

APHMG Fall Membership Meeting

October 21, 2022, **1 pm ET/ 12pm CT/10am PT, via Zoom**

Attendance (max ~ 62) – Karen Gottlieb obtained photos of the group

AGENDA + MEETING NOTES (See also powerpoint)

1. **Welcome** – Katherine Hyland, PhD, President
 - Updated Mission and Vision Statements, on APHMG website
2. **Membership Update** – Katherine Hyland, PhD
 - See powerpoint for current stats, and steps for viewing and editing your profile
 - Membership renewals – annual dues due January 1
 - Membership committee is reviewing membership options and will propose an updated membership structure
 - Comments from Tracey Weiler expressing interest in individual memberships for more affordability for single members at an institution.
 - The membership committee is looking into the cost/benefit and other aspects of different membership structures.
3. **Secretary-Treasurer Report** – Anna Hurst, MD
 - Financial Comments—overview from May 2022 meeting presented
 - Banking Transition: moving funds from Bank of America to bank with easier online access and consolidating checking, savings and CD with one bank
 - Anna Hurst received a message from a member who recommended we look at Ally bank
4. **DEI Committee Update** – Shoumita Dasgupta, PhD
 - Reviewed Inclusion statements posted on the APHMG website
 - Upcoming Virtual Event for APHMG members – “Language Matters” with PGED (Personal Genetics Education Project) on **December 6** – time TBD
5. **SIG Updates**
 - Lab Directors:
 - i. Marco Leung, PhD, FACMG, new Co-Chair with Steve Moore
 - ii. ongoing projects:
 1. Finding stable funding sources
 2. How much hands-on is enough? Remote learning vs. Laboratory bench training
 3. Outreach/education
 4. Multi-institution LGG fellows’ conference (contact Marco)
 5. LGG PD survey (Josh Deignan, UCLA)
 - **Course Directors:** Lauren Massingham, MD, Chair
 - i. Announced new leadership – CD SIG council members: Erin Strovel, Myla Ashfaq, Renee LeClair
 - ii. Updated UME genetics competencies published as an Education Report in GIM, see website for link to paper and summary table

- iii. Also posted on NHGRI website: <https://www.genome.gov/For-Health-Professionals/Provider-Genomics-Education-Resources/Competencies>
- iv. Current projects:
 1. Updating Genetics Education Resource Exchange (GERE) and Q-bank
 2. Include small group sessions, previous workshop materials, links to educational videos
- **Residency Program Directors:** Debra Regier, MD, PhD, Chair
 - i. Name Change Consideration of PDSIG in OPDA to reflect a higher level of professional activity. Suggestions from the group included:
 - Medical Genetics and Genomics Program Directors
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 - APHMG PDs (but not everyone may know what APHMG is)
 - Mimi said to strongly consider alignment with the ACGME title (Medical Genetics and Genomics)
 - It was also asked if all SIGs should be renamed
 - ii. Discussed All In Policy for Fellowship Matches
 - iii. Request for session topics for PD SIG meeting May 2, 2023 in Kiawah Island, SC

6. Liaison Reports

- **ASHG** (Mona Miller)
 - Link Shared: <https://www.ashg.org/membership/awards/hgsi/>
 - Link Shared: <https://learning.ashg.org/ashgforumagenda>
 - Link Shared about Annual Activities: https://www.ashg.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/ASHG_2022-Report-Web.pdf
- **ABMGG** (Mimi Blitzer)
 - In-Training Exam dates: Feb 8- 9, 2023:
 - Aug 7-10, 2023 – Certification exam, Will switch to PearsonVUE as a provider
 - New policy 04/2022 about regaining eligibility for initial certification
 - Question: Will LGG go to a match? Mimi said ABMGG would be silent on that but would be something to discuss in the SIGs if there is traction toward that. Marco said the LD SIG can discuss in the Spring.
 - Current Activities:
 - ABMGG Strategic Planning
 - Workforce activities
 - 2024 ABMS continuing certification requirements
 - **Questions?** abmgg@abmgg.org or 301-634-7315
- **ACMG** (Susan Klugman)
 - Leadership Update:
 - Bob Best, PhD is new interim CEO. Max Meunke retired October 2022.

