



**Annual Meeting Agenda, Thursday, October 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m.  
Buca di Beppo Restaurant, Claremont, CA  
MINUTES**

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Handouts were posted on meeting “wall”: <https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/info8168>, and were available in hardcopy packets for attendees present in person.

**Attendance (alphabetical):**

In person: Ellen Alkon, Susan Bradshaw, Rebecca Chung, Christen Cuevas, Eloisa Gonzalez, Ronald (Ron) Hattis, Linda Hill, Cora Hoover, Donald Lyman, Lakshmi Makam, Jessica Nunez de Ybarra, Robert (Rob) Oldham, Caroline Peck

Guest: Leah Northrop

Phone participants: Mercy Kagoda, Liana Lianov

**1. Welcome from President: Cora Hoover**

Cora Hoover welcomed all attendees, and informed them that two of the important agenda items would be the election of new officers for 2017, and a report on a very active legislative year.

**2. Approval of Minutes: Last Annual Meeting, 10/27/15**

Ellen Alkon moved approval, and Ron Hattis seconded.

Action: Approved unanimously.

**3. Treasurer’s Report: Year to Date 2016; Calendar Year 2015: Mercy Kagoda and Ron Hattis**

Mercy and Ron jointly presented the balance sheets for full year 2015, and January through September 29, 2016. Income for all of 2015 was \$2,010, but for 2016 so far only \$1,270. Another \$800 is owed to the CMA Specialty Delegation, and tonight’s meeting will have hundreds of dollars in expenses not covered by payments for dinner, so we need to collect dues and donations to avoid depleting the treasury. Fortunately, we have accumulated a cushion from past years, but for sustainability, income should match expenses. Dues alone are not sufficient to cover all our expenses, so it is fortunate that more than half of members contribute more than the minimum dues.

Ron Hattis moved approval of the reports, and Mercy Kagoda seconded.

Action: Approved unanimously.

**4. Election of Officers for 2017, Recommendations of Nominating Committee:**

Timur Durrani (Chair), Linda Hill, Jessica Nunez (Nominees in Bold; Automatically Continuing Board Members Included but Not Highlighted)

President: Linda Hill (automatic progression from current position of President-Elect)

**President-Elect: Rob Oldham** (currently a director)

Immediate Past-President: Cora Hoover (automatic progression of current President)

**Secretary-Treasurer: Ronald Hattis** (currently Secretary; offices to be combined for 2017)

**Director with 3-year term: Susan Bradshaw**

**Director with 2-year term: Liana Lianov** (backfilling Rob Oldham's position with 2 more years to run)

Director with 1-year term remaining: Karen Ramstrom (already a director)

**Ex-officio Resident Member: Christen Cuevas** (Loma Linda 2<sup>nd</sup> year Family and Preventive Medicine). This resident position is not listed in the Bylaws and is non-voting, but has become traditional. Term of office depends on training completion rather than conforming to calendar years. Since Sumedh Mankar, who has held this position most recently, has completed his training and moved to Chicago, this position is immediately available rather than waiting for 2017.

There were no additional nominations from the floor or by petition. Caroline Peck moved approval of the slate, and Eloise Gonzalez seconded.

Action: Oldham, Hattis, Bradshaw, Lianov, and Cuevas were approved without objection.

**5. Remarks of Incoming President for 2017: Linda Hill**

Linda Hill thanked current President, Cora Hoover, and current Secretary, Ron Hattis, for doing a great job with the organization. She said that there has never been a more important time for public health and prevention. The advocacy effort of CAPM are crucial. In addition to threats to reproductive rights and other political challenges, there are ongoing infectious disease challenges at many levels, such as Zika. Preventable chronic diseases, including cancers, continue to be overly prevalent. If recreational marijuana becomes legalized by a pending ballot measure, it will raise additional public health issues.

We also continue to be challenged by a lack of funding for Preventive Medicine training. We are not included among the specialties eligible for state funding for training of primary care residents, and this is a possible angle we might pursue. Linda has assisted American College of Preventive Medicine efforts to enlist support from the federal Health and Human Services Department, and has had phone contact there with Tom Novotny, who formerly was an associate of hers in San Diego.

