

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants
Board of Directors Meeting
January 22, 2022

The OAPA Board of Directors convened via Zoom on Saturday, January 22, 2022. Present on the call were board members Gavin, Gardner, Dombrowski, Fisher, Hart, Marangoni, Talboo, Ward, Fitzgerald, La Barge and McDiffett. Also on the call were Pagel, GAC Chair, Sittek, Communications Chair, Sikes, Membership Co-chair, Rotuno, Reimbursement Chair, Roane, Diversity Chair, Laughlin, Student Olympics Chair and Delegates Bowlby, Thompson, Beals and Roxas. Guests included 10 SCSRs. Not present were board members Freado, Geng and Oiler.

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

Mr. Dombrowski called for a review of the September 23, 2021 minutes. Several corrections were noted. Ms. McDiffett moved to approve the September 23, 2021 minutes as corrected. Mr. Fisher seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Dombrowski reviewed the December 2021 year end financials and the report is attached. Ms. Marangoni moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ms. La Barge seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. McDiffett advised her report was in the Board Book and is attached.

Region 1 Director, Mr. Hart, advised that a dinner for both Region 1 and Region 2 is being organized.

Region 3 Director, Ms. Talboo, advised they held an in-service with a Rep and may do that again in the Spring for her region.

Region 4 report is attached.

Region 5 Director, Ms. Gardner, reported that Mercy has enrolled its first class and she will wait until Spring to organize a dinner.

Region 6 Director, Ms. Oiler, advised that she is trying to organize a webinar on personal finances and the business of medicine. She is also helping the Cedarville program find preceptors.

Region 7 Director, Mr. Ward, advised that there have been no meetings and he is also waiting until the Spring.

Ms. Pagel asked that OAPA set an example with regard to in person meeting and should use current guidelines.

Student Representative Ms. La Barge's report is attached discussion on pre-recorded or Zoom took place on a Lecture Series.

Ms. McDiffett advised that Megan Hood and Claire Sikes will Co-chair the Membership committee and will meet in the near future.

Communications Chair, Mr. Sittek's report is attached and he asked for headshots for the website and to send personal email information to OAPA for use on Teams.

Diversity Chair, Ms. Roane advised OAPA had received a request from students at OU for a grant.

Ms. McDiffett, Student Affairs Chair, asked board members to adopt a program.

GAC Chair Ms. Pagel's report is attached and she asked the board to help educate students on OTP.

Student Olympics Chair, Ms. Laughlin advised the committee will meet in February and the 2022 Olympics will be virtual again. She also asked for a volunteer to organize the Olympics in 2023.

Ms. Pagel advised that the Pharmacology Conference agenda is almost done and it will be held on April 8-9, 2022.

Ms. McDiffett asked for discussion on honoring John Trimbath by renaming the Past Presidents Scholarship or establishing a Preceptor of the Year award. An Ad Hoc Committee was established including Beals, Roxas and Gardner who will make a recommendation to the board at the April meeting.

As a result of the request for grant money from the OU students, Mr. Dombrowski moved to create an Ad Hoc Committee that will make a recommendation on a Professional Development Grant at the April board meeting. Ms. Gardner seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Adamson advised that only the President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and 3 Regional Director positions will be on the ballot in April.

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 but need additional information and are not ready to make a recommendation to the board at this time. Ms. McDiffett moved to request a report at the April board meeting. Mr. Fisher seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

A basket fundraiser at the Pharmacology Conference was discussed and it will take place as the conference will not be live streamed. It was suggested that the regional directors contribute a basket representative of their region.

The board by consensus appointed Mr. Dombrowski as a delegate to the AAPA HOD.

Mr. Dombrowski moved to postpone action on the 2022 budget until February 15, 2022. Ms. Marangoni seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Pagel read a resolution honoring John Trimbath that will be presented at the AAPA HOD.

The board discussed refiling the OAPA Articles of Incorporation and how many other changes would need to be made if that was done, for example, bank accounts, IRS filings, printing, etc. The Ways and Means committee will work on a recommendation on this subject after investigating projected expenses.

Ms. McDiffett asked board members to become involved in the committees.

Ms. Pagel advised that it was decided not to submit a resolution at the AAPA HOD on document review. Ohio needs to identify a Chief Delegate.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meeting has been scheduled for April 7, 2022 at 5:00 PM for dinner at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls.