

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
October 10, 2020

The OAPA Board of Directors convened via Zoom on Saturday, October 10, 2020. Present on the call were board members Fisher, Gavin, Oiler, Pagliaccio, Geng, Matthews, Marangoni, McDiffett and Dombrowski. Also on the call were Orihill and Gardiner, Membership Co-Chairs, Thompson, Delegate, Roxas, Delegate, Roane, Diversity Chair, Sittek, Communications Co-Chair, Rotuno, Reimbursement Chair and La Barge, Student Rep Elect. Guests included Mr. Ennen from the Governor's Office and SCSRs Moehling, Rammel, Marcum and Schumann. Not present were board members Jones, Talboo, Gardner and Ward.

President Fisher called the meeting to order.

Mr. Ennen gave a brief explanation of state testing for COVID and discussed how PAs can assist with this, particularly in rural areas of the state. A licensed provider needs to order the tests but not necessarily administer them.

Mr. Dombrowski asked for a review of the minutes from the July 18, 2020 meeting. Ms. Matthews moved to approve the July 18, 2020 minutes. Ms. McDiffett seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

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

Mr. Fisher, in his President's Report, thanked all those present for their attendance and enthusiasm and advised there will be an AAPA CO Roundtable if anyone is interested in tuning in.

Region 2 Director, Ms. Gavin, reported that a rep is planning a small in-person dinner and a virtual meeting.

Region 4 Director, Ms. Geng, advised that there is a virtual meeting with a rep on October 14 that may end up being cancelled due to lack of interest.

Region 6 Director, Ms. Oiler, advised that she is trying to organize Pre-PA outreach to students.

Ms. Matthews, Student Representative, reported that they have standardized the roles of the SCSRs, put the social media take-over on hold and the Olympics subcommittee now has a Chair. She also noted that future Launchpads are being considered featuring specialties like virtual shadowing.

Ms. Orihill, Membership Co-chair, reported that the auto-renewal feature is now on the website and the committee is developing a Welcome to Ohio packet. Names and emails have been obtained from the Medical Board.

Mr. Sittek, Communications Co-Chair, advised they are collaborating with the Membership Committee and are recommending more Pre-PA information and expanding the job page. They are also recommending ads in the newsletter and purchasing a new domain for \$5,000. It was decided that the \$5,000 needs to be budgeted in 2021. Ads in the newsletter need to be reviewed before publishing for appropriate content. The document used for endorsements can be revised for newsletter ads. The document will be sent to the committee for review. Ms. Oiler commented that there are still physicians that do not know about PAs so better communication in this area is needed. It was recommended that liaisons to the various physician societies be resurrected.

Ms. Roane, Diversity Chair, advised that she is still trying to get a committed committee and has been pursuing Project Access. She will be on the AAPA CO Roundtable.

Ms. McDiffett, Student Affairs Chair, advised that the committee needs more students. This will be advertised in the newsletter. The committee is working on two guidance documents for faculty advisors, SCSRs and student societies. The Board asked to review the documents before sending them out.

Ms. Pagel, GAC Chair, was not present but Ms. Adamson reported that the lobbyists are pursuing amendments on both removing the supervision agreements and sedation during lame duck.

Mr. Rotuno, Reimbursement Chair, reported that he has been on recent STAR calls and a Launchpad with Mr. Powe is scheduled for early December. He has also put some FAQs on Teams and would like to see them on the website, too.

It was recommended that an Education Committee be established to plan all CME offerings. Ms. Marangoni moved to do so, Ms. Geng seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Two sets of recommended bylaws changes were reviewed – one comprehensive and one pertaining to removing specified length of officer terms. Ms. Marangoni moved to approve both sets of proposed changes. Ms. McDiffett seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

The Standard Operating Procedure document will be reviewed by Ms. Marangoni and Mr. Rotuno.

Ms. Adamson asked the Board to approve Jane and Dan Goodrich for the Retired Category. Ms. Pagliaccio moved to approve both Goodrichs. Ms. McDiffett seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried. Further discussion took place on why the Board needs to vote approval. Ms. Marangoni moved to amend the previous bylaws motion to include removal of approval by the board and substitute an affidavit instead. Ms. Geng seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried. It was suggested that a letter be sent to retirees thanking them for their support of OAPA.

A new regional map was considered that divided Ohio by county rather than zip codes. Mr. Rotuno suggested that interstate highways be considered for ease of travel. Mr. Fisher asked that comments be sent to OAPA and a meeting of the Regional Directors be scheduled.

Ms. Gardiner advised that a member survey is being developed and they would like to use Qualtrics to do this. Ms. McDiffett moved to pay Qualtrics \$360 for one year of use. Ms. Marangoni seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried. Ms. Gardiner also reported that the PA Program Awards have been redesigned to include only those programs with 100% participation.

Ms. Thompson reported that the HOD will be one day only and a closed meeting. There will be a report on the name change.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meeting has been scheduled for April 2021 either live or via Zoom.