



**Annual Meeting, Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 7:00-8:30 p.m. PST**  
**Virtual, via CAPM's Professional Zoom Account**

**MINUTES** *(draft 7/16/25)*

The meeting was conducted via CAPM's Zoom account:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6562202920?pwd=VWNTMm1hdFpGczFla05lQnpmd0xLdz09>

**“Handouts”** were attached to cover email with meeting announcement. Recording of this meeting to assist with minutes was announced and there was no objection.

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**1. Call to Order of 2024 Annual Meeting: Jillian Martin, President**

Jillian expressed thanks to the members who have supported her leadership this year, mentioning Ron Hattis, Aimee Sisson, and Prasad Acharya in particular. This has been an exciting year so far. We have established a working Legislative Committee that has reviewed bills.

**2. Roll Call and Updates** (Each person introducing self called upon another attendee to follow). Members who have not provided biographical background at last year's meeting were invited to do so.

Jillian introduced herself as a Senior Medical Group Director at Genentech, and the current CAPM President for this year.

Mercy Kagoda works as one of the medical directors for the Inland Empire Health Plan, which covers managed care for Medicare and Medi-Cal, and most recently also for the health care exchange. She is a past-President.

Linda Hill is Associate Dean of the UC San Diego School of Public Health, and the immediate past-director of the UCSD/SDSU Preventive Medicine Residency program. She has done research on the prevention of motor vehicle accidents. In the chat, Linda asked Eric Oyan from ACPM about the problem of very limited federal funding for PM residency training, and Eric replied that this was ACPM's number one priority.

Thea Papasozomenos is the current health officer for Stanislaus County.

Erin Gustafson is Assistant Health Officer in Stanislaus County, working with Thea. She did her pediatric training in Orange County, California, and her Preventive Medicine training in South Carolina. She worked for the New York health department for a year in infectious diseases, and has been Assistant Health Officer in Lake and San Bernardino Counties, and worked with California Children's Services in San Joaquin County. In the chat, Erin raised the concern that bird flu vaccine should be given to dairy and poultry workers and raw milk drinkers. Amy Sisson said she has been asking about this too and not getting good answers.

Babatunde A. Jinadu has a background in pediatrics and public health. He was health officer of Kern County for a number of years. He has moved to Texas, where he is Associate Professor of Pediatrics with Texas Tech University Health Center regional campus in Odessa, and works with

the ECHO Project health authority. Ron praised his loyalty in remaining an active member of CAPM even after moving out of state. Dr. Jinadu said he still considers California as home.

Don Lyman is a retired public health physician. He spent six years with CDC, and about 40 years with two state public health departments, first New York and then California, during which he became the senior civil service physician with each. He has been working as a consultant to the CMA Council on Science and public health (of which he is past-Chair) and is active with his local medical society in Sacramento. He is CAPM's delegate to CMA and works on legislation for CAPM along with Ron.

Aimee Sisson is currently the health officer of Yolo County. She is currently the president of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), and starting in January will become Chair of the CMA Council of Science and Public Health. She is also CAPM's alternate delegate to CMA.

Karen Studer has been with Loma Linda University ever since medical school. She has been the Preventive medicine residency director, and since July has also been Chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine. In addition, she is a member of the American Board of Preventive Medicine.

Eric Oyan is representing the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM). He has been with the College for about two years. Melissa Ferrari, who has been a past liaison to CAPM, is now acting CEO. See further report from ACPM below.

Jessica Nunez de Ybarra is with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Office of Policy and Planning. She is a longtime member and past-President and past Board member of CAPM. She and Ron have been discussing some ideas for the coming year or more, to increase trust in government, medicine, and science. She is serving as the designated institutional official for the Preventive Medicine residency program. She said she is inspired by this group, even including calling in from out of state, and is looking forward to the discussion this evening. She launched her career in Kern County, working for Dr. Jinadu and helping him start the county's first Office of Public Health Preparedness after 9/11. In the chat, Jessica posted information about a youth suicide prevention initiative focused on increased suicides during the holiday season, see [www.neverabother.org](http://www.neverabother.org).

