
AHRMM Board Meeting Overview August 2, 2014

- AHRMM Board Chair Christopher O'Connor welcomed board members to the Annual Conference and the Board meeting, stating the importance of this meeting, as the Chair-Elect candidates will be presenting their platforms.
- Three candidates for AHRMM Chair-Elect presented their platforms to the Board followed by a lengthy Question and Answer session. Each candidate was allowed ten minutes to present their platform, followed by Board members addressing questions to each candidate individually. Board Members will have a two-week period to vote for the next Chair-Elect. The Chair-Elect will be determined by a majority vote of the sitting board and will be announced with the 2015 Board of Directors' election results on September 8, 2014.
- Mr. O'Connor provided an update on AHRMM's presentation to the American Hospital Association (AHA) Board of Trustees on the Cost, Quality, and Outcomes Movement which was well received. The purpose of the presentation was to inform the AHA Board of the CQO initiative and how AHRMM's activities support their activities and efforts back at their institutions. The presentation also demonstrated the importance of AHRMM and the CQO initiative to AHA leadership. AHA leadership asked AHRMM to provide more information on CQO in order for them to share it with the AHA membership.
- Karen Conway and Mike Schiller, AHRMM Supply Chain Director, presented an update on the Cost, Quality, and Outcomes (CQO) Movement. Since the last board meeting, activities around CQO have included presentations by board members and other supply chain professionals at industry and affiliated chapters, several CQO articles, case studies, and leading practices. The CQO Strategy Committee worked on the Thought Leader Summit that is being held during the Annual Conference. There continues to be a strong focus on industry engagement with communities and organizations outside of AHRMM. Also the CQO Marketing Committee is collecting CQO-relevant papers and resources, in order to keep track of the ongoing industry-wide conversations on CQO.
- At the last board meeting, there was a suggestion about creating a board emeritus position to fill a role with chapters. The board approved the recommendation that there be an informal board emeritus role or roles, rather than creating a formal position presented by Catherine Carruth.
- Mr. Schiller presented a revised structure to the Issues & Legislative Committee which the board approved. The Issues & Legislative Committee will have 10 members; the recruiting process will remain the same as prior years with the addition of an application; the committee members will have staggered 2 year terms; and the chair will be appointed from among existing committee members.
- Debbie Sprindzunas, AHRMM Executive Director, and Mr. Schiller, provided an update on the Supply Chain Savings study. The study examined what is working and what the impediments are to achieving savings in the healthcare supply chain through a survey of hospital supply chain professionals with the goal of identifying opportunities for improvement. AHA and AHRMM are working with Dr. Lawton Burns at the Wharton School of Business on this study which will be released sometime in late September or early October.
- Ms. Sprindzunas presented a high-level picture of the Executive Director's report.
- Mr. O'Connor urged board members to help increase voter participation by encouraging members to vote during the conference. There are several opportunities during the annual conference to vote including computer voting stations, a candidate brochure included in the attendee tote bag, and "I voted" stickers.
- Mr. O'Connor ended the meeting by thanking board members for their dedication to the association and CQO and shared that the conference is a tremendous opportunity to get the pulse of the organization.