



General Membership Meeting

Sheraton Suites
Cuyahoga Falls, OH
April 21, 2023

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Introduction of Board Members
- II. Approval of Minutes – October 22, 2022
- III. Government Affairs Committee Report
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - Leadership Elections (See Below)
 - Adoption of Proposed Bylaws Amendments (See Below)
- VII. Adjourn

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2022

The general membership meeting of the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants met during the Annual Conference at the Columbus Marriott Northwest in Dublin, OH on October 22, 2022.

OAPA President, Jennifer Marangoni, welcomed everyone and then recognized the 2022 General Scholarship recipients Meagan Lovin from the University of Dayton, Daniel Bixel and Ashley Moyo both from Lake Erie College. She then recognized Meredith Reinhard from Lake Erie College as the recipient of the Past Presidents Leadership Scholarship and Len Crofton the Diversity Scholarship recipient from Case Western Reserve.

Ms Marangoni then introduced Shannon Ghizzoni and Mallory Fatseas who presented the Hudson Award to Dr. Sterling Hedrick. She then introduced Amie Beals who described the newly created John D. Trim bath Preceptor award and presented the award to Shannon Urena.

Ms. Marangoni recognized Michell McDiffett as the Immediate Past President and presented her with a plaque and gift card.

The Membership meeting was then called to order by President Marangoni.

Ms. Marangoni thanked everyone for attending, introduced Board members, Committee Chairs and Delegates that were present and thanked the conference committee.

She then asked for a motion to approve the April 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Pagel moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

In the absence of Treasurer Melissa Irwin, Ms. Marangoni gave the Treasurer's Report noting that budget amounts for the first six months of 2022 should be at 50%. Income was only at 49%. Expenses are at 44%.

Ms. Pagel, GAC Chair gave a report on OAPA's legislative agenda noting that legislation is not moving and OAPA does not have a bill pending. She encouraged program directors to contact legislators and announced that the basket raffle for the legislative fund raised about \$2,000.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business Reimbursement Committee Chair Clayton Rotuno announced that there are Medicaid changes.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, April 21, 2023 during the Pharmacology Conference.

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
YEAR END

2022

INCOME	YTD	BUDGET	% + OR -
MEMBERSHIP DUES	110,445	122,200	90%
CONFERENCES	77,360	86,500	89%
SEMINARS	-	1,000	0%
WEBSITE JOB ADS/VIDEOS	26,575	11,500	231%
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	600	500	120%
GENERAL FUND	150	200	75%
LEGISLATIVE FUND/PAC	4,275	5,000	86%
MISCELLANEOUS	989	1,500	66%
TOTAL INCOME:	220,394	228,400	96%

EXPENSES	YTD	BUDGET	% + OR -
CONFERENCES/SEMINARS	73,969	45,200	164%
REGIONAL EVENTS	-	-	
DELEGATE REIMBURSEMENTS	-	-	
MANAGEMENT SERVICES	94,640	90,000	105%
MISC CONTRACT SERVICES	8,610	9,000	96%
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES	39,225	80,000	49%
OFFICE EXPENSES	3,862	4,400	88%
PRINTING	-	200	0%
MERCHANT/BANK FEES	9,027	8,500	106%
BOARD/COMMITTEES	40	500	8%
PHILANTHROPY	-	-	0%
AAPA, PROF.DEVELOPMENT	-	-	0%
MISCELLANEOUS*	5,157	4,600	112%
TOTAL EXPENSES:	234,530	242,400	97%

BANK BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2022	76,757.42	YEAR END	
HNB MONEY MARKET	23,142.19	PROFIT/LOSS	(14,136.00)
TOTAL FUNDS:	99,899.61		

*Miscellaneous Expenses
 Include:
 Insurance, Scholarships,
 Awards

2023 Slate of Candidates

President-Elect	Nathan Hart
Vice President	Michell McDiffett
Region 1	Tyler Fitzgerald
Region 2	Michele Gavin
Region 6	Emily Brown
Region 7	Anu Mathur

Delegates:

Michell McDiffett
Mel Roxas
Shannon Urena

Platform Statements

Nathan Hart – President Elect

To OAPA Executive Leadership I would like to declare my intentions to run for the three-year term effective July 1, 2023 as President Elect. I have had the opportunity to represent the PA Profession as the OAPA Region 1 Director over the last two years. I have made numerous connections across Northeast Ohio with the practicing PAs and PA Students in the region. I have seen the growth and momentum created by the current OAPA leadership affecting the PA Profession across Ohio. It would be my honor to represent the PA Profession as President Elect, followed by OAPA President in 2024/2025. I hope that through continued partnership and collaboration, that we can grow the expand the breadth of PA Practice in Ohio through collaboration and legislation. Thank you for consideration, Nathan Hart, MS, MBA, PA-C Region 1 OAPA Director

Michell McDiffett – Vice President

My name is Michell McDiffett and I am seeking election for Vice President to the OAPA Board of Directors. I have been practicing as a psychiatric PA-C at Signature Health, Inc since 2010, and am currently full time faculty for the Lake Erie College PA Program.

