

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
July 9, 2016

A regularly scheduled meeting of the OAPA Board of Directors convened at the Columbus Marriott Northwest in Dublin, OH on July 9, 2016. Present were board members Boyd, Bowlby, Cackler, Dombrowski, Eulberg, Hirkala, Sheidler, Smith, Snider, Thurman and Ward. Absent were board members Goddrich and Talboo. Also present were Josanne Pagel, GAC Chair, Taylor Somogyi, Student Rep-Elect, JP Thompson, Delegate and OAPA Executive Director Beth Adamson. Guest included four student SCSR representatives. A quorum was present.

President Dombrowski called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Secretary Treasurer Boyd asked for a review of the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Eulberg made a motion to approve the April 14, 2016 minutes. Ms. Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Boyd next reviewed the June 2016 financial statement noting dues revenue for the rest of this year will be down from the year before due to the postcard mailing. Mr. Cackler moved to accept the June 2016 financial statements. Mr. Ward seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Region 4 Director, Ms. Bowlby reported that they have had dinner meetings but the same few people keep attending. She has planned a meet and greet at a baseball game for later in July.

Region 6 Director, Mr. Eulberg advised that he has had three dinner meetings but attendance is low so they may not do any more. Ms. Smith asked if the students could be included in the invitations even though they are not eligible to attend. It was decided to post the dinners after they have occurred in the newsletter.

Region 5 Director, Mr. Sheidler advised that he has identified a rep that may be willing to support a dinner meeting. Mr. Dombrowski told the Regional Directors that he is willing to attend at least one regional dinner during his term.

Region 7 Director, Mr. Ward reported that he has had two dinners and attendance is low. He also commented that OAPA membership numbers are down in his region. He is planning on several town hall meetings in healthcare facilities and all PAs will be invited.

Region 2 Director, Ms. Hirkala, reported that her region along with Region 1 has had two dinners with attendance in the 20's. She polled those that attended for their opinion of OAPA and it was suggested that membership dues be included in the state license fee. This would take legislative action.

Student Representative, Ms. Smith, introduced Student Representative-Elect, Ms. Somogyi and advised that SCSRs are now required to attend at least one OAPA board meeting. OAPA had a table at the CCF student conference. She will be conducting a PA Olympics follow up survey for next year. The location and time of year were discussed. A possibility is combining it with a Board Meeting in Columbus. She told the board that student scholarship announcements have gone out. She would also like a networking session for students and PAs at the Annual Conference and also invite the students to attend for free on Sunday.

The student challenge bowl was discussed as CCF may not have a student conference in 2017. Since there is a student track in 2017 at the OAPA Annual Conference, the challenge bowl will be hosted by OAPA with CCF providing the equipment.

Ms. Adamson advised that the PAPC met in June but the July meeting was cancelled. In June they updated the formulary but a negative formulary was not mentioned. The QA rule was also not mentioned and Ms. Adamson was told by the PAPC Chair that it was being discussed internally. Mr. Ward expressed concern that physicians in his region that submitted comments on the QA rules appeared to be attacked

by the OSMB with demands for information on their QA process. Ms. Adamson thought this might have actually just been the tone of the emails rather than the OSMB being aggressive. She knew they wanted information on what type of QA processes are out there and OAPA assisted by distributing a survey.

OAPA had a conference call with AAPA to discuss a possible strategy for opposing the QA Rule. AAPA has hired a law firm that is using a recent FTC ruling to help states with these types of restrictive rules.

Ms. Pagel, GAC Chair, advised that Medicaid has redrafted the PA rules and OAPA is working with the agency to make sure the wording is what we want. Medicaid has included assisting in surgery for the first time. She asked the board to approve a request for PAs to be able to prescribe drugs that are used for rapid intubation. She withdrew the request in favor of actively pursuing a negative formulary.

Ms. Adamson advised that a student had asked what OAPA is doing about eliminating supervision agreements for PAs in Ohio. The language about the elimination of collaboration agreements for APNS was removed from their bill. Ms. Bowlby said this was discussed at the AAPA House of Delegates. Ms. Pagel said that AAPA is investigating this further and has created a task force that will be defining terms. AAPA has also stated that it will support any state action.

Ms. Adamson said that one speaker is still needed for the Annual Conference and the Poster Session will be held again. She will advertise the networking session and free registration to the students.

The adoption of a Retired Member category was discussed and the Board reviewed language. They asked that eligibility age be lowered to 62 and that they pay 25% of the current fellow or associate dues and 25% of the registration fee for conferences and seminars. Ms. Bowlby moved to approve the Retired Membership Category as amended. Ms. Boyd seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried. The approved category will go to the general membership for adoption at the membership meeting in September.

Under old business, discussion on free conference registrations for board members took place. Mr. Cackler moved to approve a discount on conference registration for board members in the amount that would cover per person conference expenses. Ms. Bowlby seconded, there was one opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Adamson advised that she talked to Greg Lestini and Jim Flynn of Bricker and Eckler about hourly or retainer and he submitted information that was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. It was decided by consensus to stay at an hourly rate.

Ms. Hirkala has been doing research on Health Jobs Nationwide and spoke with two constituent chapters that use the site. The site is not specific to Ohio and the revenue would be less than OAPA is currently making from the OAPA website. It was decided by consensus not to contract with Health Jobs Nationwide.

The Journal of Othopedic PAs has asked for endorsement from OAPA. Mike Snider with review the publication and make a recommendation at the September board meeting.

Ms. Thompson, Chief Delegate to the AAPA HOD, advised that her full report of the proceedings can be found in the OAPA Newsletter. She thanked John Trimbath for his assistance with the resolutions and commented that Ms. Bowlby did an excellent job with the presentation.

Ms. Pagel thanked Mr. Cackler for his two years of leadership as President.

Discussion took place on the upcoming PA Program Dinner in September. There are so many programs in Ohio that the numbers are getting very big. It was decided by consensus to limit attendance to one faculty member and one student from each program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 15 at the Columbus Marriott Northwest.