

Committee on Ethics

Minutes 07/15/10
Teleconference Call

Attendees (Members): Halley Faust (Chair); Judy Rubin; Jim Tacci; Neal Kohatsu; and Christine Nevin-Woods; Mark Johnson

Attendees (Staff): Mike Barry, Jennifer Edwards, and Paul Bonta (for Pfizer Contract discussion, only)

I. Approval of Minutes, May 13th call
Minutes approved unanimously

II. Membership Terms – approved by Mark Johnson – Informational Item

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| Steve Cersovsky - 6 years (2016) | Christine Nevin-Woods - 6 years (2016) |
| Halley Faust - 5 years (2015) | Judy Rubin - 5 years (2015) |
| Sandra Guerra -4 years (2014) | James Tacci - 4 years (2014) |
| Neal Kohatsu - 3 years (2013) | Hugh Tilson - 3 years (2013) |

III. Conflict of Interest Policy Revisions
The portion moving responsibility for COI review and management from the Finance Committee to the Committee on Ethics was supported by the Finance Committee during its regularly scheduled meeting on 7/7/10.
Ethics Committee approved motion to send the fully revised COI policy to the Board of Regents for the September 27, 2010 meeting.

IV. Surveillance

The Ethics Committee will recommend the following to the Executive Committee:

- ❑ **New Member applications:** Add a detailed attestation statement before application is accepted by Membership Committee. Additionally, all new member applications will include a statement informing applicants that a background check will be done on the National Practitioner Data Bank. Whether a Federation of Medical Licensure Boards search will also be done is still to be determined based upon further inquiry about completeness of state medical licensure board reporting to the NPDB. The Committee recommends an increase in application fees to cover the added expense of an NPDB (and contingently a FMLB) search.
- ❑ **Existing member renewals:** Add an attestation statement on renewal invoices for current members regarding disclosure of any adverse actions by state or local authorities or privileges, and indicate compliance with the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy.
- ❑ **Members of the Board of Regents, Committee chairs and Committee members** will be searched annually on the NPDB; along with members who represent ACPM to outside groups or give legislative testimony.
- ❑ Committee member Christine Nevin-Woods volunteered to work with staff on the various attestation wordings.

All searches will be handled by staff and adverse actions found reported to the Ethics Committee.

V. Pfizer Contract

Discussion centered around the focus of the health briefing and whether prescription drug programs from other pharmaceutical companies would be discussed or if the briefing would focus solely on Pfizer's Healthy Answers program.

Ethics Committee approved the contact provided other pharmaceutical companies would be contacted (especially members of ACPM's corporate round-table) and offered the opportunity to present their prescription drug plans.

VI. Website

<http://www.acpm.org/Ethics.htm>

Staff will add the Conflict of Interest statement and Policy on Corporate Relationships to the website along with the current minutes, once approved.