

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

The OAPA Board of Directors convened via Zoom on Saturday, July 18, 2020. Present on the call were board members Fisher, Oiler, Ward, Pagliaccio, Jones, Geng, Matthews, Marangoni, McDiffett, Dombrowski, Gardner and Talboo. Also on the call were Orihill and Gardiner, Membership Co-Chairs, Thompson, Delegate, Pagel, GAC Chair, Roxas, Delegate, Roane, Diversity Chair, Richardson, Communications Chair, Beals, Delegate and La Barge, Student Rep Elect.

President Fisher called the meeting to order.

Mr. Dombrowski asked for a review of the minutes from the January 18, 2020 meeting and asked for a minor correction. Ms. McDiffett moved to approve the January 18, 2020 minutes. Ms. Pagliaccio seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Dombrowski reviewed the June financials and his report is attached. Ms. Pagliaccio moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Jones seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Fisher, in his President's Report, summarized the COVID-19 Task Force activities and announced that he intends to hold board meetings quarterly.

Region 3 Director, Ms. Talboo, submitted the attached report.

Region 4 Director, Ms. Geng, advised that she is trying to coordinate a virtual meeting with a pharmaceutical rep.

Region 5 Director, Ms. Gardner, advised that a new PA program at Mercy is opening in her region.

Region 6 Director, Ms. Oiler, advised that she has contacted the programs in her region and participating in a white coat ceremony at Kettering.

Region 7 Director, Mr. Ward, also commented that he is trying to work with pharmaceutical reps to do a virtual session.

Ms. Matthews, Student Representative, submitted the attached report and asked that PA Student Olympics committee be formed. It was decided by consensus that it would be created as a sub-committee of the Student Affairs Committee.

Mr. Freado, past Membership Chair, submitted the attached report.

Mr. Rotuno, Reimbursement Chair, submitted the attached report.

Ms. Richardson, Communications Chair, advised she is working on social media outreach and will work with Mr. Sittek on revamping the website.

Ms. Adamson advised that Ms. Laughlin has stepped down as Public Relations chair and the vacancy will be announced in the newsletter.

Ms. McDiffett, Student Affairs Chair, advised that the committee has outlined goals and objectives and there is some overlap with the Membership Committee. She reviewed the Adopt a Program initiative.

Ms. Pagel, GAC Chair, advised that the PA bill is at a standstill and outlined the process of getting a bill passed. HB177 (the APN bill) and HB492 (disaster emergency extension) are being monitored for movement.

The proposed bylaws amendments will be sent to the Bylaws committee for review.

The Standard Operating Procedure document will be reviewed by Ms. Pagel and Ms. Pagliaccio.

President Fisher officially appointed the Committee Chairs for one year.

Ms. Adamson asked if the board wanted to cancel the live Annual Conference scheduled for October. The consensus was yes and the Program Committee has been charged with deciding on a format.

Ms. Pagel suggested creating a fund in the memory of Cathy Hacker. It was decided to solicit donations from the membership.

Mr. Trimboth is concerned that the PAPC is being bypassed in the rule making process. This was assigned to the GAC who will report to the board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Mr. Fisher will decide on a date for the next meeting and it will take place via Zoom.