Linda said she was excited and honored to be part of CAPM and looked forward to being President for 2017.

## **6. Legislative Report for 2016: Don Lyman and Ron Hattis**

Don explained that CAPM does a lot to promote public health in California, much of which is in the policy realm. He reviewed a brief handout summarizing CAPM's legislative positions and results to date (also listed were positions on CMA (California Medical Association) resolutions, discussed below). A long version of the legislative report was also available.

Don explained that in his role as Legislative Chair for CAPM (and living in Sacramento), he makes many visits to the Capitol, usually meeting with legislators' staff, to promote issues that we are concerned about. Our positions on bills usually are the same as those of CMA (which is sort of a parent organization for us although we maintain freedom to take our own positions), and he often accompanies a CMA lobbyist, which gives us more leverage. HOAC (Health Officers Association of California) is also a frequent ally, and sometimes all three organizations testify on the same side at hearings, combining their influence. The long handout lists the position of CAPM on each bill, and adds those of CMA and HOAC, if known.

CMA has become more active in recent years in advocating for public health, spurred in part by its new Council on Science and Public Health, chaired by Don and with our additional members Rob Oldham and Jessica Nunez as members.

CAPM, CMA, and other public health advocates have had a very successful legislative year. One victory was the passage of 6 tobacco control bills in a special session of the Legislature (which was able to appoint cooperative committees), of which the Governor signed 5. Among other things, the smoking age will be raised to 21, and the same restrictions as for tobacco will be applied to electronic cigarettes.

It was also a very good year for gun safety legislation. Thirteen bills were introduced, including 4 duplicates (separate introduction of same content in two houses), of which 8 passed. One was withdrawn when what it proposed, a center at UC Davis to study gun violence, was added to the state budget. The Governor signed 6 (including 1 duplicate). These included banning magazines with more than 10 bullets, requiring registration of guns assembled at home from parts, restricting lending of guns, redefining assault weapons, and requiring background checks for purchasing ammunition. In addition, a resolution passed urging Congress to reconsider its ban on CDC research of gun violence (the Governor does not need to sign resolutions).

On the negative side, some bills we backed (e.g., a tax on sugary drinks) were unsuccessful. Don also recommended that we take positions on fewer bills next year, since it was difficult to follow 36 bills without any paid lobbyist staff.

Ron Hattis thanked Susan Bradshaw and Sumedh Mankar for assisting him in writing letters to legislators promoting our positions on the various bills.

In a brief discussion of the initiatives, Don said that if accidents, homicide, and suicide are combined, violent death becomes the third leading cause of death in California. Some of the propositions address risk factors for these, including guns and substance abuse. Ron noted that CAPM is listed in the voter booklet on the initiatives, as a backer of Proposition 60 to require condoms and other safety measures in the adult film industry. Don Lyman, who was the lead author of CMA's white paper on cannabis, is listed as the lead proponent of Proposition 64 to legalize marijuana, with the encouragement of CMA. Dustin Corcoran, the CEO of CMA, is the lead proponent of Proposition 56 to raise the tobacco tax.

Besides supporting the above three initiatives, CAPM is also backing Propositions 55 (extends a current tax for education and Medi-Cal services), 56 (\$2/pack additional tax on tobacco), 63 (firearm safety), and 67 (non-recyclable plastic bag ban, upholding a bill previously passed and signed). We are neutral on Proposition 61 which attempts to control the prices of state-purchased drugs, due to concerns that it might backfire (CMA is actively opposed).

## **7. Report on CMA Resolutions: Don Lyman and Ron Hattis**

Don noted that about half of the resolutions being submitted to CMA deal with public health. Most of these are reviewed and edited by Don's Council on Science and Public Health before moving on to the Board of Trustees.

Ron Hattis prepared a handout listing the content of 12 resolutions on which CAPM took positions, supporting 11 (some with suggested amendments) and opposing 1. Topics included gun violence, obesity, tobacco in prisons, PrEP access, climate change, naloxone availability, avoiding smoking in substance abuse treatment programs, emergency treatment of injured employees, preserving the Joint Medical Program of UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco, and avoiding mistreatment of medical students. Don also listed these on his 1-sided report also including legislation. The Council on Science and Public Health has generally supported our positions, and the Board of Trustees has been supportive of the Council's recommendations. Final action on 6 fourth quarter resolutions has not yet been taken by the Board of Trustees, including 2 reviewed by other councils.

