Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
December Board Meeting
Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library, 300 Park Ave, OKC, OK
Friends Event Room (4th Floor)
December 3, 2018

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

Others in Attendance: Saura Shanaki, Michelle McNamara, Susan Thomas, Kayleigh Schoenfelder, Melody Yozzo, Christy Niehues, Paula Montgomery, Audrey Poole

I. Call to order at 6:29 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by John Click; Theresa Gavula seconds. The motion passed without opposition.

III. Consent Agenda

1. General Membership Meeting Minutes
2. September Board Meeting Minutes
3. Addendum to September Minutes
4. Student Reports
5. Legislative Report

Request to pull out September meeting minutes and addendum for discussion made.

Motion to approve remaining items 1, 4 and 5 made by Theresa Gavula; Alex Garcia seconds. The motion passed without opposition.

IV. Committee Reports

1. Legislative and Governmental – Legislative Committee

a. Jan Loftis was unable to attend, and her report was emailed out to the board and listed under the consent agenda.
b. Allison Garrison has signed up on the new Governor's website to be considered for committees.
c. There has been a request from OSMA to open the rules for the midlevel to physician ratio.
d. The committee discussed their report from the last committee meeting and several items were discussed including a need for a survey of the membership.

Motion: To form a committee to find out what is the best way to poll the members, and what questions to poll the members made be Hussein Torbati and 2nd by Jeanine Smith.

Discussion: The board decided that the Legislative & Governmental Committee would be charged with this task. **Motion retracted by Hussein Torbati.**

e. Further discussion from the board regarding a timeline of having the survey and results completed before the 2019 CME Conference. The Legislative Committee will have the results for the August board meeting.

f. The Legislative Committee will email their report to the board with the changes discussed at this meeting. The committee will include a motion regarding the survey and timeline that was discussed at the meeting.

2. Governance Committee – Hussein Torbati

Hussein Torbati has been in communication with Gavin Christie and asked that he give an update on the new opioid law that took effect November 1st.

* Providers must still check PMP for each patient.
* Must do an assessment before a 2nd script is given and then you can do another script for 7 days. After that you will need a pain management agreement to script for 30 days more.
* The law allows pharmacies to reject the script.
* Each pharmacy has adopted their own rules.

3. Social Committee – Tara Watson

a. The OAPA Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 9th at Dave & Busters, 7-10 pm. There will be food, drinks and game cards.
b. There is a Blue game scheduled in January and a Thunder game March 29th.

4. Finance Committee – Gavin Christie

a. No changes to the budget.
b. There is 2 years of the annual budget in savings.

5. CME Committee – Saura Shanaki, Alex Garcia, Susan Thomas

a. The financial report was emailed out for your review last week. The discounted $15 membership was a success and we have had 124 members already renewed.
b. The board decided to keep fees the same for next year and continue with the $15.00 membership for those who attend the conference.
c. The items listed below were discussed by the board and approved.

1. Increase Exhibitor Registration. Raise to $1200, and to have select prime spots at $1500.

2. There will not be a conference book for next year due to the decreased numbers in ordering and cost. However, everything will be online and participants can print what they want.
3. The contract with CORE will be renewed since the membership is getting used to the app and likes using it.

V. Additional Business

1. Executive Director's Report - Susan Thomas

a. The Speaker's Ball is scheduled for January 26th. Jan Loftis thinks it is a good idea to attend again this year. It is in the budget. The OAPA will invite 1 or 2 legislators to the OAPA table along with spouses.
b. Discussed the annual OAPA reception at the AAPA Conference in May. Last year the budget was $1500.00.

Motion to use a max of $1500.00 for the AAPA reception, and to use what we can from the Social committee's budget by Bobby Bosse: Second by Hussein Torbati; The motion passed with no opposition.

VI. Old Business

1. September Board Meeting Minutes and Addendum to the September 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

a. The September Board Meeting minutes & Addendum were discussed. No changes requested or motions made for changes.

Motion to pass September minutes and addendum, parts 2 and 3 of the consent agenda, as written by Hussein Torbati; Pam Foster seconds. Motion passes with three opposed and one abstained.

2. Survey from AAPA regarding direct reimbursement for PAs.

a. The AAPA sent a survey out regarding direct reimbursement for PAs. The survey will be sent to the board for them to complete. This survey is only for board members.

VII. New Business

1. OU/OKC PA Program's 50th Anniversary Celebration – Christy Niehues

a. The 50th Anniversary Committee would like the celebration combined with the 2020 CME Conference and request that the 2020 OAPA Conference be moved to Oklahoma City.
b. The Embassy Suites by the campus was discussed. However, it is not big enough to hold the conference as it is scheduled now. It was discussed to use the OU Campus for additional space. The board did not want to utilize the OU Campus for more space.
c. Susan Thomas will contact the River Spirit to see if they will let us cancel the 2020 contract without a penalty and see if there are open dates in 2021. Susan Thomas will check with hotels in OKC to see if there are open dates for 2020.
d. The CME Committee will look into the issues of changing the conference location to OKC in 2020.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:31 by Theresa Gavula; Sara Parr seconds.