



Present: Barry Brogan, Anne Marie Snell, Ann Abdella, Courtney Shaler, Richard Merchant, Claire Parde, Rob Wingate, Sara Wall Bollinger
Excused: Nancy McGraw, Derrik Chrisler, Sylvia Getman, Susan Williams, Liz Urbanski Farrell

1. Barry took roll call. Meeting convened at 9:04.
2. Motion to approve Notes of 4/23 and 5/28 made by Richard; seconded by Ann. Both notes accepted.
3. Member Survey

There was good discussion with input from everyone on the call. NYSARH will not do another in-depth policy survey this year.

Policy questions for Summer member survey:

- One question to outline top needs from 2018 in-depth survey with two components
 - What is new/different we should add to our agenda
 - Rank the importance of items on the list
- Second question regarding what advocacy tools NYSARH could provide that the member would use

Tasks for fall 2019:

- Build a place on the website for members to raise advocacy concerns
- Send a brief survey to Partner Organizations to identify common advocacy goals

Add a Policy question to the Conference evaluation questionnaire to broaden input from Stakeholders.

Motion made by Ann, seconded by Richard. Approved.

4. Testimony to Assembly Health Committee

Thanks to Sara, Sylvia and Claire. NYSARH was second to testify and received some press coverage. A good connection was made with Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner of the Saratoga area.

5. Vaping legislation

NYSARH has a previously established a policy opposition to tobacco and vaping products in general and flavored tobacco and vaping products targeting teenagers in particular.

The NYSARH Executive Committee approved our 'sign on' to a letter to Congress members Meeks and Delgado requested by the Lung Association to limit flavored vape products.

6. Rural Health Council

- NYSARH will nominate Barry Brogan and Ann Abdella to serve on the reconstituted Rural Health Council. Karen Madden has screened and accepted these candidates.
- We have an opportunity to nominate several additional people. The Senate has five slots and the Assembly has five slots, so we may potentially nominate eight additional people.
- NYSARH will include the Commission for Rural Resources in our nomination process.

Action Step:

Sara will write up a Nomination Strategy so that we are consistent with engaging our Representatives in the nomination process.

It was agreed to cancel the July 23rd meeting for summer break.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 27th at 9AM

Preliminary Agenda:

- Member survey results
- Logistics for Policy Forum at conference

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Wall Bollinger