

MARYLAND STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS
MEETING SUMMARY
May 5, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Bosley-Smith
Charles Chester
James Dorf
Lillian Greene Chamberlain
Larry Hughes
Surina Jordan
Linda Kephart
Brenda Loube
Lee Meizlesh
Amy Price
Jeanne Ruff
Joe Sharfran
Andy Vineberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vik Khanna (excused)
Teresa Seifert

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Walsh

GUESTS

Jill Fellman
Audrey Regan

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Brenda Loube convened the meeting at 4:33 PM and welcomed guests and 4 new council members, introductions were made. All minutes will now be accepted via vote. The Council reviewed and approved the March Minutes. (include motion made by and second)

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Additional new members are slated to be sworn-in sometime in June. The Council expects 5 to 7 members to join the Council this summer with the goal to reach our 25 member council. .

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

The following subcommittee reports were given:

- Awards: Lee Meizlish was elected chair of the awards subcommittee. Linda Kephart, Brenda Loube, and Teresa Seifert will remain members. The committee will decide over the summer recess on any changes to the process and present them at the September meeting.
- Education/Communication: Surina Jordan was elected chair of the subcommittee. Members are Jason Bosley-Smith, Lillian Greene-Chamberlain, Linda Kephart, Amy Price, Jeanne Ruff, Joe Shafran, and Andy Vineberg. The Council discussed the concept of branding the logo and image of the council, the endorsements and other communication efforts.
- Endorsements: James Dorf motioned and Linda Kephart called a second to create this new subcommittee. Jason Bosley-Smith was elected chair. Members are Larry Hughes, Amy Price, Jeanne Ruff, and Andy Vineberg. Surina Jordan updated the Council on the current status of the endorsement project and volunteered to work with the subcommittee to get them on track. The

group will create a project outline and have a draft application and guidelines for the September meeting. The program will hopefully be rolled out in November.

- Legislation: Charles Chester was elected chair of the subcommittee. James Dorf, Larry Hughes, and Joe Shafran are members. Charles Chester reviewed the outcome of four proposed bills that related to fitness. *See enclosed Legislative Update handout.* The Council discussed the need to leverage success from the session to increase Council visibility. Ann Walsh will follow up to see if the Council can send letters of endorsement for bills that were passed. Dr. Audrey Regan updated the Council on the Obesity Task Force that will be housed in the Heart Disease and Stroke Council. The Task Force is charged with providing a report to the legislature by 2009 with recommendations on combating childhood obesity in Maryland.
- Other: Brenda Loubé will send out project templates to all subcommittee chairs to outline projects to start in September after the summer recess.

OLD BUSINESS

The following items were discussed:

- Joe Shafran represented the Council at the One Less Car legislative day in February.
- James Dorf represented the Council at the local awards ceremony for the Pasadena Senior Center for winning the 2007 PA Excellence Award for the older adult category.
- Dr. Audrey Regan updated the Council on the success of the Surgeon General's visit in April. Members James Dorf, Lillian Greene-Chamberlain and Surina Jordan represented the Council at the event.
- The Council will be hosting an exhibit table at the June 3rd Healthy Active Maryland conference. Please email Ann Walsh if you are available to staff the booth.

NEW BUSINESS

The following items were discussed:

- Linda Kephart and Brenda Loubé hosted a new member orientation for the five new Council members today at 2:30 PM. Member guidelines, expectations and the history of the Council were reviewed.
- Larry Hughes requested a change in the Legislative Update handout to reflect that HB 1411 reflects the state school system (currently reads county school systems)

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NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Monday September 9, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was motioned to adjourn at 5:50 PM by Linda Kephart with a second by Joe Shafran.