

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 29, 2021

The OAPA Board of Directors convened in person and via Zoom on Thursday, July 30, 2021. Present on the call or in person were board members Fisher, Oiler, Geng, Dombrowski, Freado, Hart, Marangoni, Fitzgerald, La Barge and McDiffett. Also on the call or in person were Pagel, GAC Chair, Rotuno, Reimbursement Chair, Delegates Thompson, Roxas, and Trimbath. Guests included Hood and DiFranco. Not present were board members Gavin, Pagliaccio, Gardner, Ward and Talboo.

President McDiffett called the meeting to order. Mr. Dombrowski then called for a review of the April 24, 2021 minutes. Ms. La Barge moved to approve the April 24, 2021 minutes. Mr. Freado seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Dombrowski reviewed the June 2021 financials and the report is attached. Ms. MccDiffett moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Hart seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. McDiffett, in her President's Report, advised she met with Mr. Fisher and Ms. Adamson. Goals were discussed and kept the same as in the past. She then confirmed her appointment of Committee Chairs Sittek, Roane, Pagel and Rotuno.

Student Rep La Barge introduced Tyler Fitzgerald as the new Student Rep Elect. A report is attached. Ms. Pagel offered to help organize mock interviewing sessions with recruiters.

With regard to the PAPC, Scott Cackler has been reappointed and Mr. Trimbath advised that the OSMB may start auditing CME.

Mr. Freado noted there is a report attached from Mr Sittek. He also advised that OAPA needs a dedicated person for social media and public relations. The board was asked to submit suggestions for how to move forward on this.

Ms. La Barge reported that they are working on pre-PA initiatives, resources and contacting counselors. The 2021 PA Student Olympics was virtual and Ms. Laughlin did a great job. They hope to have a live Olympics in 2022 and are seeing a Chair for the event.

Ms. Pagel, GAC Chair, advised that there is a report attached. OAPA has been meeting monthly with the OSMB and have been invited to an in person PAPC meeting in November. The PA title change is not an OAPA priority as it will take a legislative change.

Mr. Rotuno, Reimbursement Chair, advised that there is a report attached.

Ms. Adamson asked for a decision on the Annual Conference in September with regard to a hybrid conference of both live and streaming. Mr. Dombrowski moved to have the Annual Conference offered the same way as the Pharmacology Conference. Mr. Hart seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

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

Region 3 report is attached.

Region 4 Director, Ms. Geng, advised they had a dinner but a very small turnout.

Region 5 report is attached.

Region 6 Director, Ms. Oiler, advised that she is trying to organize a webinar on personal finances and the business of medicine. She will discuss this with the student reps as it could be a Launchpad for all OAPA members.

In Old Business work on the Standard Operating Procedures and restructuring the Regions has not taken place and there doesn't seem to be much interest in pursuing either.

In New Business the 2020 goals need to be accomplished and it was suggested that a strategic planning meeting take place before the Board meeting on September 23. Also, OAPA needs to contact the Mercy PA program and they are enrolling students.

The HOD will become more active in November.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meeting has been scheduled for September 23, 2021 in person prior to the Annual Conference.