

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
April 20, 2023

The OAPA Board of Directors convened in person and via Zoom on Thursday, April 20, 2023. Present in person were Board members Bowlby, Cubra, Fitzgerald, Freado, Hart, Irwin, Marangoni, McDiffett, and Oiler along with Student Rep Elect Bixel, Delegate Thompson, GAC Chair Pagel, and Membership Chair D'Alessandro, 1 SCSR and guests Hirkala, Goodrich and Snide. Present via Zoom was board member Ward, Communication Chair Sittek, Reimbursement Chair Rotuno, Diversity Chair Roane and Delegates Richardson, Beals, Roxas and Dzurick. Also on Zoom were guests Izsak, Brown, Mathur and 7 SCSRs. Not present were board members Gavin and Talboo. A quorum was present.

President Marangoni called the meeting to order.

Ms. Irwin called for a review of the January 28, 2023 minutes. Ms. Irwin moved to approve the January 28, 2023 minutes. Ms. Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Irwin reviewed the March 2023 financials and the report is attached. Ms. McDiffett moved to approve the Treasurers Report. Ms. Irwin seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Hart, Region 1 Director, reported that they have a dinner meeting scheduled for May 11 with Region 2. He is also in a community collaboration with CWRU.

Ms. Cubra, Region 4 Director, reported that a dinner has been scheduled.

Ms. Oiler, Region 6 Director, advised that an event at the Dayton Dragons baseball game has been scheduled for early June.

Mr. Ward, Region 7 Director, reported that they had a dinner recently and have also been participating in community collaboration.

Student Representative Mr. Fitzgerald's report is attached.

Ms. D'Alessandro, Membership Chair, reported that she has had conversations with the Cleveland Clinic on PA group memberships and her committee is discussing discounts for corporation that enroll multiple PAs. They are currently identifying benefits that will be provided. OAPA will have a table at the Ohio Health APP conference.

Communications Chair, Mr. Sittek said OAPA will now need to pay monthly for Teams. Ms. Bowlby moved to finalize the number of users to budget the monthly payments. Mr. Hart seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Roane, Diversity Committee Chair reported that the DEI webinar will be held on June 3 and programs have been encouraged to register their cohorts.

Ms. McDiffett, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, advised that the PA Olympics is now a sub-committee and by consensus it was decided the event would be live this year.

GAC Chair Ms. Pagel reviewed her report. It is attached. She also advised that a Statehouse Day is being planned for the Fall.

Ms. Bowlby reviewed a summary of the proposed Bylaws changes that will be presented at the Membership Meeting for a vote.

Under Old Business, Mr. Hart did not have a report on revising the regions and advised that they will wait to see changes in OAPA.

Ms. Irwin reviewed a revised 2023 budget. Ms. Bowlby moved to approve the 2023 budget. Mr. Freado seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Under New Business, Ms. McDiffett advised she will Chair a Task Force to identify new OAPA management and she reviewed what research has already been done.

Ms. Marangoni moved to appoint Kelly Izsak to complete the Region 5 Director position that is currently vacant. Ms, Bowlby seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Beals, HOD Chief Delegate, advised that resolutions have been received and Ohio submitted one to allow retired members to vote. She asked Ohio delegates to review the information they have received.

OAPA needs to elect a delegate at the Membership Meeting to attend the 2023 AAPA HOD. Ms. Hirkala volunteered to be a delegate and it was also suggested that Mr. Dombrowski be elected as well.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meetings will be held via Zoom in July 2023.