I have been a member of OAPA since 2008. I have served various positions including Student Affairs Committee Chair, Region 1 Director, AAPA Delegate President and currently Past President of the Board of Directors. Leadership in OAPA has given me the opportunity to be inspired by some of Ohio's most passionate PAs and to continue to work toward achieving our vision of being the premier state for PAs.

As Vice President, I intend to continue work to bring awareness to the profession, provide opportunities for professional and personal development for all PAs in Ohio, and eliminate antiquated legislative barriers to practice. We all know that the demand for healthcare providers continues to grow and PAs are essential for expanding access to care. The recent epidemic proved that PAs are integral members of the healthcare team and, when given the chance to practice at the top of our

license, provide high quality, evidence based, patient centered care! OAPA is working hard to modernize PA practice in Ohio, but needs continued support from membership, lawmakers and the public. As Vice President, I intend to support this work by increasing membership, encouraging participation in OAPA leadership, and keeping PAs informed about the challenges that we face. I am excited about continuing to work with the current Board of Directors and those that will be elected to realize the goals we have established over the past several years!

Emily Brown – Region 6

I am interested in serving as the region 6 director because I have spent the majority of my career practicing in Ohio. I attended Kettering College and graduated in 2015. I first practiced in California and then moved home to Ohio when my husband retired from the military. I have worked in hospital medicine since 2017 and helped to start a new PA Program at Miami University. I have seen medicine and education change while working through the pandemic. Things continue to change as we try to find 'normal' in the post-pandemic time. Keeping up with these changes and understanding how it may influence our practice is a hard task. As the region 6 director, I could help facilitate the flow of information to region 6 PAs and make sure your thoughts are heard at the state level. I am willing to be an engaged advocate for PAs in Ohio and nationally. I hope to educate more PAs and PA students on the importance of joining OAPA and participating in professional advocacy to continue OAPAs mission of promoting quality, cost-effective, accessible health care through the physician assistant – physician team approach.

Anu Mathur – Region 7

My name is Anu Mathur, I am a graduate of Baylor College of Medicine's PA program and have been living in Ohio for the last 10 years. I have practiced in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Urgent care, and Sleep medicine. The last 5 years I have been more involved in PA education and with it found an invigorating passion for the profession and hope to help it grow in our region. Since I moved to the area about 10 years ago, I have been trying to connect and network with local PAs. To help with this endeavor I created the LinkedIn and Facebook group Greater Cincinnati Physician Associates. We have held a few virtual meetings and help network local PAs. My entire career I have been a proponent of mentoring and fostering leadership and I hope you will choose me to represent Region 7 at OAPA. My passion for education and ardent desire to grow our presence in the region has compelled me to consider running for this position. I hope to help address the concerns that are unique to PAs practicing in this region at our state organization. I hope to create plenty of opportunities for networking whether it be in person or virtual during my tenure. In my view there is a great need and opportunity to get our local PAs more involved in small ways to help elevate our presence in the local healthcare community. I look forward to the chance to get to know you better and represent our region at OAPA.

Summary of Proposed Bylaws Changes – 2023

Many of the proposed changes to the OAPA Bylaws are format and grammatical updates. Those that have substantive changes are:

Article III: Membership

Section 8 – Removed the 65 years or older age restriction for the Retired member category.

Section 9 – Removed the CAHEA and CAAHEP options leaving only the ARC-PA accredited PA programs for the New graduate member category.

Article IV: Judicial Affairs

Added Section 8 that reads “Any member who has violated the Guidelines for Ethical Conduct for the Physician Assistant Profession will be reported to the State of Ohio Medical Board (SMOB).

Article VIII – Duties of Officers

Section 1 – Change “Business Meetings” to “Membership Meetings.”

Section 1 – Clarifies that the President will make a full report of the year’s activities at the last Board of Directors and Membership meetings of his or her term.

Section 3 – Clarifies when the Vice President assumes the duties of the President and when the President-Elect assumes the duties of the President.

Article IX: Committees

Section 3 – Requires committees to hold two meetings per year at a minimum.

Article XI: Finance

Section 2 – Requires annual dues amounts be analyzed at least every three years.