- CEO search now open
 - Election year
- Described the Strategic Plan Update (see ppt)
- Education Resources/Activities:
 - 2021 ACMG Genetics & Genomics Review Course
 - ACMG Genomics Cases
 - ACMG Student Challenge
- Committees and Taskforce: Highlighted activities of the DEI and Advocacy, International Outreach and Engagement (Government Affairs), and Workforce Development and Optimization
- Opportunities for Involvement via ACMG Foundation for Genetic & Genomic Medicine (see ppt)
- Question about options for faculty recruitment (from Suma Shankar) – she has advertisements on job website but would like to disseminate more widely.
 - Susan said may be a topic to take up by APHMG or the ACMG Division Director’s new working group (led by Nat Robin at UAB, provided his email nrobin@uab.edu and also Fuki Hisama fmh2@uw.edu)
 - David Stevenson asked if APHMG list-serve could send job announcements to everyone (not just SIG members) to have wider reach. Also emails about research projects, etc. We can bring this up at next Council meeting.
- **ACMG Workforce** (Cindy Powell)
 - They are examining existing data, finding reasons behind shortage (awareness, lack of candidates, lack of programs, salaries), and developing recommendations and steps that ACMG can take on. Working with the DEI Committee and assisting with the ACMG salary survey.
 - Questions/comments: contact Cindy Powell: powellcm@med.unc.edu
- **NHGRI ISCC-PEG** (Kate Garber)
 - Project groups include: Project Inclusive Genetics, DTC Genetics Testing, Pharmacogenetics, Rare Diseases, and OB-Gyn Genetics Curriculum
 - Link Provided: <https://www.genome.gov/For-Health-Professionals/Provider-Genomics-Education-Resources/Healthcare-Provider-Direct-to-Consumer-Genetic-Testing-FAQ>
 - Scholars program accepting applications. Deadline November 1, 2022.
- **AAMC’s CFAS** (Tracey Weiler)
 - CFAS is one of 3 councils of AAMC:
 - COD – Council of Deans
 - COTH – Council of Teaching Hospitals
 - CFAS – Council of Faculty and Academic Societies
 - *CFAS identifies critical issues facing medical school faculty and academic societies and serves as a voice for both constituencies within AAMC’s leadership and governance structures.*

- CFAS committees: aamc.org/career-development/affinity-groups/cfas/committees
- 2 in-person meetings a year; monthly zoom meetings
- CFAS events and Projects
- Tracey is representing APHMG to AAMC so asks the group what do we want from the AAMC and what do we want AAMC to know (about you, about genetics in medical education and clinical medicine, your struggles with work, work-life balance, gender parity)? Her email is tweiler@fiu.edu
- **OPDA** – Organization of Program Director Associations (Anna Hurst)
 - APHMG is now a member of OPDA as of this year
 - Fall Meeting is Nov 18 from 9a-3p CST
 - Deb Regier is planning to attend, but others are welcome to join her
 - Anna Hurst is involved as the APHMG liaison in an OPDA Post-Dobbs working group; genetics is heavily impacted by this. A group of multidisciplinary PDs is assessing how the Dobbs decision is impacting trainees and programs.
 - Susan Klugman is also open to helping as she is passionate about the issue. Her institution is hosting trainees from Vanderbilt; there may have to be opportunities like this in genetics where trainees travel to other sites to get educational opportunities around abortion access
 - Mimi mentioned how relevant this is to OB, genetics, EM, Peds, Psych – and how it impacts requirements in training

7. Spring 2023 APHMG Workshop and SIG Meeting

- May 2-5, 2023 in Kiawah Island, SC
- Question arose about the excursion activity; plans not confirmed yet. No one had a strong preference but said we are open to ideas!

8. Open Discussion

- Conversation continued about post-Dobbs and how this is affecting programs and board leaderships
- Teresa Smolarek had a question about LGG – pointed to Marco and Steve