Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
April 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

720 West Wilshire Blvd, Suite 101
Oklahoma City, OK
April 29, 2019
6:30 pm

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

Board Members Called-in: Theresa Gavula

Others Present: Jeff Burke, Jan Loftis, Mackenzi Choitz, Karisa Eustace, Kayleigh Schoenfelder, Troy Bender, Melody Yozzo, Jeri Holmes, Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole

I. Call to Order – Hussein Torbati, President

1. Call to order: 6:45 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

1. **Motion** to approve agenda made by John Click; Tara Watson seconds; motion passed without opposition.

III. Consent Agenda

1. February Board Meeting Minutes
2. Student Advisory Committee Reports
3. Leadership & Advocacy Liaison Report
4. Executive Director Report
    a. **Motion** to approve consent agenda made by John Click; Don Flinn seconds; motion passed without opposition.

IV. Committee Reports

1. Legislative Report – Jan Loftis and Allison Garrison
    a. Jan Loftis:
        - SB 86 and HB 1987 – Very similar in language. They have to do with healthcare workers in emergency settings and the potential assault on a

healthcare worker, and they will be adding PAs to the list or workers. The only disagreement in the language is if it would be a felony or a misdemeanor. Both bills will go to conference committee.

b. Allison Garrison:
    - Discussed the Medicaid Coalition. After a short discussion, the board agrees to join the coalition.

2. CME Committee – Report not given due to time.
3. PR Committee – Report not given due to time.
4. Finance Committee – Report not given due to time. A financial statement was provided for review before the meeting.
5. Legislative & Governmental Affairs Committee – Don Flinn and Sara Parr
    a. Sara Parr – You should have received the attachments from Susan recapping our last meeting. The Legislative Committee evaluated the survey in detail and all voted to approve the survey. You can look at the list and questions. This passed with seven yes and one no.
    b. Jeri Holmes (Attorney for the OAPA) was brought in by Hussein Torbati, OAPA President and Chair of the Governance Committee to make sure that there was no conflict of interest with individuals involved with the survey. Questions were asked by Jeri Holmes regarding the process.
        - Joey Medina stated that Mary Moon was the researcher who wrote the questions with the help of Jordan Shuart, PA-C with objectives provided to them by the Legislative Committee.
        - It was discussed if Ms. Moon had any affiliation with OUHSC, the College of Medicine, or the PA Program.
        - Joey Medina stated that Ms. Moon was on the OU Norman Campus and had no affiliation with OUHSC, the College of Medicine, or the PA Program.
        - Sara Parr stated that they did not want a PA to write the questions and that Ms. Moon does this for a living as a researcher and she has no connection to PAs and doing this as a volunteer.
        - Alex Garcia stated that she was part of the Health Science Center and is getting a combination degree, but is not in medical school.
        - It was asked if anyone had worked with Mary Moon directly or indirectly or on a research project. Joey Medina stated that he has only had a class with her on the Norman campus and not worked with her.
        - Discussion followed, and it was agreed by the board that the information gathered from the survey would be for internal purpose only and that Jeri Holmes would write a contract between OAPA and Mary Moon stating that she can not use this information or get any value out of the survey.
        - Jordan Shuart, PA-C was also discussed, and Joey Medina stated that she is not a researcher and that she is a recent graduate and was only involved in helping Mary Moon write the questions.
        - Jeri Holmes did not think that Jordan Shuart, PA-C could benefit from her role in this process.
    c. The board reviewed the questions and recommended changes to questions 6-10, and to add a field for additional comments. The committee will take the board

recommendations to Ms. Moon and will bring the final questions back to the board for approval.

6. Governance Committee – Hussein Torbati

a. The proposed ballot was presented to the board for review.

- All those who submitted a nomination form are on the ballot.
- The candidates left the room while discussion was held regarding the candidates on the proposed ballot.
- **Motion** presented by the Governance Committee to approve the proposed ballot as is; motion passed.

Tara Watson – yes
John Click – yes
Trae Beasler – yes
Sara Parr – abstain
Joey Medina – no
Bobby Bosse – no (by phone)
Jeanine Smith – yes
Student Committee – yes
Pam Foster – yes
Larry Hytche – yes
Hussein Torbati - yes
Theresa Gavula – yes (by phone)

V. Old Business – Nothing discussed.

VI. New Business

1. Allison Garrison asked for board approval to be put on the MAC committee and that Don Flinn would become the alternate.
    - Motion to put Allison Garrison on the Mac Committee made by Pam Foster; John Click seconds; motion passed without opposition.

2. Jeff Burke presented to the board issues that he is having with his employer and the State of Oklahoma Physician Assistant Act Section 519.2. Definitions in regards to supervising physician's co-signature. Allison Garrison will follow-up with him and his employer regarding the interpretation of this section.

Adjourn 9:18 pm

Motion to adjourn by Trae Beasler; John Click seconds; motion passed without opposition.

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April 2019 Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Audrey Poole, Administrative Assistant

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April 2019 Board Meeting Minutes reviewed by Susan Thomas, Executive Director

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April 2019 Board Meeting Minutes approved by Sara Parr, Secretary

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April 2019 Board Meeting Minutes approved by Hussein Torbati, President

Date approved by the OAPA Board of Directors: _____