

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
July 29, 2023

The OAPA Board of Directors convened via Zoom on Saturday, July 29, 2023. Present were Board members Freado, Marangoni, Hart, McDiffett, Irwin, Fitzgerald, Talboo, Cubra, Izsak, Brown, Mathur and Bixel as well as Student Rep-Elect Patel. Board member Gavin was not present. Present were Committee Chairs Pagel, Rotuno, Roane, D'Alessandro, Sittek, Gorzitze-Maxey, Fitzgerald and McDiffett. Present were Delegates Bowlby, Roxas, Pagliaccio, Thompson and Urena. 8 SCSRs were present. There was a quorum.

President Freado called the meeting to order.

Ms. Irwin called for a review of the April 20, 2023 minutes. Ms. Marangoni moved to approve the April 20, 2023 minutes. Mr. Hart seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

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

In his report, Mr. Freado advised that he has been involved in the Executive Director search and has also attended the AAPA STAR meeting.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Region 1 Director, reported that they are discussing a student dinner and vendor contacts.

Ms. Talboo, Region 3 Director, reported that she is having dinners in various parts of her region. The last one was in Akron and the next will be in Youngstown in October.

Ms. Cubra, Region 4 Director, reported that a dinner will be scheduled for late summer or early Fall.

Ms. Izsak, Region 5 Director, reported she had met with Mr. Freado to ascertain her responsibilities and is considering holding networking events.

Ms. Brown, Region 6 Director, advised that she will attend the Kettering White Coat Ceremony and will schedule a dinner with Region 7.

Ms. Mathur, Region 7 Director, reported that she will attend the White Coat Ceremony at Mt. Saint Joseph in November.

Student Representative Mr. Bixel's report is attached.

Ms. D'Alessandro, Membership Chair, shared a document outlining various tiers of membership and the associated discounts. Mr. Freado moved to accept the tiers. Ms. Marangoni seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. D'Alessandro recommended a 5% dues increase. This works out to be \$9.00 and Ms. Adamson recommended \$10 increase. Mr. Freado moved to approve a \$10.00 dues increase in all categories, Ms. McDiffett seconded, there were nine opposed, motion failed.

Mr. Freado moved to approve a \$5.00 dues increase for all categories. Ms. Irwin seconded, There were 11 opposed, motion failed.

Ms. Mathur moved to approve a \$10.00 increase for all categories except students. Ms. Marangoni seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

The Board decided by consensus to announce the increase at the Annual Conference along with a list of member benefits,

Communications Chair, Mr. Sittek, advised that Teams is no longer free and he has been discussing G Drive with TCS. His full report is attached.

Education Chair, Mr. Gorzitze-Maxey, advised that he is seeking new ideas for CME offerings.

Public Relations Chair, Ms. McDiffett, reported that she is putting together goals for the committee and will need to coordinate with other committees. She also shared a long list of potential activities.

Ms. Roane, Diversity Committee Chair reported that the DEI webinar was a success and made a profit. 156 students attended. She recommended that a DEI webinar be held annually and then offered on-demand. She met with community members to educate and collaborate with them.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, referred to his report (attached).

Mr. Rotuno, Chair of the Reimbursement Committee, advised he has reached out to AAPA for assistance in discussing an X-ray issue and he also attended the STAR call.

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

Under Old Business, Ms. McDiffett reported that the Standard Operations Procedure document is evolving and being discussed. She hopes to have the final document approved by the board this year.

Mr. Freado advised that selection of a new Executive Director is being finalized.

Ms. Pagel gave the HOD report announcing that the Ohio resolution allowing Retired Members to vote passed.

Mr. Freado moved to go into Executive Session. Ms. McDiffett seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Freado moved to not allow any business discussion after the Executive Session is adjourned. Mr. Hart seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

The next board meeting will be on September 21, 2023 prior to the Annual Conference.