDR	McKinnon	Mark	HHS

Absent	LCDR	Brooks	Chauna	BOP
Absent	LCDR	Didonna	Danielle	FDA