

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
January 28, 2023

The OAPA Board of Directors convened via Zoom on Saturday, January 28, 2023. Present on the call were Board members Bowlby, Cubra, Fitzgerald, Freado, Hart, Irwin, Marangoni, McDiffett and Talboo along with Student Rep Elect Bixel, Delegate Thompson, GAC Chair Pagel, Diversity Chair Roane, Reimbursement Chair Rotuno, Communications Chair Sittek and 14 SCSRs and guests. Not present were board members Gavin, Oiler and Ward. A quorum was present.

President Marangoni called the meeting to order.

Ms. Irwin called for a review of the October 20, 2022 minutes. Ms. Irwin moved to approve the October 20, 2022 minutes. Ms. Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Irwin reviewed the December 2022 financials and the report is attached. Ms. Irwin moved to approve the Treasurers Report. Ms. Cubra seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried. Ms. Irwin advised that the 2023 proposed budget will be reviewed with regard to OAPA strategic goals and will be presented to the Board at the April meeting.

Mr. Hart, Region 1 Director, reported that they had three successful dinners with Region 2. They are considering holding an event for students.

Ms. Talboo, Region 3 Director, reported that the last dinner attendance was disappointing and she is scheduling another on February 23.

Ms. Cubra, Region 4 Director, reported that two dinners have been held and she is planning an education session in the future.

Region 5 is currently vacant and there were no volunteers from the last request.

Student Representative Mr. Fitzgerald reported that the student lectures are on the OAPA website and will be sent to PA program directors. The SCSRs have been working on identifying Pre-PA club advisors and presidents in order to contact them with regard to meeting with OAPA. He is working with GAC Chair Pagel to develop a plan for getting students involved. He will also be reaching out to the Regional Directors to coordinate dinner events for students.

Ms. Marangoni advised that the Membership Chair is recruiting committee members and is reviewing current OAPA documents for revisions. She has had several meetings with healthcare systems to discuss group discounts and job ads.

Communications Chair, Mr. Sittek said he still needs headshots for the website. Ms. Bowlby advised that the Bylaws need to be reflected correctly on the website.

Ms. Roane, Diversity Committee Chair reported that the DEI webinar will be held in 2023 and a meeting will be held in February with the speaker. She also advised that the committee is collaborating with ODH on lead poisoning prevention.

Ms. McDiffett, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, advised that the PA Olympics is now a sub-committee and by consensus it was decided the event would be live this year.

GAC Chair Ms. Pagel reviewed her report. It is attached. She further advised that SB28 has been introduced to enter a PA licensure compact. OAPA will meet with Senator Roegner on February 7. Fundraising will be important and some suggestions were to have Regional Directors get involved and maybe have the PA Olympics fundraiser go to OAPA this year.

Ms. Adamson reported that the Pharmacology Conference registration is now open. By consensus it was decided not to send out postcards this year. Planning for the annual conference needs to start soon and a call for committee volunteers will go out in the newsletter. Healthcare systems need to be contacted as NPs can use the CME accreditation.

Ms. Bowlby reviewed recommended updates to both the Bylaws and Policy Manual. Ms. Bowlby moved to submit the Bylaws changes as submitted to the membership in April. Mr. Freado seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried. Ms. Bowlby moved to adopt the Policy Manual as submitted. Mr. Freado seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

A call for committee volunteers for both the Annual Conference and Scholarship committees will be in the newsletter along with a call for leadership nominations.

Under Old Business, Mr. Hart did not have a report on revising the regions but will have one in April. Those present were encouraged to use Teams and they should contact Ms. Marangoni if they are having trouble accessing it.

Under New Business, it was announced that the Annual Conference will have a new two-day format.

Ms. Pagel advised that Ohio submitted a resolution allowing retired members to vote to the AAPA HOD and it was accepted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meetings will be held prior to the Pharmacology Conference on April 20, 2023.

Ms. Irwin moved to go into Executive Session with voting members only. Ms. Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.