

Topline Take-Aways from the June 2025 AAHPM Board Meeting:

- **AAHPM Leaders Organizational Strength and Future Success**

Insights from the President and Interim CEO highlighted the Academy's progress and spoke to the future direction of interorganizational alignment. Timely, concise communication in the form of short video messages from the President are being used to help increase knowledge, engagement, and connection with members. There is a great deal of enthusiasm and anticipation for the arrival of the Academy's new CEO, Pierre Désy, who begins on July 23. He will work closely with Steve Smith and the AAHPM team, board leaders, and key external partners during the next phase of transition and onboarding.

- **Financial Health in Focus: FY24 Audit and Q1 FY25 Financials Reviewed**

The Treasurer's report and investment updates provided a snapshot of AAHPM's fiscal position and planning. AAHPM recently deployed two staff rapid response teams (RRT) dedicated, cross-functional groups focused on quickly addressing critical issues, implementing enhancements, and handling time-sensitive issues. These AAHPM RRT's deployed on June 1, 2025, to oversee Membership Recapture and Product Development opportunities.

- **Membership Growth Strategy Discussed; Communities Evolving**

Review of Membership Study (Phase One) surfaced feedback from the Board and identified next steps for growth and retention. Key findings and recommendations from the recent membership survey will shape future engagement strategies. Regarding communities, Program Chiefs Special Interest Group (SIG) has changed their name to the "Program Leaders SIG" to better reflect the diversity of leadership roles across hospice and palliative care settings. The Black Professionals, Patients and Families Forum will now be called, the "Richard Payne Black Professionals, Patients and Families Forum". A new Forum is launching; Diverse Ability Advocates to Elevate Inclusion Forum is a new community focused on accessibility and representation within hospice and palliative care. Each of these proposed changes were approved by the Board.

- **JPSM Reports Strong Performance**

Editor in Chief, David Casarett, offered an update and opened the discussion for a future strategic visioning exercise for AAHPM publishing and editorial practices. Annual editorial and performance trends, budget forecasting and operational metrics were shared in

advance of the Board meeting and strategic opportunities will be further discussed at the fall Board meeting.

- **Formation of New Position Statement Task Force to Ensure Relevance, Responsiveness, and Strategic Alignment**

AAHPM remains committed to improving evidence-based care for people with serious illness. Position statements need to be reviewed and updated regularly and new statements must also be considered and created. To address this need in the Academy and to align with AAHPM's strategic goal to advance the field, the Board approved a Position Statement Task Force. AAHPM will also establish a permanent Position Statement Committee, as a sub-committee under the Quality and Research Strategic Coordinating Committee SCC. This committee will ensure timely, relevant, and impactful position and guidance statements are developed and distributed moving forward.

- **Academy Advocacy Efforts Amplify Member Voice**

An update on current and recent public policy initiatives and activities was provided. AAHPM's top priorities continue to be related to Medicaid, NIH funding, Medicare physician payment and extending telehealth flexibilities. An overview of the Academy's efforts at the AMA meeting was also provided.