Joannie Shen phoned in without video. She is retired from a career with the U.S. Public Health Service as a senior medical officer extending from NIH in Bethesda, to FDA in Rockville, then CDC in Atlanta. She received her MD from USC Keck School of Medicine, and her MPH and PhD from UCLA School of Public Health, in Health Services. She is a graduate of the Preventive Medicine residency program at CDC, during which she spent her practicum in Sacramento under Neal Kohatsu and Don Lyman. She has served on the boards of several non-profit organizations, including ACPM, for which she served first as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee under the current ACPM President, then as Treasurer of ACPM, which included service on the Executive Committee.

Ron Hattis is the longtime CAPM Secretary-Treasurer. He has retired from "paid gigs," but keeps busy with work for CAPM and our Medical Leadership Forum, as well as with the Beyond AIDS Foundation. Retirement status gives him more time to deal with the "nuts and bolts" of the organization that need to be taken care of. He provided a longer occupational history at last year's meeting.

Robert Gunn was assigned by CDC in 1991 to work at the San Diego County Department of Public Health with STDs and hepatitis. He was a deputy editor of MMWR for a while. He has been retired for over 4 years but has been helping with COVID at UC San Diego. He was involved in a published paper on COVID outbreaks.

**3. Comments on Past Year from 2024 President: Jillian Martin**

We had a busy year supporting 15 bills. Particular effort was expended on AB 2132 related to screening for TB, on which we achieved some input. Jillian mentioned her discussions with a number of colleagues including Jessica, Aimee Sisson, and President-Elect Prasad Acharya (who is out of Internet range this evening and sends his regrets), on directions for CAPM, and on ideas for outreach/support to resident members next year. Since Jillian has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for the past 12 years, she has appreciated the opportunity provided by CAPM to see familiar faces again from the Preventive Medicine specialty. She hopes that the discussions this evening will contribute to actions next year.

**4. Greetings from American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM): Eric Oyan**

Eric said that ACPM has been working on a number of initiatives based on a membership poll in 2023. The top priority is awareness of the profession. ACPM has joined the National Resident Matching Program to further broaden the program to attract residents. The Advocacy Ambassador Program has facilitated outreach to media as well as political leaders, and aims at both the general public and the medical community. A Board member was cited last week in an article in Time Magazine, and the specialty has been mentioned in a number of other large publications including the Wall Street Journal and WebMD. ACPM maintains a presence in the “online space” and is appears first in Google searches for Preventive Medicine. Another priority is to provide connections for a profession that is spread out widely, including quarterly “sipping sessions” (virtual happy hours), career conversations, “speed mentoring” for residents and early-career physicians, and virtual open committee meetings. Three special interest groups have been created: artificial intelligence and digital health, global health, and pharmaceutical medicine. A number of courses have also been created. Certification in military environmental exposures is being offered free. Another certification in AI in medicine is being developed. A search is being conducted for a new CEO. Preventive Medicine 2025 will be in Seattle, May 5-8. Annual meetings need to be planned several years in advance, so it may be some years before the next meeting in California.

**5. Approval of Minutes: Last Annual Meeting, 11/29/23: Ron Hattis (“handout”)**

Action: Ron moved to approve the minutes of last year’s Annual Meeting, which were taken from the video recording. Linda seconded. There were no additions or corrections. All votes cast were in favor.

**6. Treasurer’s Report: Ron Hattis (“handout”)**

a. Full Calendar Year 2023 Balance Sheet

Our intake during the last full calendar year was a little over \$4000 with an ending balance of a little over \$18,000. In recent years, we have spent a little less than we have received in dues and donations. This is largely because travel expenses have decreased due to more virtual meetings during the COVID pandemic, but that trend could reverse. CAPM could meanwhile consider spending some of its money on such things as lobbying for legislation, or for projects by

residents for which they could be paid. Some of our main expenses have to do with the Website and our Zoom account. We spent \$1,000 for travel in 2023.

