

Alabama Urology Network Board Meeting

August 17, 2022

Next meeting: **Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm**

Via ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5513473700>

Mark Jackson with MASA and his team Meghan Martin (membership director) and Brandy Bone (general council) attended the board meeting and provided information and assistance in drawing up the Alabama Urology Network by-laws.

Different items were addressed from who has voting rights to whether the board has rights to determine what counties go into the by-laws and whether they should be broken down by counties or districts. It was also decided that the board should be allowed to authorize or contract a third-party entity to handle the finances.

It was brought up on when should an at large meeting be held on inviting the entire state of urologists to a meeting. It was decided that it will take at least a year to put this size meeting together. Dr. Bivins will draw up a template to get this process started. October 2023 was listed as an option on when to have this meeting. Different topics were talked about for the meeting such as reviewing cases or having a speaker on the topic of private equity. It was brought up as a good idea to inform the general population of urologists about the by-laws, who makes up the board, 501 (C) (6) status and pole the attendees on what they feel would be good topics of interest to them.

When should collecting dues start was brought up and how much to charge. By the first of the year (January) the board members thought was a reasonable timeframe. The amount was decided upon as \$250.00. Everyone thought that was a reasonable amount. It was discussed about automatic renewal or allowing members to pay several years in advance.

A ZOOM meeting on a weekday was thought to be the best day (Wednesday) to host the first meeting of all urologists, October 12, 2022. This meeting will be a ZOOM meeting. Dr. Jiminez voiced his thoughts on it being important to encourage all the urologists in the state to participate in this first ZOOM meeting. This will take the board members reaching out to other urologists they know across the state and inviting them to attend.

Talking with pharmaceutical companies to participate in the large general meeting can already begin since it takes sometimes six or more months to come up with money to be a vendor at this general type meeting.

Dr. Fleck made a good suggestion on where to have the general meeting which was at the Grand Hotel.

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Attendees:

Vincent Bivins
Lorie Fleck
Keith Jiminez
John Pirani
Brian Richardson
Rishi Rajan

Absent:

Jim Bryant
Anne Scott