

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
April 14, 2016

A regularly scheduled meeting of the OAPA Board of Directors convened at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls on April 14, 2016. Present were board members Boyd, Bowlby, Cackler, Dombrowski, Eulberg, Goodrich, Hirkala, Snider, Talboo, Thompson and Trimboth. Absent were board members Gardner and Ward. Also present were Josanne Pagel, GAC Chair, Kristen Homoki, Student Affairs Chair, Hope Smith, Student Rep-Elect, Clayton Rotuno, Diversity Chair and OAPA Executive Director Beth Adamson. Guest included Jonelle Flowers with Pfizer and Dawn Morton-Rias with the NCCPA. A quorum was present.

After introductions, President Cackler introduced Ms. Flowers who encouraged OAPA to support HB443 and SB243 on step therapy and also SB129 on prior authorizations.

Secretary Treasurer Boyd asked for a review of the minutes from the last meeting. Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the January 23, 2016 minutes. Ms. Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Boyd next reviewed the March 2016 financial statement noting revenue is down from last year because last year OAPA was selling DVDs, dues were higher due to the postcard campaign and last year's registrations were higher because it was a renewal year. Ms. Talboo moved to accept the March 2016 financial statements. Mr. Trimboth seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Cackler advised that he met with representatives from Nationwide Children's Hospital on the subject of PAs and NPs.

Region 4 Director, Ms. Bowlby reported that they had a dinner recently that wasn't a sales meeting.

Region 3 Director, Ms. Talboo reported that she had a meeting recently and there were a number of questions about the NCCPA proposed changes.

Region 6 Director, Mr. Eulberg advised that he has had three dinner meetings but attendance is low.

Student Representative-Elect, Ms. Smith and Student Affairs Chair, Kristin Homoki reported that a Student Olympics was held on April 2nd and 150 students from 6 programs participated. They collected \$5,000 for the Alzheimer's Association through various fundraising efforts. The University of Findlay took first place.

Students have been invited to the OAPA Pharmacology Conference cocktail hour and Ms. Smith believes about 30 will attend.

The election for student representative elect was held. There were two applicants and the SCSRs elected Taylor Symogi from Tri-C.

Ms. Adamson advised that the PAPC met on April 12, 2016. Formulary requests were considered and more proposed rules were discussed. OAPA had submitted a formal letter on the proposed QA rule and is also planning on meeting with the OSMB once the deadline for comments has passed. OAPA has also submitted a request for a negative formulary and has been told it will be on the agenda for the May PAPC meeting.

Ms. Pagel, GAC Chair, advised that an amendment to fix two of the unintended problems in SB110 is being added to HB116 which is due to have a hearing in the Senate Medicaid committee soon. SB252 was amended to include PAs to clear athletes after a cardiac event. This was achieved by writing a letter to the bill's sponsors. HB217, the pink slipping bill, has passed the House and had one hearing in the Senate. PAs are not included in this bill.

Ms. Adamson reported that the Reimbursement Seminar was well attended and saw a profit. Medicaid staff attended. There will be a Preceptor Workshop prior to the Pharmacology conference. The Pharmacology conference has 200 attendees this year. Down from last year as it is not a renewal year. Annual Conference will be held in September this year.

Vice President Thompson advised that the addition of a Retired Membership Category will be discussed at the July Board meeting for potential adoption by the membership in September.

Ms. Thompson also reviewed the slate of candidates for election this year and encouraged Regional Directors to mentor future board members in their region.

Under old business, the board tabled discussion on free conference registrations for board members until a formal proposal can be made in July. Free registrations for conference committee members will also be discussed.

The Kentucky APA has decided not to pursue the issue of accessing their state OARSS system stating that Schedule II are too controversial at the moment.

OAPA has entered into an agreement with Exam Master and will put a banner on the website and begin advertising it.

Under new business, Ms. Adamson advised that OAPA has had a record number of exhibitors at both the annual conference and pharmacology conference and believes the exhibit fee is too low. She has been told that \$1,000 seems to be the limit that exhibitors can spend without going through a complex grant process. Ms. Thompson moved to increase conference exhibit fees to \$950 starting in September 2016. Ms. Boyd seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Adamson advised that she talked to Greg Lestini about hourly or retainer and he said he could not give us the information we needed. She will make an appointment with Bricker and Eckler to get a proposal for board consideration in July.

The GI and Liver Association has asked OAPA to endorse their CME conference in Cleveland. They do not have AAPA accreditation but they do have AMA accreditation. OAPA members would get a free registration. Ms. Boyd moved to endorse the GALA conference. Mr. Eulberg seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

The Journal of Orthopaedic PAs has asked for an endorsement by OAPA. Discussion was tabled until July.

Mr. Trimbath advised that he has been in conversation with the Eastern Central Region on Education about the Medicaid in School Program. There are questions on who would pay for the required office visit for patient evaluation.

Mr. Trimbath also reported that the AAPA delegates have not yet received the resolutions for the HOD. He said that 8 resolutions have been submitted to AAPA on the subject of the NCCPA.

Mr. Rotuno, Diversity Chair, reported that initial contacts have been made on the subject of domestic partner benefits at the Cleveland Clinic. They only apply to couples who are married. More contacts need to be made. He also applauded the creation of the Virtual Center for Equality in Cleveland.

Ms. Morton-Rias, Executive Director of the NCCPA, joined the meeting and spoke to the board about the proposed changes to the PANRE. She said that it is not a done deal and comments will be taken until June. The earliest a decision will be made will be August but it will probably be later than that. OAPA expressed its concern about an exam and lack of remediation. Ms. Morton-Rias then left the meeting.

After brief discussion, the board did not change its position on the resolution.

Mr. Thomas, of NCCPA, is giving a talk on PI/SA at the conference on Saturday. The board expressed concern that he might get off topic and talk about the proposed changes to PANRE. Mr. Dombrowski asked that Ms. Pagel talk to Mr. Thomas and ask that if cannot stay on the PI/SA topic, his talk will be replaced. Ms. Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on July 9, 2016 at 10:30 AM in Columbus at a place to be determined.