

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
January 21, 2017

A regularly scheduled meeting of the OAPA Board of Directors convened via conference call on January 21, 2017. Present were board members Boyd, Bowlby, Cackler, Dombrowski, Eulberg, Goodrich, Hirkala, Smith, Snider, Talboo, Thurman and Ward. Absent was Sheidler. Also present were Josanne Pagel, GAC Chair, Taylor Somogyi, Student Rep-Elect, JP Thompson, Delegate, Kristin Homoki, Student Affairs Chair, John Trimbath, Formulary Task Force Chair and OAPA Executive Director Beth Adamson. Guests included Greg Lestini and Mandi Grandjean from Bricker and Eckler. A quorum was present.

President Dombrowski called the meeting to order and Ms. Adamson took a roll call.

Secretary Treasurer Boyd asked for a review of the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Cackler made a motion to approve the September 15, 2016 minutes. Ms. Hirkala seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

President Dombrowski asked to deviate from the formal agenda and hear first from GAC Chair Pagel and the representatives from Bricker and Eckler.

The board had all received a proposed legislative agenda for 2017 containing changes to a negative formulary, fixing the Masters issue, allowing psych consultations and pink slipping and removing the certification requirement after initial licensure. Adding PAs to the Medical Board and eliminating the PAPC were also part of the proposed agenda.

Ms. Bowlby asked if procedural sedation could be added and that led to discussion of the anesthesia statute and the formulary. This could be something that could be addressed by the FTC. Mr. Cackler asked that the formulary be eliminated altogether as most other states do not have a formulary.

Mr. Lestini suggested that non-controversial issues could be put in the budget bill and other changes can be prioritized and put in separate legislation. Mr. Lestini will talk to the new chair of the House Health Committee, Dr. Huffman, to give him background on what we will be trying to do. He will also meet with the Governor's office with regard to putting PAs on the Medical Board. The changes will be prioritized and language will be developed.

Mr. Cackler moved to authorize Bricker and Eckler and the GAC to pursue items B-F on the proposed agenda (A is negative formulary) and add G (eliminate the formulary). Ms. Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed. Mr. Eulberg moved to amend the motion to include anything else that is identified in the future that needs changing in statute. Mr. Cackler seconded the amendment, there were none opposed, motion on the amendment carried. Mr. Dombrowski call for a vote on the original motion as amended, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Eulberg asked when it would be appropriate to contact the FTC and Mr. Cackler wanted to know if there would be a financial impact on the association. Ms. Pagel described the process and noted that several states have already contacted the FTC. Ms. Bowlby moved to contact the FTC to review Ohio barriers to PA practice. Ms. Hirkala seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Pagel advised in her AAPA report that several states are already pursuing FTC relief and AAPA is supporting them. LAS this year will focus on NCCPA, Full Practice Authority and practice barriers. The Annual Conference will have a different format this year and will be held in Las Vegas.

Ms. Boyd next reviewed the year end December 2016 financial statement noting that there was a \$25,000 carryover to 2017. Ms. Thompson asked why conference revenue was down and Ms. Adamson believed it was due to the fact that it was a non-renewal year. Ms. Bowlby moved to accept the December 2016 financial statements. Ms. Hirkala seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Region 1 Director, Mr. Goodrich, reported that he is planning a dinner meeting.

Region 3 Director, Ms. Talboo, reported that they had a dinner in October and have planned another one for February. Mr. Dombrowski encouraged members to bring a non-member to the dinner.

Region 4 Director, Ms. Bowlby reported that they are having a dinner next week and PAs have been contacting her with practice questions.

Region 7 Director, Mr. Ward reported that he is working on dates for several town hall meetings in healthcare facilities and all PAs will be invited.

Mr. Dombrowski asked that the Regional Directors all visit the PA programs in their regions.

Student Representatives, Ms. Smith and Ms. Somogyi, advised that recognition awards for student memberships have been announced. Eleven programs will participate in the 2017 Student Olympics meeting this afternoon for the Olympics in July.

Ms. Somogyi advised that they have started an Adopt a Program and would like each board member to contact a PA program. They are also sending out the student representative-elect applications.

Ms. Bowlby advised that the PA programs have created a consortium that is meeting next week. The lack of clinical sites is a national crisis and the group will be discussing legislation that would provide tax breaks for preceptors.

The board expressed concern over the lack of leadership by the PAs on the PAPC. It was suggested that a meeting be set up with the PA PAPC members and OAPA board members.

Ms. Homoki, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, advised that they are planning the student track for the annual conference and it will have a career focus. There will not be a Challenge Bowl.

Ms. Thurman advised that a Call for Nominations needs to go out and she will write it and send it to the office. Mr. Dombrowski encouraged recruitment and suggested they bring someone to the board meetings. Ohio's delegation to AAPA needs to be finalized so we need to know who is attending.

Under old business, discussion on hiring a Grant Writer was tabled until March.

In new business, Mr. Dombrowski encouraged board members to participate on the FPAR conference call on January 24.

Ms. Boyd reviewed the proposed 2017 budget. Ms. Bowlby moved to approve the budget. Mr. Eulberg seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Thompson asked for a conference call of all the AAPA delegates so a chief delegate can be selected. Mr. Trimble thought it would be a good idea for the delegates to be on the FPAR call.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls.