Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
General Membership Meeting
September 19, 2018, 12:30 – 1:30 pm
Embassy Suites Norman Hotel & Conference Center
Oklahoma City, OK

Board Members Present: Hussein Torbati, Pam Foster, Tara Watson, Joey Medina, Sara Parr, Gavin Christie, Don Flinn, Alex Garcia, Bobby Bosse, Larry Hytche, Trae Beasler, Hanna Kluth

Board Members Absent: Theresa Gavula, Jeanine Smith, John Click

Membership: See attached sign-in sheets.

I. Welcome and President's Message – Hussein Torbati, PA-C

- This has been the most attended conference held here in Oklahoma City. We are meeting today to let the membership know what all is going on. The board is here to serve you. We need you to let us know what direction you want the board to go in.
- There is a piece of paper on each seat that has very simple questions that we would like for you to answer for us. At the very bottom, you can put down any comments that you would like to put. The reason for the questions is for you to give us some direction of where you want your organization to go. This organization is here to serve you guys.

II. Committee Reports:

a. Governance Committee – Hussein Torbati, Chair

- Allison Garrison is now the OAPA Leadership Advocacy Liaison. We needed a face for the PAs and the OAPA. She will be representing the organization to the legislators, medical board, and other healthcare organizations. She will be here to educate and answer questions.

b. Legislative & Governmental Affairs Committee – Jan Loftis, OAPA Lobbyist

- I have worked with the OAPA for a very long time. This past legislative session in 2018 I worked with our OAPA staff and Legislative Committee on issues that would impact your profession. It was a very unique legislative session. We began the session tracking about 70 bills. By

early March we identified two priority bills. The first bill was HB 2987. This bill would allow the PMTC to allow stipends for PAs. OAPA strongly supported the bill. The bill was passed by a vote of 40 to 3. The membership did a great job with grassroots and called your representative regarding the bill.

- The second bill that we were tracking was SB 1153. This bill would have created an Assistant Physician pathway for medical students that did not match for a residency program. We opposed the bill. The name was changed from an Assistant Physician to a Provisional Physician, but we still opposed it. The authors of the bill thought that this would only impact 3 to 4 people a year. After some research, we found out that it would impact a lot more people than just 2 or 3. We took that hard data to the authors. With that data, the bill was not heard and failed to meet the deadline and died.

c. PAPAC – Trae Beasler, PA-C, PAPAC President

- I am looking forward to being your new PAPAC president. We are doing our yearly fundraiser here at the conference. We are selling raffle tickets. We also have a free t-shirt with your $50.00 donation. We want to raise more than we did last year. This money helps with all of our efforts at the capitol.

d. CME Committee – Alex Garcia, PA-C, Chair

- We have had, so far, 564 sign up for this years fall conference. We are continuing to grow. We have 49 exhibitors this year.

e. Public Relations Committee – Larry Hytche, PA-C, Chair

- We are working on ways to be more visible and working on getting a new website.

f. Social Committee – Tara Watson, PA-C, Chair

- Coming up this year will be another Thunder game.

g. Finance Committee – Gavin Christie, PA-C, Chair

- See the Financial Report – We are on budget. We had one major budget change, and that was to hire a new PA staff member for 50 thousand dollars a year. We found several ways to cut money to allow for the 50 thousand dollars.

h. PA Relations Committee – Pam Foster, PA, Chair

- The PR committee worked very hard over the last couple of years on the new logo. We rolled it out this year, and I think it looks great. We are working on a new website.
- The PA relations committee is a committee that is designed to be a help resource for PAs. Help that is needed could be from an illness, could be from

drug or alcohol abuse, and that sort of things. The OAPA can be a cushion between the medical board and the PA if needed.

i. Mentor Committee – Pam Foster, PA, Chair

- Mentoring is a huge thing. We are here to offer one on one advising sessions for PAs. We are here to mentor students as well and offer one and one sessions with them. I want to encourage you to mentor others.

j. Student Committee Reports

i. Michelle McNamara, OCU PA Program

- I am the class president of the OCU Program. We graduated our first class in May of 2018. The 2nd year students are studying hard for their clinical rotation exams. My class has three months left of our didactic year. We are in the middle of dermatology. Our class this year is working on our annual fundraising event. This year it is a 5k benefiting the Children's Center. We are also selling T-shirts this year at the conference to benefit our class.

ii. Kayleigh Schoenfelder, OU Tulsa PA Program

- I am the class president of the OU Tulsa Program. Our 2nd-year students are in the didactic portion of their curriculum. Our class of 2018 is preparing for graduation.

iii. Hanna Kluth, OU-OKC PA Program

- I am the class president at the OU-OKC Program. The class of 2018 is finishing up their last clinical rotation. The class of 2019 just finished their didactic exams. Fall classes are in full swing. We are doing our annual silent auction this year at the conference.

III. New Business

a. AAPA House of Delegates Report – Hussein Torbati, OAPA President
    - Lindsey Gillispie the Chief Delegate was not able to attend this year. Therefore, her AAPA HOD Report can be found on the app.
b. Physicians Manpower Training Corporation – Richard Evans, Executive Director
    - Last year we could not get the bill to pass. I spoke last year on what had happened. This year we put a new bill together for just PAs. I spent more time at the capitol this year than I ever have. I am happy to say that after several things the bill was passed. We can now help any PA in the state. We are super excited to be able to do this for you all.

IV. Oklahoma PA Program Updates

a. Shannon Ijams, MPAS, PA-C, Program Director
University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine
    - The Tulsa program will graduate our next class at the end of November. It will be our 9th graduating class and will bring our alumni up to 213. A huge percent of those graduates stay in the state of Oklahoma, and we are proud of that. We have not had any significant changes this year. We have incorporated a course called Lifestyle Medicine. We also have a curriculum enhancement called Point of Care Ultrasound. This has been amazing for our curriculum.

b. Troy Bender, MS, PA-C, Program Director
Northeastern State University
    - We are the 4th PA program now in the state. We are at the Muskogee campus. The start date is July 1st of 2019. Application deadline is October 1st. We have had 420 applications, and have had 120 verified so far. Our first-class size will be 20. We just finished a site visit and no big concerns. We have all of our faculty hired.

c. Mark Britton, Pharm.D., M.Div., FASHP, Interim Program Director
Oklahoma City University PA Program
    - We have graduated 34 students this year, and all passed the PANCE on their first go around. We are still provisionally accredited. Our application approval remains very high. We just finished our interviews last week. We had over 450 applications. We chose to interview 114 people. We have had two new members join us, one a faculty, and one a staff member. We are looking for a program director. There is an application online.

d. Melody Yozzo, DHEd, PA-C, Program Director
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
    - Our class of 2018 will be graduating a week from Saturday. This year's graduating class is the first to complete the redesigned 27-month program with 15-month didactic followed by 12-month rotations. The students are excited to enter into the work place. We are dedicated to providing a quality education. At the Annual AAPA Conference, we had 3 of our students as delegates. One of those will be the chief delegate of this year. One event that is coming up is Giving Day, and it will be held on September 25th. The goal is a 24-hour push for online donations to support all areas of the University. You can direct your donation directly to the PA program. Donations to the PA program will benefit student scholarships and learning resources. We will be holding the Great Minds Think Alike as well. Alumni stop by our table for more information regarding the 50th Anniversary party.

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September 2018 General Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Audrey Poole, Administrative Assistants

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September 2018 General Membership Meeting Minutes reviewed and corrected by Susan Thomas, Executive Director

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September 2018 General Membership Meeting Minutes approved by Hussein Torbati, President

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