b. Year-to-Date 2024 Balance Sheet (through November 15)

As of that date, hardly any dues or donations had been received, but most are typically sent in at in late November and December. The balance as of November 15 was \$17,644.20, but Ron just made a deposit of dues and donations paid by PayPal of about \$1,000 not reflected on this balance sheet. Expenses of about \$1,100 have consisted mostly of corporate fees, Web domain renewals, hosting, and design,

c. The Ellen Alkon Memorial Fund (current balance: \$495.00, down from original \$678.80 in 2021) is part of our bank balance, and has been utilized to offer dues-free memberships to residents and medical students. Dr. Jinadu asked whether residents and medical students have been active with CAPM. Ron said that most have not, but that one resident is selected to be an ex-officio member of our Board. Our membership includes physicians who have had careers in settings not encountered in most residency programs, so there is a potential for mentoring. Jillian said that she and Prasad have been looking into ways to offer ways to get increased involvement. There is also a Bera Fund of \$769.97 included in our bank balance, left over from money formerly used to provide training for residents in Sacramento on government and the legislative process, and “parked” with CAPM since that program was discontinued. Ron will add both balances to the report.

d. Ron reminded members present of the need for membership renewals including annual dues. Many of our members have generously added donations to the minimum dues, and those donations have been a significant source of our income.

Action: Dr. Jinadu moved approval of the Treasury reports, and Ron seconded. The motion passed with no objections.

**7. Election of Officers and Directors for 2025: Recommendations of Nominating Committee (6 min.) (Jillian Martin, Chair, Prasad Acharya, Mercy Kagoda): Nominees to Be Voted On Are in Bold).**

Automatically continuing Board of Directors Members listed but not highlighted. The slate was distributed as per Bylaws with notice of this meeting from [preventivemed@aol.com](mailto:preventivemed@aol.com), on November 15. Nominations from the committee do not require a motion. Other candidates may be nominated from the “floor.”

President: Prasad Acharya (automatic progression from current position of President-Elect)

**President-Elect: (Joannie Shen, incumbent director, CV a “handout”).** Joannie introduced herself and provided background earlier in the meeting.

Immediate Past-President: Jillian Martin (automatic progression of current President)

**Secretary-Treasurer: Ronald Hattis (incumbent; offices again to be combined for 2025)**

Director with 2-year term: Aileen K. Lo

**Director with 1-year term: (completing term vacated by Joannie Shen): Karen Studer**

**Director with 3-year term: Elizabeth Haussmann (new, CV a “handout.”** Elizabeth is a new member but has expressed interest in serving on the Board. Karen said she is a graduate of the Loma Linda joint residency program in Family and Preventive Medicine (which no longer exists), and is double-boarded in those two specialties. She works as a clinician for the V.A.

Ex-officio resident board member: Ali Duffens will complete residency June 2025. The Board will appoint replacement as her term ends. For Bylaws provision to make this role official, see item 13.a).

Action: There were no nominations from the “floor.” Dr. Jinadu moved to close nominations and to approve the entire slate of Shen, Hattis, Studer, and Hausmann. The motion passed unanimously and the slate was elected.

## **8. Remarks/Plans from Incoming President for 2024: Prasad Acharya**

Deferred due to Prasad’s unavailability. Jillian has talked with Prasad and said that he looks forward to shaping our response to the challenges of the coming year and choosing a path forward.

## **9. Report on CMA Resolutions and Council on Science and Public Health (CSPH)**

### **a. CMA Resolutions including CAPM positions: Don Lyman**

Don reviewed the process by which the CMA reviews resolution that can become CMA policy for up to 10 years. CMA members submit resolutions online, which are vetted by councils. The council that we are most interested in is the one on Science and Public Health. Members can submit online testimony on resolutions, which the councils also consider. The councils pass, reject, or modify resolutions as written, or they modify them, taking testimony into consideration. Resolutions as approved by the councils are then referred to the Board of Trustees for action. This was intended to be a more efficient process than the old one of voting on resolutions by the House of Delegates (HOD), but the new system has resulted in new problems, including delays. The House of Delegates now reviews only major issues designated by the Board of Trustees, which are first assigned to the appropriate council to prepare a report.

