ASSOCIATION OF LIFE INSURANCE MEDICAL DIRECTORS OF AMERICA

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
SPRING MEETING, 1990

The 1990 Spring Meeting of the Executive Council of the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of America was called to order by President Lawrence Jones at 8:09 AM on Sunday, April 22, in the Humber Room of L'Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Members Present

LAWRENCE D. JONES, MD
JOSEPH R. JURKOVIC, MD
JOHN P. CAREY, MD
WILLIAM J. BAKER, MD
CHARLES B. ARNOLD, MD
ROGER H. BUTZ, MD
HENRY G. HOWE, MD
EDWARD M. HARD, MD
WARREN L. KLEINSASSER, MD
J. DICKSON CORMACK, MD
RODOLFO E. FIDELINO, MD
EUGENE L. BOND, MD
ADRIAN A. WILLIAMSON, MD
PHILIP G. SULLIVAN, MD

Also Present

DAVID E. ARTZEROUNIAN, MD
Chairman
Committee on Professional and Public Relations

ROBERT KATZ, MD
Representative
Committee on Consumer and Professional Relations of the HIAA

Dr. Butz submitted the AMA Delegate's report, noting that as of April 10, 1990, since the 1989 Annual Meeting, there were 10 candidates for membership, 11 requests for emeritation, 2 resignations and 5 deaths reported. There were presently 564 active members, 229 emeritus members and 4 honorary members. He also called attention to an interesting meeting to be held in June, 1990 in Toronto considering the U.S. and Canadian healthcare delivery systems, invited us to their annual scientific session June 9-13, 1990 at Banff, Alberta. He announced that the AIDS Committee and the Genetics Committee will report to the ALIMDA Executive Council and the Genetics Committee will report to the Council at the fall meeting.

Dr. Baker presented the Secretary's report, reporting that as of April 10, 1990, since the 1989 Annual Meeting, there were 10 candidates for membership, 11 requests for emeritation, 2 resignations and 5 deaths reported. There were presently 564 active members, 229 emeritus members and 4 honorary members. He also called attention to an interesting meeting to be held in June, 1990 in Toronto considering the U.S. and Canadian healthcare delivery systems, sponsored by the Ontario Medical Association.

Dr. Carey presented the Treasurer's report of October 1, 1988 through September 30, 1989 and also a supplemental report to April 15, 1990. Expenses from October 1, 1989 through April 15, 1990 exceeded receipts and discussion of ALIMDA finances stimulated the President to appoint the Secretary and the President-elect to work with the Treasurer on budget planning including anticipated income versus expected expenses from each of the three large expense centers — the Journal, Transactions and the ALIMDA Center. This group will also ask Dr. Pickett and Dr. Artzerounian to be active with them and will report to the Council in the fall.

Dr. Porter brought greetings from CLIMOA and a welcome to Toronto. He stated that the Executive Committee of his organization will begin to meet annually just prior to the ALIMDA Annual Meeting starting in Baltimore this fall, giving them two meetings a year, similar to the ALIMDA Executive Council practice. He spoke briefly about CLIMOA's discussions with the CMA about AIDS pre-test counselling and with the College of Family Physicians about claims form language. The 1991 CLIMOA meeting will be held in Quebec City May 12-14, he announced.

Dr. Lashley, representing the ACLI medical section and certain obscure Indian tribes, invited us to their annual scientific session June 9-13, 1990 at Banff, Alberta. He announced that the AIDS Committee and the Genetics Committee had been elevated to Standing Committees of that organization.

Dr. Butz submitted the AMA Delegate's report in writing as it was also published in the Journal of Insurance Medicine, Volume 22, No. 1, 1990. There was discussion about ALIMDA pursuing the status of a specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties. It was decided that Drs. Butz, Arnold and Williamson would work on further dialogue with the Board of Insurance Medicine and the American Board of Preventive Medicine as an avenue to explore for recognition. They will report to the Council at the fall meeting.

Dr. Williamson submitted a written report about the 1995 ICLAM meeting. It will be held in Washington, DC September 18-21, conjointly with the Annual Meeting of ALIMDA at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. CLIMOA will be an important contributor to this session as well.
The Board of Insurance Medicine report was also given by Dr. Williamson, announcing the Introduction to Insurance Medicine course to be held in Baltimore September 29, 1990, and the 8th Triennial Board Course to be held at The Wigwam in Arizona February 10-15 1991.

Business then progressed to the written report of the Advance Planning Committee, which held an all day meeting in Hartford on March 26, 1990. The agenda considered many of the same topics concerning committees and reports for the Executive Council agenda. It presented several recommendations for action by the Council. Dr. Jurkoic read a summary of this report and presented each recommendation for discussion and action.

A motion was made and passed that a board of directors consisting of the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Mortality and Morbidity Committee be established to provide direction, policy and management to the ALIMDA Research Center. This group would elect a chairman and the Secretary would make appropriate by-law changes.

A motion was made and passed that the services and fee schedule of the ALIMDA Research Center be printed as a regular part of the Journal of Insurance Medicine.

Dr. Fidelino told about his meetings, published in the JIM, outlining the need for legal counsel in regard to its function and releases.

Dr. Jurkoic then made a motion which passed that the question of liability of officers, administrators and agents of ALIMDA and other appropriate members be explored with selected legal counsel and that the amount of $2500 be set aside for the cost of these legal services. He himself will explore this matter.

Another motion was made and passed that the Medical Management and Procedures Committee be authorized to spend up to $2500 for legal review of work produced by and for this committee for the next 12-month period and that these issues be resolved by the 1991 meeting.

