

Top Five Themes from the AAHPM Board Meeting 6/12/2026

1. Financial Stewardship and Organizational Sustainability

The Board focused on fiscal oversight through review of the FY25 audit, FY26 Q1 financials, and the organizational investment performance. These discussions reinforced AAHPM's commitment to financial transparency, disciplined resource management, and long-term sustainability.

2. Strategic Growth and Revenue Diversification

Through the CEO report and a revised and enhanced development/fundraising strategy, the Board endorsed a new collaboration opportunity with m:Powered to expand revenue streams, strengthen financial resilience and ensure alignment with AAHPM's mission and future growth priorities. This will also include increased reporting and story sharing that provides members and donors concrete examples of how their generosity supported colleagues in the field and innovative Academy programming.

3. Strong Governance and Strategic Oversight

A continued emphasis on governance evolution was evident in the Strategic Oversight Framework presentation and approval of governance structure updates. This reflected the Board's commitment to clarity in staff and volunteer roles and outlined organizational trends to promote effective decision-making.

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4. Advancing Clinical Excellence, Science, and Quality Standards

The CMO report (Dr. Kristi Newport), Science Advisor Spotlight (Dr. Stacy Fischer), and update on the hospice work group recommendation to begin work on quality standard development highlighted AAHPM's leadership in advancing the science and practice of hospice and palliative care. It was agreed that focusing on developing evidence-based standards and convening experts in the field is a critical task for the Academy. Discussions continue on how AAHPM will collaborate with other organizations to bring this to fruition.

5. Member Value, Advocacy, and Field Impact

Updates included:

- There is significant work happening in policy and advocacy. AAHPM continues both regulatory and legislative efforts related to hospice integrity.
- AAHPM has submitted comment letters on the Hospice Wage Index, the Inpatient Prospective Payment, the Skilled Nursing Facility and Inpatient Rehabilitation proposed rules.
- AAHPM will be submitting comments on the Office of Management and Budget proposed rule that would greatly alter the process for federal funding of grants.
- The approval to move forward implementation of a new membership model that will offer core member benefits and a premium member benefit package.
- Successful Annual Assembly and State of the Science Preconference Symposium planning with HPNA continue to **Build Bridges** for greater reach and innovation for our 2027 conference.