

AHRMM Board Meeting Overview July 22, 2017

- Karen Conway, AHRMM Chair, welcomed the AHRMM board and staff before reviewing the board's responsibilities and expectations throughout the conference.
- Darcy Aafedt, AHRMM Board Member, read the American Hospital Association's (AHA) anti-trust statement.
- Two 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. The Chair-Elect will be determined by a majority vote of the board and will be announced with the 2018 Board of Directors election results on August 22, 2017.
- Mary Beth Lang, Immediate Past Chair, spoke to engaging the next generation and how this impacts succession planning and encourages young professionals and students to seek careers in healthcare supply chain. There will be a Next Gen reception held Monday Night at the AHRMM conference. Twenty five students from the Washington DC area have been invited to attend.
- Dale Woodin, AHA Senior Executive Director, PMG Division, provided an update on the American Hospital Association (AHA) and the Personal Membership Groups. Several of the items AHA is focused on include what's happening around the ACA, the path forward, affordability, regulatory relief, quality and performance improvement, and equity of care. He also shared that AHA is moving towards an aligned strategic planning and budgeting process that will better allow budgeted funds to follow AHA's strategic priorities.
- Ms. Conway, AHRMM Chair, reviewed the work that was accomplished in the strategic planning breakout sessions during the May 2017 board meeting. She then walked through an activity aimed to develop strategic principles to guide future decision making of AHRMM impacting operations in the next 5 to 10 years. The goal is to provide a framework for reviewing and revisiting which strategic programs to invest and to evaluate existing programs as to whether they are meeting intended goals. Ms. Conway discussed the necessity to assure that what was being envisioned for the upcoming 5-10 years is both measurable and trackable. A list of strategic principles was refined from previous brainstorming sessions. Next steps include a small Strategy Planning group to take this information, further discuss and analyze it, and report back to the Board at the next meeting.
- Mike Schiller, AHRMM Senior Director, provided an update on Cost, Quality, and Outcomes (CQO) initiatives, including reminding the Board of the upcoming CQO Summit that is scheduled for Monday at the annual conference and the release of the AHRMM Cost, Quality, and Outcomes (CQO) Report on Population Health Management. Mr. Schiller also provided updates on the Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC).
- Ms. Sprindzunas reviewed the Executive Director's Report and the financial report. She indicated that the open staff positions have been filled and AHRMM will be at full staff again in mid-August. She also updated the Board on the 2018 budget process and shared how these adjustments will give more emphasis to strategic vision around budgeting.
- Ms. Sprindzunas reviewed the schedule for the AHRMM conference and highlighted events that board members were expected to participate in.
- Karen Conway thanked the board for their dedication and hard work and encouraged everyone to engage with membership throughout the conference.