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Dear Aesculapian Medical Society (AMS) Members and Friends:

The March meeting was held at the Fairbanks Building located at the end of the canal downtown. The building is the headquarters for Indiana University health and the location of the Dean's Office for the IU School of Medicine. The following people were in attendance:

Dr. Sheryl Allen  
Dr. Joyce Gill  
Dr. Ray Henderson  
Dr. Larry Monger  
Dr. Andrew Moore  
Dr. Raymond Pierce  
Dr. George Rausch  
Dr. Michael Slaughter  
Dr. Lucia Spears  
Dr. Patricia Treadwell  
Helen Flippin  
Davoy Murray  
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With **Dr. Desadier** out of town, **Dr. Moore** welcomed everyone and deferred to **Dr. Slaughter** to chair the meeting. **Dr. Slaughter** called the meeting to order and asked those in attendance for any updates. **Dr. Rausch** requested some time as well as Jose Espada.

**Dr. Rausch** was given the floor. He presented on the initiative called "Real Men Read". Attached is the information he passed out to the group that further details the program. In short, the initiative will be a collaboration between the IUSM Office of Diversity, 100 Black men, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and the Indianapolis Colts. **Dr. Rausch** indicated that he would like to also get the Aesculapian medical Society's participation in the initiative as well. The initiative will be an annual one-day event involving Dr. Ben Carson Reading Room participating schools and others (as developed) whereby those collaborating would make available their member to volunteer and read to students for a couple of hours on that day. Among the schools already identified, three are IPS schools, two are charter schools and one a township school. There is no cost to the organizations involved, just simply making people aware of the initiative and volunteering to read is all that is involved. More information on the initiative will follow and additional updates presented at the April AMS meeting.

Jose reported on behalf of **Dr. Moyer**, who was not able to attend the meeting. **Dr. Moyer** organized

a community outreach with Crispus Attucks (see attached report). **Dr. Moye** wanted to pass on her appreciation for the members who participated and passed on her thoughts on the event. She indicated that she hoped to see more of the membership doing more of these types of programs encouraging minority youth to consider the health professions, specifically becoming a physician.

Additionally, Jose presented to the group on an AMS Signature Event idea (see attached). The idea is a means to increase the AMS's visibility in the Indianapolis area and establish an annual fundraising event. The last event of this magnitude was the Centennial Celebration in 2000. The event can serve many purposes including celebrating the organization's anniversary, highlighting membership successes and a formal process for distributing medical student scholarships. The AMS leadership has enthusiastically endorsed the idea. **Dr. Pierce** suggested looking at the annual celebration held in Gary by the NMA of NW Indiana as an example. Dr. Moore requested that a skeletal outline of the financials for the event be included so that a motion to approve the idea can be initiated at the April meeting and a vote taken.

Lastly, Jose updated the group on the number of accepted minority students to date. Currently, there is approximately 50 minority students accepted as part of the Class of 2015. **Dr. Rausch** mentioned that we really won't know how many students we will have until they matriculate in August as the numbers will continually change in the interim. The AAMC National Decision date for accepted students with multiple acceptances is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Last year, we had 49 students of color matriculate in August 2010. **Dr. Moore** asked if there was still a concern on the lack of black males who were born in the U.S. applying to medical schools. **Dr. Rausch** mentioned that there were 6 black males as part of the Class of 2014. This was a major improvement from the previous year. There is still a concern nationally that black males are not applying to medical schools at the same rate as their female counterparts. Recruitment efforts are underway and ongoing to encourage more minority applicants to the medical school. **Dr. Moore** commented that "no matter how much things change, some things always stay the same".

A discussion ensued on examples of perceived intolerance and inflexibility at IUSM. **Dr. Rausch** commented that his office has experienced some of the inflexibility mentioned, but also was optimistic that with the recently hired Executive Associate Dean for Educational Affairs, Dr. Maryellen Gusic, that she is open to change and doing things differently.

Jose asked Dr. Moore if he was the first African American in his Urology residency program at IUSM. He concurred and interestingly enough others in the meeting began to chime in and indicated they were the first African American in their respective residency programs. For example, Dr. Pierce was the first African American Orthopedic Faculty at IUSM. Dr. Treadwell was the first African American in the Dermatology program. Dr. Treadwell mentioned that Dr. Eric Yancy was the first African American in the Pediatrics program at IUSM and John Joyner was first in his program. Dr. Allen, more recently, was the first African American in the Department of Emergency Medicine residency program. Dr. Rausch added that Dr. Leflore just last year was the first African American Emergency Medicine Attending at Wishard Memorial Hospital. Dr. Moore added Dr. Frank Johnson was the first African American in the IUSM OB/GYN program. The medical students were in awe of being among such pioneers. It inspired me to think about putting a web page together devoting it to those who have achieved firsts.

**Dr. Monger** presented on the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. (Iota Lambda Chapter) Barbershop Medical Screening project (see attachment). In partnership with the Kenny's Barber Academy, local barbershops, local physicians and local businesses, the project will involve mobilizing physicians, nurses, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students to conduct medical screenings at the barbershops on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12 p.m. **Dr. Rausch** mentioned that the SNMA National Convention is here that weekend and so there is an overlap where there can possibly be some collaborations with the convention organizers to make this available as a community service opportunity for the convention goers. **Dr. Monger** mentioned that more volunteers were needed.

**Helen Flippin**, 4<sup>th</sup> Year medical student and one of the SNMA National Convention officers, mentioned that all is going well with the conference planning. Just this week a second site visit took place and things were well received. She thanked AMS members who have already volunteered and AMS for their support. Many of the speakers have been confirmed, but also open to more speakers. She will give a final update at the AMS April meeting. **Dr. Moore** reiterated that AMS are creatures of habit and to stay on them for support and volunteers. He suggested having an e-mail go out to the membership on the SNMA needs, including the need for speakers.

**Dr. Moore** updated the membership on the AMS financials as part of the AMS Annual Report. He will distribute the information to the dues paying members. He mentioned that 27 of the membership actually paid their dues for 2010 for a total of \$7,850 in revenues. Total expenses for the year of \$5,825.59 leaves a little over \$2,000 available to carryover to 2011. One unforeseen expense in 2010 was due to having to pay for medical student dinners at the September AMS meeting. Lack of communication on the part of the pharmaceutical company put AMS in an awkward position where after the dinner, the company stated it could not pay for the medical students due to company restrictions. The amount was approximately \$1,027.

Looking ahead for 2011, **Dr. Moore** projects expenses at \$13,000. These expenses include, but are not limited to, contributions to the Rawls Dinner, Black Expo, IUSM Diversity Week, March of Dimes and Support to SNMA for the convention and other projects.

**Dr. Moore** underscored the importance of paying dues. If all who claim to be associated with the group paid their dues, he anticipates not having the projected shortfall in 2011 of over \$7,000. He also commented on the possibility that if a member wanted to contribute above the amount of dues, this would be a tax deductible contribution given the organization's 501 c 3 status. **Dr. Henderson** pointed out that continued efforts to remind those who haven't paid is critical. He also encouraged those in attendance to continue inviting those who have not attended a meeting to do so. **Dr. Allen** mentioned that using PayPal is an option and if using for a personal donation there is no charge for using the mechanism. Jose will look more into that option for the website as a way to pay dues and making contributions to the organization.

**Dr. Rausch** made a general announcement that the May AMS meeting will be sponsored by IUSM. He will give an update in April on meeting plans. The meeting will be catered.

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