

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Special Board of Directors Meeting
December 28, 2020

The OAPA Board of Directors convened via Zoom on Monday, December 28, 2020. Present on the call were board members Fisher, Oiler, Pagliaccio, Geng, Matthews, Marangoni, McDiffett, Talboo, Ward and Dombrowski. Also on the call were GAC Chair Pagel and GAC members Bowlby and Trimbath. Not present were board members Gardner, Gavin and Jones.

Ms. Pagel explained the need for the Special meeting by advising that OAPA had met with the OAAPN at their request. OAAPN is proposing that the two associations work together on legislation that would eliminate supervision and collaboration agreements.

There are two issues that the board needs to vote on at this meeting: the OAAPN proposal and re-introducing the PA bill in January.

Ms. Pagel reviewed what is in HB492. She next explained that the collaboration bill will only address removal of supervision and collaboration agreements. The bill will include a requirement for completion of 2000 hours with a collaborating practitioner or 12 months. A compromise might be needed to satisfy the OSMA and that would be 4000 hours or 24 months. The OAAPNs are calling it “transition to practice.” Removal of the requirement will satisfy another step toward OTP.

There were several questions with regard to legislators, timing, bill language and financial considerations. Ms. Pagel answered those questions.

Ms. McDiffett moved to collaborate with the OAAPN on a one issue bill – the removal of supervision and collaboration agreements. Ms. Marangoni seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Matthews moved to reintroduce the PA bill without the agreement language. Mr. Dombrowski seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held via Zoom on January 23, 2021.