In regard to Dr. Butz’s analysis that three ALIMDA observers be elected to ICLAM, the motion was made and passed that the Secretary be instructed to design by-law changes regarding the duties of the Nominating Committee to nominate for election three observers to ICLAM and that their terms of office be staggered over a three-year period so that one individual would come up for reelection annually.

Categories of membership then came up for discussion. After input from the Membership and Credential Committee and much discussion, the following classes of ALIMDA membership were voted on and passed:

A. Active Membership — shall consist of physicians (MD or DO) who are medical directors, associate and assistant medical directors of insurance companies, as shall be elected. They may be emeritus regardless of activity upon reaching age 70. They may vote, hold office, make nominations and generally exercise the rights of full membership. (Full dues)

B. Associate Membership — an MD or DO working regularly but not as a medical director of an insurance company. They may be new members or former active members. They may vote and be appointed to committees. (Full dues)

C. Emeritus Membership — Former dues paying members for at least five years, “retired” from their companies, disabled or not working regularly, or at least 70 years of age. (10% of full dues)

D. Honorary Membership (Unchanged) (No dues)

All classes of membership receive the Journal and Transactions without charge. Emeritus and honorary members will be admitted to annual meetings without paying a registration fee. Associate members may vote and be appointed to committees. Emeritus and honorary members may be appointed to committees.

At this point, the agenda was shifted from Advance Planning to the MIB. Mr. Day and Mr. Corbett summarized what would be presented to CLIMOA the following day. They mentioned the new procedure for direct disclosure of MIB data to consumers about which we all had been informed. They talked about “Medical Risks” which was in the hands of the printer, media contacts and legislation. Code list review groups were active and no increase in basic costs were anticipated, they reported.

Going back then to the Advance Planning Committee report, a motion was passed that Dr. Paul Metzger be the recipient of the Distinguished Physician’s Award of ALIMDA at the fall meeting.

The Council took no action on who received a number of “free searches” from the ALIMDA Research Center. Concerning the topic of ethics and conflict of interest, a motion was made and passed that a permanent ethics committee be appointed to set disclosure standards for members, officers, Executive Council members, and others as deemed appropriate. This committee will design a disclosure form to be completed by appropriate members annually and that this committee be charged with producing a policy statement and set of guidelines regarding ethics and conflict of interest as deemed appropriate for ALIMDA. This is considered to be an ongoing process with the committee’s monitoring and supervision.

Discussion then centered about the need for closer contact and closer management of the ALIMDA publications in view of increasing expenses and costs of production. This led to a motion which was passed that a standing committee (Publication Board) consisting of three to five members be created with a responsibility for the business management and production of the Journal of Insurance Medicine and other ALIMDA publications.

Dr. Jones felt that Drs. Kost, Elder and Arnold should be the members with Dr. Kost being asked to chair the group, and will pursue this.

Dr. Butz presented a written report for the Nominating Committee. Feelings were expressed for increased activity of women and non-North American members to serve on ALIMDA boards and committees.

Dr. Elder presented a written report for the Journal of Insurance Medicine. Some of the subjects were considered as part of the Advance Planning Committee report. Dr. Elder will be looking for a part-time business manager in the near
future, he stated. Also mentioned was the need to have another way of distributing ALIMDA committee reports in the future with the Journal becoming increasingly inappropriate as it grows in stature and size.

Dr. Kost, who was unable to attend, submitted a written report about the ALIMDA Research Center; again with most of the items being discussed elsewhere in this report. A motion was made and passed that the Treasurer be empowered to investigate and implement a benefit package of 15% of salary for the Center’s employee.

Dr. Arnold submitted a written report of the Transactions. The 1989 Transactions were ready for mailing and editions were presented to the President and the Secretary. Expressions of “well done, Chuck” were unanimous.

The report of the Committee on Continuing Medical Education was presented in writing by Dr. Battista. He emphasized that the 1989 Annual Meeting critiques gave it excellent marks. The audit of ALIMDA’s CME program will be conducted in June of 1990. In discussing the overall program, he felt that the product and outcomes were generally good and that the audit would be a good learning process to go on to even better programs for Medical Directors.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that after reviewing ALIMDA’s mission statement, the Executive Council reaffirm its mission statement as having continued applicability and, recognizing the accelerated evolution of ALIMDA’s activities, direct the officers of ALIMDA to review the statement each year and make any needed recommendations to the Executive Council and the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Dr. Artzerounian presented an oral report for the Committee on Mortality and Morbidity. He stated that he will attempt to have all the committee members contribute and to expedite and stimulate the production of abstracts. They will develop procedures to work with the ALIMDA Research Center more closely and will meet more than “once a year” to do their work. Another Mortality Methodology Seminar will be held at the time of the Annual Meeting in Baltimore this year.

Dr. Robinson, unable to attend, submitted a brief note for the Committee on Professional and Public Relations.

Dr. Katz, unable to attend, submitted a written report also published in the JIM for the Committee on Consumer and Professional Relations of the HIAA.

Dr. Fidelino noted that the reports of meetings of the Medical Management and Procedures Committee were published in the JIM. He stated that he will share his committee’s guidelines on “chain of custody” with the IHOU and HOLUA. Production of a “generic lab kit” is progressing and final specifications should be decided on in a few months, he reported.

Under new business, it was voted to give honorary membership to Richard D. Judge, MD who had been so instrumental in stimulating dialogue between ALIMDA and the American College of Cardiology, resulting in the 20th Bethesda Conference in 1988.

Without further business to consider, Dr. Jones declared the meeting to be adjourned at 3 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM J. BAKER, MD
Secretary
ALIMDA

Deaths

BEATRICE J. ARGANO, MD
Vice President of Medical Services, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, died on April 26, 1990.

WILLIAM R. BISHOP, MD
Vice President and Medical Director (Retired), Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company, died on April 19, 1990.