

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
April 24, 2021

The OAPA Board of Directors convened via Zoom on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Present on the call were board members Fisher, Oiler, Geng, Gavin, Dombrowski, Matthews and McDiffett. Also on the call were Orihill and Gardiner, Membership Co-Chairs, Sittek, Communications Co-Chair, Delegates Thompson, Roxas, and Trimbath, Pagel, GAC Chair, Roane, Diversity Chair and La Barge, Student Rep Elect. Guests included 7 SCSRs. Not present were board members Pagliaccio, Jones, Gardner, Marangoni, Ward and Talboo.

President Fisher called the meeting to order. Mr. Dombrowski then called for a review of the January 23, 2021 minutes. Ms. McDiffett moved to approve the January 23, 2021 minutes. Ms. Matthews seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Adamson reviewed the March 2021 financials and the report is attached. Ms. McDiffett moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Oiler seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Fisher, in his President's Report, advised it has been quiet. He said the Governor's Task Force on COVID-19 is asking for information on patient hesitancy on getting vaccinated. He asked that those on the call to provide what insight they might have on this.

Region 2 Director, Ms. Gavin, had nothing to report.

Region 4 Director, Ms. Geng, advised that it has been difficult to get pharmaceutical reps to host meetings due to COVID.

Region 6 Director, Ms. Oiler, advised that she is trying to organize a webinar on financial loans for students. She also attended the Leadership Summit and met with an Ohio Representative and Senator.

Ms. Matthews, Student Representative, announced that the new Student Representative Elect is Tyler Fitzgerald. The complete report is attached.

The light based medical devices rule is up for public hearing on May 17. The OSMB did remove the training requirements from the rule.

Ms. Gardiner, Membership Co-chair, reported that they are developing a welcome packet.

Mr. Sittek, Communications Co-Chair, advised that they would like to update the website and expand the job site. Ms. Adamson advised that 150 pharmaceutical reps were invited to sponsor a newsletter edition but they all declined. It was suggested that AAPA may have a current list of reps.

Ms. Roane, Diversity Chair, advised that the committee is meeting monthly and will give a presentation to the Euclid High School.

Ms. McDiffett, Student Affairs Chair, advised that the committee hasn't had much activity but they do have additional students now. She encouraged board members to distribute pins at the ceremonies this spring. Ms. Pagel advised that they have been offering virtual shadowing twice a month and it has been successful. She will look into sharing the sessions with OAPA for posting.

Ms. Pagel, GAC Chair, had submitted a report which is attached. She also advised that the OSMB wants to amend the telehealth bill to require the first visit be in person.

Mr. Rotuno, Reimbursement Chair, advised that he has been participating on the STAR calls and will provide an update for the newsletter.

Ms. Adamson advised that the 2021 pharmacology conference has been postponed to July and will be live with a streaming option. Ms. Adamson asked for consensus on registration fees at \$325 for live and \$225 for streaming.

Ms. Adamson advised that board terms need to be staggered and it was suggested that the Secretary-Treasurer, Region 3,4 and 5 be extended to one year ending June 30, 2022. The other seats would all be two year terms. Ms. McDiffett moved to extend the terms of Secretary-Treasurer, Region 3,4, and 5 to June 30, 2022. Ms. Oiler seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Pagel reported that the AAPA HOD resolutions were reviewed by the Ohio delegates and Ohio was the only state with a resolution on the title change. Other resolutions address student voting, NCCPA recertification and changing the nominations committee to a commission.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meeting has been scheduled for July 29, 2021 either live or via Zoom. The board will be surveyed for their preference.