

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
September 15, 2016

A regularly scheduled meeting of the OAPA Board of Directors convened at the Columbus Marriott Northwest in Dublin, OH on September 15, 2016. Present were board members Boyd, Bowlby, Cackler, Dombrowski, Eulberg, Smith, Snider, Thurman and Ward. Absent were board members Goodrich, Hirkala, Sheidler and Talboo. Also present were Josanne Pagel, GAC Chair, Taylor Somogyi, Student Rep-Elect, JP Thompson, Delegate, Clayton Rotuno, Diversity Chair, Kristin Homoki, Student Affairs Chair and OAPA Executive Director Beth Adamson. Guests included a student SCSR representative from Findlay. A quorum was present.

President Dombrowski called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Secretary Treasurer Boyd asked for a review of the minutes from the last meeting. Ms. Bowlby made a motion to approve the July 9, 2016 minutes. Ms. Thurman seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Boyd next reviewed the August 2016 financial statement noting dues revenue from students is up due to the new three year membership. Conference exhibit income is also up due to the increased fees. OAPA is now seeing reasonable Bricker and Eckler invoices. Ms. Bowlby moved to accept the August 2016 financial statements. Mr. Cackler seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Region 4 Director, Ms. Bowlby reported that they held a baseball meet and greet in July and the turnout was less than last year.

Region 6 Director, Mr. Eulberg advised that he did not hold any dinner meetings during the summer and plans on having a meet and greet during PA Week.

Region 7 Director, Mr. Ward reported that he also did not hold any dinner meetings over the summer. He is planning on several town hall meetings in healthcare facilities and all PAs will be invited.

Student Representative, Ms. Smith, advised that the deadline for recognition awards for student memberships has been extended to September 30. Eight programs will participate in the 2017 Student Olympics and planning will begin in October for the Olympics in July 2017. They have also began planning the student track for the 2017 Annual Conference.

Ms. Adamson advised that the PAPC September meeting was cancelled. It is hoped that the negative formulary will be on the October agenda as written information was given to the PAPC in August. Ms. Pagel suggested that OAPA consider trying to amend removal of the formulary into the APN bill as it removes the APN formulary. Ms. Boyd moved to ask Bricker and Eckler about amending into the APN bill. Ms. Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

The board discussed another postcard campaign to increase membership. Ms. Adamson said that a cause is usually needed to get a response. It was suggested that the student members who convert to full membership be notified in renewal notices that a portion of their dues will be earmarked for support of student activities. It was also suggested that each board member adopt a PA program and meet with the students on the leadership process.

Mr. Rotuno, Chair of the Diversity Committee, suggested that OAPA celebrate legislative accomplishments and recognize PAs going into new specialties.

He further advised that there will be a diversity talk at the conference and the MW Conference on LGBT Health and Equality will be held in October. Two diversity scholarships will be awarded at the membership meeting and he is working on a spotlight article on alternative medicine for the newsletter.

Ms. Homoki, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, advised that there will be a student networking event at the hotel on Saturday and about 20 students have said they will attend. There will also be a Pre-PA meeting on Sunday morning and she has had about 6 responses to this. Three general scholarships will be awarded at the membership meeting.

Ms. Thompson reported that she attended the annual OAFP meeting and that alternative payment systems was a major topic of discussion.

Ms. Pagel, GAC Chair, advised that, in response to a member inquiry, PAs cannot use fluoroscopy. They would need to get certified as a radiology technician. A statutory change is needed for this procedure and can be included in a future omnibus piece of legislation. She also noted that OAPA should start regular meetings with the OSMB next year.

Ms. Thurman asked that each Regional Director bring someone from their region to a board meeting to promote interest in the board. She will be working on a slate of candidates for next March.

Mr. Snider researched *The Journal of Orthopedics for Physician Assistant* as a response to its request for endorsement. He wondered if endorsing one specialty would lead to other requests. No action was taken as they have not contacted OAPA to follow up on their request.

Ms. Thurman had suggested using a grant writer for future conferences and the board reviewed a proposed contract for those services. Ms. Adamson advised that the level of grants that Ms. Lake applies for involve pre and post surveys for each session supported by a grant and also a follow up survey a month later. Compiling the results of the surveys is very time consuming if done manually and other ways of doing so are very expensive. Ms. Thurman advised that it could be outsourced. Ms. Pagel commented that OAPA needs to consider the integrity of the programming and not just follow the money for topics. Ms. Boyd moved to table a decision on the contract until January 2017. Ms. Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried. Ms. Adamson will research outsourcing and other electronic ways of compiling the survey results.

Ms. Pagel advised that AAPA's LAS will be held in March 2017 and the focus will be on constituent organizations rather than Congress. NCCPA has issued a new proposal for recertification and is calling for comments. AAPA is still researching alternative certifying bodies. AAPA will be held in Las Vegas in 2017 and will celebrate AAPA's 50th Anniversary.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, January 21, 2017 in Columbus at a place to be determined.