

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
April 7, 2022

The OAPA Board of Directors convened live and via Zoom on Thursday, April 7, 2022. Present in person were Board members McDiffett, LaBarge, Hart, Gardner, Oiler, Marangoni and Dombrowski along with Delegates Roxas and Thompson, GAC Chair Pagel and guest D'Alessandro. Present via Zoom were board members Board members Fisher, Freado, Talboo, Gavin, Ward and Fitzgerald and Delegates Beals and Richardson and PAO Chair Laughlin and 9 SCSRs. Not present was board member Geng.

President McDiffett called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Ms. Beals presented a draft application for Professional Development Grants. Discussion took place on the timing of grant applications and it was decided to offer the grants twice a year with deadline for submission. It was also decided that a report to the board would be required at the end of the project. Finally, it was decided to remove the language restricting applicants to non-profits only. Mr. Hart moved to approve the grant application with the suggested changes. Ms. La Barge seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried. Further discussion will take place on where to find the funding at the July board meeting.

Ms. Beals presented a suggestion for the John Trimbath Award for Exceptional Preceptorship. The award was developed with input from Diane Trimbath and Dan Goodrich. It was decided to remove the requirement that a candidate needed to precept at an Ohio PA program. It was further decided not to offer an honorarium to the preceptor but to make a contribution to Paralyzed Vets of America. An etched glass award will be presented. It was also suggested that an option should be available for award donations. Ms. Marangoni moved to approve the award. Mr. Dombrowski seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Dombrowski called for a review of the January 22, 2022 minutes. Ms. McDiffett moved to approve the January 22, 2022 minutes. Mr. Hart seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Dombrowski reviewed the February 2022 financials and the report is attached. Ms. McDiffett moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ms. La Barge seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. McDiffett advised that she gave a presentation to the PAPC and has been in contact with AAPA and various state chapters to get advice on ways to increase revenue and decrease expenses. Ms. Hood resigned as co-chair of the membership committee so a new co-chair volunteer is needed.

Region 1 Director, Mr. Hart, advised that a dinner for both Region 1 and Region 2 has been scheduled for May 11 and students are also invited..

Region 3 Director, Ms. Talboo, advised she has no report but is working on an outdoor session this summer.

Region 5 Director, Ms. Gardner, reported that she is working with Bayer to schedule a dinner meeting and Ms. Martino will be assisting with that. The Mercy program is seeking faculty. Toledo had a 100% board pass rate and is also seeking faculty.

Region 7 Director, Mr. Ward, advised the MSJ program received continued accreditation and he is in discussions with the Cincinnati Reds for an event and also with reps to plan dinners this summer.

Student Representative Ms. La Barge reported she has 7 speakers who will submit narrated PPTs. She also said that the student rep-elect application has gone out.

Ms. McDiffett advised that there are 3 PAs on the PAPC that are at the end of their terms and the OSMB will ask them if they want to be reappointed.

Diversity Chair, Ms. Roane advised there is a possibility of developing DEI CME opportunities. Karen is specifically looking at Nephrologists from Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus and looking at CME to target membership. November is the target month. PA programs might be interested in having their students participate to show they are meeting the accreditation standards for Diversity. There is also a possibility of a Pharm D to speak on Diversity topic at the OAPA annual conference in October. Specifics to follow for both initiatives.

Ms. La Barge, Student Representative, reported that they do have volunteers for the PA Olympics transition but they need 2 more PAs. The committee received 3 charity nominations from MSJ and selected the Alliance for Children and Families. The Olympics will be virtual on June 4 and there will be fundraising activities such as selling T-shirts and a GoFundMe page.

GAC Chair Ms. Pagel, reported that HB138 has passed and will allow EMTs to take DNR orders from PAs. There is currently no activity on PA bills but we are still hopeful that we can get removal of the SAs.

Ms. Adamson reported that 110 people will attend the pharmacology conference in person. It will be taped and made available for purchase at a later date. The annual conference needs to begin planning.

The slate of candidates was reviewed and will be voted on by those members at the membership meeting if none of the candidates are opposed. There will be an electronic ballot for AAPA Delegates as there are 4 seats and 5 candidates.

Mr. Freado will run for President-elect which leaves the final year of his term as Vice President open. Mr. Dombrowski moved to appoint Melissa Bowlby to the remainder of his term. Ms. Gardner seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Marangoni reported that her committee is working on all the governance documents.

Mr. Hart advised that his committee has been working on increasing the regions to 9 and will meet again.

The board reviewed the proposed 2022 Budget as reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee. It was suggested that Regional Directors tell pharmaceutical reps about exhibit opportunities at the Annual Conference. Mr. Dombrowski moved to approve the 2022 Budget. Mr. Freado seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. McDiffett advised that additional information is needed on the title change. She also reminded board members to get headshots to the office for the website and asked committee chairs to get the number of vacancies to board members.

Ms. Pagel advised that 2 resolutions have been accepted by AAPA for the HOD and reminded delegates to submit their forms.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meeting will be in July via Zoom.