## **8. Upcoming CMA House of Delegates: Including 5-year Public Health Plan, and Policy on Opioids, from Council on Science and Public Health: Don Lyman, Jessica Nunez, Rob Oldham**

The CMA Council on Science and Public Health issued two reports, at the request of the Board of Trustees, which will be among the six main topics to which the upcoming House of Delegates will be devoted. CAPM has submitted amendments to both for considerations, which came from email input from Board members. Both documents and the proposed amendments were distributed as handouts.

The 5-year public health plan focuses on chronic disease and injury prevention. One of our suggested amendments would also include support for maintenance of effort and assurance of adequate infrastructure for other key public health programs. This generated some discussion, including suggestions from Jessica Nunez, Cora Hoover, and others on clinical care including integration of various allied health professions, and infrastructure. Oral health was suggested for mention, but Ron noted that this is a very small component of public health. Don stressed the need for targeting priorities on just a few main areas, while still being open to new challenges. CAPM can still introduce resolutions on other aspects of public health. The question asked by the Board of Trustees is what can and should CMA do about public health. The Director of the state Department of Public Health will be present to provide introductory comments on the plan.

The opioid policy dealt mostly with the CURES registry that tracks opioid prescriptions. It currently does not work well. One of the key recommendations is to move management of the system out of the Department of Justice, so it will not be seen as a punitive or criminal justice tool. Also included is a recommendation that investigations of CURES data for prosecutor purposes should require a search warrant.

California has done a good job in reducing drunk driving deaths and smoking, using an approach that includes both top-down and bottom-up interventions. A similar approach is suggested for opioids. A proposed CAPM amendment emphasizes the need for linkage of CURES with commonly used electronic health record systems. California currently has one of the lowest rates of opioid overdose deaths. Another amendment proposed by Timur Durrani would require that conflicts of interest (pharmaceutical company support) be reported for members of an advisory committee to CURES.

## **9. Ideas for Future CMA Resolutions to be Introduced by CAPM**

The following topics were suggested:

- a. Elimination of Pain as a “Vital Sign.” Timur Durrani and Ron Hattis believe that this has been one of the drivers of increased opioid prescribing.
- b. Prioritization of Linkage of CURES (if our amendment is not adopted) and Immunization Registry to EMRs. Jessica Nunez noted that the various registries that the Department of Public Health operates are isolated like “silos,” with separate designs, and there is dialog within the department about what will be needed to link the data and making it easier to query the databases. So far,

funding for all of these linkages has not been provided. This could provide material for future resolutions.

#### **10. Leadership Forum Report: Ron Hattis (see recent minutes posted on “wall”)**

Minutes of three recent meetings of the California Public Health Medical Leadership Forum were provided. Ron explained that sponsoring this Forum has become a major area of activity for CAPM. He related the history of the former CMA Scientific Advisory Panel for Preventive Medicine and Public Health, of which he was a past Chair before all such panels and their functions were abolished by CMA to save money. The Forum is an attempt to recreate something similar, with representation of prevention specialists from medical schools, schools of public health, CAPM, CMA, HOAC, CDPH, and other agencies.

Activities have included exchange of information on legislation and policy issues, ideas for teaching prevention and public health, and follow-up on CMA resolutions on public health topics (some of which were introduced by CAPM). Ron mentioned two of these resolutions, relating to teaching about the prevention and epidemiology of diseases as they are taught in medical schools, and efforts to introduce medical students to the existence of small specialties such as Preventive Medicine and Occupational Medicine.

#### **11. Final Appeals**

Ron Hattis asked for renewals, and for payment of individual shares of tonight’s dinner, for which there was a \$710 bill, part of which will come out of the Treasury.

Submitted by Ronald P. Hattis, Secretary

These minutes were approved at the Annual Meeting on 12/12/17.