

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
January 23, 2021

The OAPA Board of Directors convened via Zoom on Saturday, January 23, 2021. Present on the call were board members Fisher, Oiler, Pagliaccio, Geng, Jones, Matthews, Marangoni, McDiffett, Ward and Talboo. Also on the call were Orihill and Gardiner, Membership Co-Chairs, Sittek, Communications Co-Chair, Delegates Bowlby, Thompson, Roxas, and Beals, Sittek, Communications Co-Chair, Pagel, GAC Chair Chair Roane, Diversity Chair and La Barge, Student Rep Elect. Guests included 10 SCSRs. Not present were board members Gavin, Gardner and Dombrowski.

President Fisher called the meeting to order and introductions were made. He then called for a review of the October 10, 2020 minutes and the December 28, 2020 minutes. Ms. Marangoni moved to approve the October 10, 2020 minutes. Ms. McDiffett seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried. Mr. Jones moved to approve the December 28, 2020 minutes. Ms. Oiler seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Adamson reviewed the December 2020 year-end financials and the report is attached. Ms. McDiffett moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Marangoni seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Fisher, in his President's Report, advised he has been in the loop with regard to legislation, would like to see the PA Reserve Corps utilized and supported a letter from OAPA to the Pharmacy Board with regard to PAs being able to be responsible parties at dangerous drug terminals.

Region 1 Director, Mr. Jones, reported that he knows a Congressman and asked if it was OK to talk to him about support at the Federal level for PAs.

Region 4 Director, Ms. Geng, advised that there was a virtual meeting with a rep and only 3 people attended.

Region 6 Director, Ms. Oiler, advised that she is trying to organize a webinar on financial loans for students. Ms. Matthews volunteered to help with this. OAPA could consider charging for access and maybe for endorsements.

Ms. Matthews, Student Representative, would like to have a Launchpad in March on clinical year successes and networking. The student representative application is also being developed.

Ms. Orihill, Membership Co-chair, reported that they are developing a survey, a welcome packet and a social media campaign. Establishing a Health System Group membership has also been discussed.

Mr. Sittek, Communications Co-Chair, advised they are discussing website information, banners and a Teams webinar.

Ms. Roane, Diversity Chair, advised that the committee is meeting monthly, have revised the mission statement and will be submitting quarterly newsletter articles.

Ms. McDiffett, Student Affairs Chair, advised that the committee needs more students. An SCSR guidance document was finalized and sent to the programs. SCSRs need to be more involved. She also encouraged participation in the Adopt a Program and OAPA can supply pins.

Ms. Pagel, GAC Chair, announced the legislative agenda for 2021 which includes three bills: removal or supervision agreements, sedation and a practice bill. OSMB needs to develop rules with regard to consult agreements. Fundraising needs to be done for the legislative fund in all regions – perhaps with a personalized letter.

Ms. Adamson advised that the 2021 pharmacology conference will be live at the end of April with some sort of alternate attendance like Zoom or on-demand. Ms. Pagel suggested additional CME offerings on-demand in the summer.

Ms. Marangoni advised that, if the Policy Manual changes are approved, changes will need to be made to the nominations and election process.

Ms. Marangoni reviewed a summary of proposed Policy Manual Changes. Ms. Marangoni moved to approve the Policy Manual changes. Ms. Geng seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Adamson reviewed the proposed 2021 budget noting that it shows expenses greater than income by a considerable amount. Mr. Jones moved to approve the 2021 budget. Ms. Marangoni seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Pagel reported that the AAPA HOD was virtual in November and went well. AAPA will be live and virtual in May 2021. Medical Care Practitioner is being considered as a new title for PAs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meeting has been scheduled for April 22, 2021 either live or via Zoom.