

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
January 18, 2020

A regularly scheduled meeting of the OAPA Board of Directors convened at the Columbus Marriott Northwest in Dublin, OH on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Present in person were board members Bowlby and Fisher. Also in person were Matt Freado, Membership Chair, Clayton Rotuno, Reimbursement Chair, JP Thompson, Delegate and guests Brandon Hughey, Erin Ramey, Patrick Kearns and Paul Cleland and OAPA Executive Director Beth Adamson. Participating by phone were board members Pagliaccio, Dombrowski, McDiffett, Gavin, Geng, Armstrong and Laughlin. Also present on the phone were Josanne Pagel, GAC Chair, Jennifer Richardson, Communication Committee, Karen Roane, Diversity Committee, Jim Fry, Chief Delegate and Keara Matthews, Student Rep Elect. Not present were board members Talboo, Eulberg, Redmond and Ward.

President Pagliaccio asked for a motion to call the meeting to order. Mr. Fisher moved to call the meeting to order. Ms. Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Dombrowski asked for a review of the minutes from the last meeting and asked for a minor correction. Ms. Bowlby moved to approve the October 24, 2019 minutes. Mr. Fisher seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Dombrowski reviewed the December year end financials and his report is attached. Ms. Bowlby moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Fisher seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Pagliaccio reminded those present that the commitment document is posted on Teams. She then asked all the board members to execute the document and return it to the OAPA office.

Region 1 Director, Ms. McDiffett in addition to her attached report advised that she is adopting Lake Erie and would like someone to adopt Case Western Reserve. Ms. Pagliaccio volunteered.

Region 2 Director, Ms. Gavin advised that she had dinner meetings in November and December.

Region 4 Director, Ms. Geng, advised that she is new to the board and will coordinate a dinner soon.

Region 5 Director, Mr. Armstrong did not have anything to add to his attached report.

Mr. Dombrowski advised that he spoke to the 2nd year students at Baldwin Wallace.

Ms. Laughlin, Student Representative, reported that the students will begin planning the 2020 Student Olympics in a conference call later this afternoon. Discussion took place on whether the Olympics should coincide with the July board meeting. It was decided an independent date was fine. Discussion also took place on whether or not fundraising should take place at the Pharmacology Conference for the charity that was selected by Kettering. It was decided that if students contributed baskets for the auction that a portion of the proceeds would go to the charity.

Ms. Adamson reported that the PAPC met in early January and the meeting dates have been moved to after the Medical Board meeting. She also said that CSI ruled that the light-based devices rules were not restraint of trade. Those rules still need to have the fiscal impact completed by CSI.

Mr. Freado, Chair of the Membership Committee who had submitted a report (attached), asked the Board to vote on paying for custom software to allow auto-reminders for dues. Ms. Adamson said she has been sending out reminders since November but has too few statistics to report its impact on renewals. The board decided to table this until March. Ms. Adamson was asked to get mailing lists from AAPA and the OSMB to use in a membership campaign.

Ms. Richardson, Communications Chair, had nothing to add to the attached report she submitted.

Ms. Laughlin, Public Relations Chair advised that the committee is partnering with Miami University in a pre-PA pilot program. She also said that they were working on signage and T-shirts for the student Olympics.

Ms. Roane advised that Ms. Redmond had asked her to be the interim Diversity Committee Chair. Ms. Pagliaccio confirmed her appointment.

A Student Affairs Committee report had been submitted (attached). Ms. McDiffett added that they will be putting some pre-PA information on the website.

Ms. Pagel, GAC Chair, had submitted a report (attached). In an update she advised that Representatives Wiggams and Miller will sponsor the bill and are seeking co-sponsors. The bill should be introduced sometime in February. She asked Board members to donate baskets for a fundraiser at the Pharmacology Conference.

Mr. Rotuno, Reimbursement Chair, had nothing to add to the report he submitted (attached).

Ms. Adamson advised that registration for the Pharmacology conference is open. There will also be a PA Program/Healthcare System Summit the day before. Mr. Fisher is organizing a planning committee for the Annual Conference.

Ms. Adamson advised that response was low to the request to review Ms. Redmond's proposed bylaws and policy manual revisions. In addition, several rewrites were received, as well as suggestions from AAPA that should be considered. Ms. Adamson will try to compile all the documents and then send it to the Document Review Task Force to review and make a recommendation at the July Board meeting.

Discussion took place on whether or not two Diversity scholarships should be awarded in the case of a tie. It was decided that only one scholarship will be awarded annually and the Diversity Committee was charged with developing a policy that would break a tie.

Mr. Dombrowski reviewed the proposed 2020 budget from his notes (attached). Ms. Bowlby moved to approve the 2020 budget. Mr. Fisher seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Fry, Chief Delegate, advised that the HOD will start a day earlier. A report from the consultant on the title change is expected. A paper on the impact of racism on health will be posted on Teams.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26 prior to the Pharmacology Conference at a time to be determined.