

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

The OAPA Board of Directors convened in person and via Zoom on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Present on the call or in person were board members Fisher, Oiler, Geng, Freado, Hart, Marangoni, Talboo, Ward, Fitzgerald, La Barge and McDiffett. Also on the call or in person were Pagel, GAC Chair, Delegates Thompson, Beals and Roxas. Guests included Hood and SCSRs from CWRU, Findlay and Toledo. Not present were board members Dombrowski, Gavin, Geng, Bowlby and Gardner.

President McDiffett called the meeting to order and asked attorneys from Bricker & Eckler to give a presentation. The firm is moving most healthcare clients to a national healthcare firm. OAPA has the option of also going to the national firm or staying with Bricker & Eckler.

Ms. McDiffett asked for an Executive Session. Mr. Fisher moved to go remain with Bricker & Eckler. Ms. McDiffett seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried. Mr. Freado moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Ms. Talboo seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. McDiffett then called for a review of the July 29, 2021 minutes. Mr. Fisher to approve the July 29, 2021 minutes. Mr. Freadp seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Adamson reviewed the August 2021 financials and the report is attached. Ms. La Barge moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Hart seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. McDiffett, in her President's Report, advised that she was the Keynote speaker at the Lake Erie white coat ceremony and will give a presentation at the PAPC meeting in November,

Region 1 Director, Mr. Hart, advised that a dinner for both Region 1 and Region 2 is being organized.

Region 4 report is attached.

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 is also helping the Cedarville program find preceptors.

Region 7 Director, Mr. Ward, advised that there have been no meetings and he may do some virtual education.

Student Representative Ms. La Barge's report is attached and she also is trying to find speakers for the Business in Medicine project.

Diversity Chair Ms. Roane's report is attached.

Ms. Mcdiffett, Student Affairs Chair, advised there will be a meeting next week and they are working on pre-PA content for the website and also discussing virtual shadowing. She reminded the board about adopting a program, the new programs in particular. She is still seeking a new chair for the committee.

GAC Chair Ms. Pagel's report is attached.

By consensus the board decided to put out a call for Educator of the Year to be announced during PA Week in early October.

In Old Business Ms. McDiffett is seeking a volunteer for the PR Committee that will work with the Communications Committee. She also advised that the Leadership section of the website needs to be updated.

In New Business Ms. McDiffett suggested using AAPA resources for PA Week. She is going to do a video and asked the board members to do the same. AAPA has an Op Ed form available for use. A strategic planning session will be held via Zoom and she will poll the board for the best date. She asked for committee reports for her presentation to the PAPC in November.

Ms. Pagel advised that resolutions to the HOD are due in January 2022 and policy suggestions by March 2022. The HOD will meet in May 2022. One resolution is to convene a task force to review AAPA bylaws and policies and Articles of Incorporation. A leadership conference will be held virtually in November and LAS will meet in early March 2022 in Washington, DC.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meeting has been scheduled for January 22, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 AM via Zoom.