### **b. Ideas for 2025 CMA Resolutions:**

None were presented at this time. Ideas can be emailed to the Board, c/o Ron Hattis, Secretary-Treasurer, [preventivemed@aol.com](mailto:preventivemed@aol.com).

### **c. Activities of Council on Science and Public Health (CSPH): Aimee Sisson**

Aimee will chair this CMA council in 2025. If the Board of Trustees identifies a major issue that is assigned to the CSPH, there will be “heavy listing” preparing a report on the topic and options for CMA. Otherwise, the main business of CMA councils is to review resolutions assigned to them. Ron mentioned that in the past we have had three CAPM members on this council representing public health, but currently Aimee is the only one, so we may nominate two more, who must be CMA members, the next time nominations are open. Aimee listed in the chat the five “quarter 1” resolutions currently open for CMA member comment that will be reviewed at the next council meeting in January. If the CAPM Board chooses positions, online testimony can represent our specialty:

**105-24: Supporting Promotion of Lung Cancer Screening Awareness & Equitable Access**

**106-24: Psilocybin Research, Scheduling, and Protocols for Medical Applications**

**107-24: Soil Health**

**108-24:** Child Care Services Protection from Private Equity

**501-24:** Policy for Reducing Physician Mistreatment in Healthcare Settings.

**10. CMA House of Delegates 2024: Don Lyman**

Don said that there were only two main topics at the recent House of Delegates. One was maternal health equity, including “OB deserts,” which are severely lacking in obstetric care (providers and hospitals or birthing centers that accept deliveries). The other topic was rural health. Neither had been assigned before the HOD to the CSPH. Recommendations for CMA action should be available soon.

**11. Legislation**

- a. Report on 2024 legislation: 15 bills on which CAPM took positions (Don Lyman and Ron Hattis)

Two handouts, a one-page summary from Don and a more detailed explanation of the bills by Ron, list these bills and their outcomes. Don complimented Ron’s efforts in writing letters to legislative staff about the bills we have positions on. BA Jinadu also thanked Ron. Ron went through the seven bills supported by CAPM, which passed and were signed into law:

**AB 1842 (Reyes):** Insurance must cover opioid treatment:

**AB 2132 (Low):** TB screening of high risk patients to be tested by primary care providers. Does not define high risk or give guidelines. Ron was involved with a working group suggesting amendments, most of which were not adopted. CAPM recommended more detail and that CDPH be required to notify providers and to supply guidelines

**AB 2599 (Garcia and an Assembly committee):** Will allow health officers to close beaches based on lab results from other than public health labs but that meet same standards

**AB 2907 (Zbur):** Will require inquiries re firearms in residence for domestic violence police calls (judge could then order removal of these). Also will require individuals restrained by certain protective orders to relinquish firearms and ammunition.

**SB 963 (Ashby):** Will require a system in emergency departments for self-identification of human trafficking (which rarely occurs; in other states ERs do screening without self-identification). CAPM unsuccessfully sought amendments to require screening for suspected trafficking rather than just self-reporting, which is rare due to intimidation.

**SB 1120 (Becker):** Will require physician supervision if AI used in prior approvals. CAPM unsuccessfully requested amendment to give more authority to this physician.

**SB 1333 (Eggman):** Will allow HIV disclosures by public health to other public health personnel or to patient's provider without liability. CAPM supported and requested that providers could contact public health, not just the reverse. This was not accepted, however the staff member for this bill offered to work with us on a separate bill in 2025 to address this issue. See item 11.b below.

