

Topline Take-Aways from the February 2025 AAHPM Board Meeting

- **Connecting with External Partners**

The President and Executive Director of the Hospice Medical Director Certification Board (HMDCB) presented a historical overview of HMDCB, highlighting their growth, current priorities, and potential areas of collaboration with AAHPM.

- **Board Action: Science Advisor Role Affirmed**

The Board reviewed the origin and impact of the Science Advisor role. After discussion and clarification, the Board affirmed its strategic value and approved the continuation of the role.

- **Board Action: Support for Palliative Care Quality Collaborative (PCQC)**

Following a closed session discussion with PCQC leadership, the Board considered their request for financial support and authorized an expenditure of up to \$125,000 to be used at the discretion of the Executive Committee to be allocated in two ways: (1) to engage an independent consultant to assess PCQC's business model and potential, and (2) to extend funding to partially bridge PCQC's operations for 3 months.

- **Officer Reports: Financials, Reflections and Leadership Updates**

The Treasurer presented the Finance and Investment reports for the third quarter and the Board approved and filed the Q3 investment report and financial statements. The President reviewed advocacy and governance highlights from 2024, encouraged participation in the 2025 Member Business Meeting and upcoming Bylaws vote, and expressed gratitude for her term as President. The CEO shared plans to implement more frequent, transparent leadership updates. The CEO search has received over 200 applications; finalist interviews are scheduled for April 2025, with a goal to have a new CEO by June 1. Steve Smith will remain as Interim CEO through the transition.

- **Annual Assembly Preview: Record Engagement in 2025**

The 2025 Annual Assembly Planning Co-Chair previewed event highlights in Denver, CO, including a record number of abstract submissions and increased exhibitor participation.

- **Board Transitions: Farewells and New Leadership Welcomed**

The President thanked outgoing Board members for their service and welcomed the incoming Board member along with the 2025–2026 Executive Committee.