- b. Proposed 2025 bill permitting HIV provider to contact public health without liability: Ron Hattis

Ron presented the draft for a legislative bill that he wrote, to permit HIV providers to disclose information to public health without penalty. SB 1333 (see above) will permit public health staff to disclose information to providers, but equivalent authorization is needed in the other direction. The public health department staff do not know, unless a provider's staff is permitted to notify them, if a patient needs further partner services, or if s/he has moved out of the area or otherwise dropped out of care and needs re-engagement efforts, or if s/he needs public health assistance with referrals to specialists or to services for substance abuse or mental health, or assistance in obtaining coverage from Medi-Cal or the federal Ryan White program for uninsured HIV patients. The national strategy involving the HIV Care Continuum requires partnership and communication between providers and public health, which is difficult to legally implement in California. Jessica spoke in favor, noting that it is not fair for the burden of obtaining public health services to be solely on the patient, and that the provider should be able to advocate for the patient. Various questions were asked about current law, the degree to which current law inhibits communication by HIV providers with public health, and the contrast between communications including disclosures about TB compared with HIV.

Action: Dr. Jinadu moved that CAPM offer to co-sponsor a bill (with the Beyond AIDS Foundation and potentially other organizations), enabling providers to disclose HIV information to public health. Robert Gunn seconded. All were in favor except for abstentions by Don Lyman, Aimee Sisson, and Thea Papasozomenos.

## **12. Prospects for Public Health under Trump Administration and Suggested Strategies for 2025**

Ron suggested that if an opportunity arises to engage with the new Administration on a public health issue, we should do so, rather than complaining about a policy they issue when it is too late.

## **13. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws (see "handout"), 2/3 vote Needed for Passage: Ron Hattis**

These proposed amendments were sent out to the membership in an advance notice.

- a. Resident ex-officio member on Board (already informally in effect per Board policy)
- b. "Rapid action" procedure (already informally in effect per Board policy). When there is not time for a full Board vote, the President, President-Elect, and Secretary can approve an action that is consistent with existing CAPM policy. A motion by Aimee to was accepted, to clarify the language so that at least two of the three officers must approve the action.
- c. Reduced time for advance notice of proposed Bylaws amendments (including those being voted on now), from 30 days to two weeks. The 30-day requirement has always been challenging to meet.
- d. Other provisions There are other provisions of the current Constitution and Bylaws are old and may be out of date. Should a Bylaws Committee be appointed?

Action: Ron Hattis moved and B.A. Jinadu seconded to approve items 14.a through d. Amendments a, b, and c were unanimously approved as agenda items and also accepted as additions to the Bylaws. An ad hoc Bylaws Committee will be appointed by the next President at an appropriate

time, to review the entire Constitution and Bylaws and to determine whether additional changes are needed.

**14. Medical Leadership Forum for Prevention and Public Health Report:**

<https://www.capreventivemed.org/medical-leadership-forum/>

This information was listed on the agenda for information. Discussion was deferred due to lack of time. Ron is the Chair and Sumedh Mankar is the Vice-Chair of this Forum, which is sponsored by CAPM. These were the Forum meetings since last CAPM Annual Meeting, listed in reverse chronological order:

Forty-fourth Forum Meeting, September 10, 2024, featuring maternal mortality

Forty-third Forum Meeting, June 13, 2024, featuring 2024 legislation

Forty-second Forum Meeting, March 12, 2024, featuring prevention of gun violence

**15. Other New Business and Announcements**

B.A. Jinadu reported that in Texas where he is currently working, labs report STD results to the state public health department, and there is a delay of months before the state passes these on to the counties where follow-up actions can occur. He asked whether this is also a problem in California. Thea replied that out-of-state labs may report to California's CDPH since they do not have contact information for local public health departments, but local labs report to local departments. His other concern was that there is little contact tracing and partner notification in the Odessa area in Texas. Ron said that this is a national problem with variation among states, so ACPM might be interested in the issue. CAPM only deals with California. He also said that in California, there is variation in what is done among counties. Thea concurred that limited resources dictate the extent of partner services in the local jurisdictions, and that some counties do partner services for HIV and syphilis but not for gonorrhea and chlamydia.

**16. Next Annual Meeting: Autumn 2025**

The Board will make arrangements for the next meeting.

Minutes submitted by Ronald P. Hattis, Secretary-Treasurer