Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
February Board Meeting Agenda
Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library, 300 Park Ave, OKC, OK
Classroom C-D (4th Floor)
February 5, 2018
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Board Members Present: Pam Foster, Theresa Gavula, Alex Garcia, Hussein Torbati, Ken Stein, Bridget Keast, Larry Hytche, Bobby Bosse, Gavin Christie, Tara Watson
Board Member Absent: Melissa Loftis, Don Flinn, Diana Wiley
Others Present: Jan Loftis, Saura Shanaki, Lauren Donaldson, Austin Ederer, Paula Montgomery, Jose Medina, Sara Parr, Jennifer Allen, Troy Bender, Trae Beasler, Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole

I. Call to Order 6:30

II. Approval of Agenda
   i. Motion to Approve the Agenda made by Theresa Gavula; Bobby Bosse seconds; motion passes without opposition.

III. Consent Agenda
   1. December Board Meeting Minutes
   2. Student Reports
   3. PA Relations Committee – OHPP 4th Quarter Report
      a. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda made by Theresa Gavula; Hussein Torbati seconds; motion passes without opposition.

IV. Introductions: Troy Bender, PA-C, PA Program Director, Northeastern State University
   a. Troy Bender –I would like to introduce myself. The Program is new, and we are excited to get it built. The Student's first class will be July 2019. We will send out applications this year. It will be a 27-month program and start in the summer. We will have a class of 20 our first go around. I have been a PA for ten years, and my background is Emergency Medicine also some Orthopedic Spine prior to Emergency Medicine. I was a Paramedic for 17 years before I went back to PA school. I graduated from Missouri State.

V. Committee Reports

1. Legislative and Governmental – Jan Loftis

1. Jan Loftis – I am Jan Loftis, and I am the Lobbyist for OAPA, and I have worked with you all for a long time. Today is the first day of the Legislative Session. It is the 2nd year of a 2-year session. There are some bills that died in 2017 that can be resurrected in 2018 at the point that they died. Those are on a radar list that I have for you. The list I passed out is 2018 bills, and it has 94 bills, and that does not include the carryovers from 2017. When you are looking at house bills, I put in a comment, and that comment is for me to remember what the bill is about. A shell bill is a bill that has been introduced in a title of law that we would want to follow. Also, the legislative session is a series of deadlines that allow things to keep flowing. There are a number of new House Members and Senators.

I. Page 6: HB 2987 – That bill is by Rep. Marcus McEntire from Duncan. This would add PAs to the list of eligible recipients of the PMTC stipend. I reached out to Rep. McEntire today, and we are meeting about the bill tomorrow. We support the bill strongly. It will be heard this week Wednesday at 10:30 am. I want to talk to the author and see if he thinks this is going to get a good hearing before we start any grassroots.

II. Page 7: HB 3091 – That bill is by Rep. Josh Cockroft - It is a shell bill and deals with Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. To refresh your memory, last session bill 1013 made it to Senate and got assigned to the Health and Human Services Committee, of which Senator Yen is the Chairman and would not hear the bill, so it died in committee. The Senate agreed not to move the bill to another committee that is why it died. This is an attempt in 2018 to reintroduce the bill and get it through the House very quickly in hopes to get the Senate to assign it to a different committee. I am going to speak with Rep. Josh Cockroft to see where we are. I will keep you updated.

III. Page 9: HB 3443

- Ken Stein: It looks horrible.
- Jan Loftis: There is several of those bills anti-vaccination bills. Maybe 8-10. We need to support Yen to help him
- Jan Loftis: What Sen. Yen agreed to last session was, that if a parent wants to opt out of immunizing their children at school, all they have to do is sign a form and watch a two-minute video. The anti-vaccination community would not even agree to that. So that is what this 3443 has to do with. We need to stand up and support Yen in this because he is getting beat up.

iii. Page 12 SB 0956 – This bill is by Sen. AJ Griffin - This bill is a lot like HB 1013 from the last session. I called Sen Griffin, and we are

going to meet and talk about this bill. We are going to talk about the language and the definition of a prescriber and who prescribers are. We need to define what a provider is in this bill. All throughout this bill it strikes out prescriber and inserts the word provider. It deliberately strikes the language that we got inserted in law, only 15 years ago, that will allow you to do what you are doing today. It is not clear in the bill who a provider is. I will let you know about action once I talk to her. This is a big thing.

- Ken Stein: What will this bill do?
- Jan Loftis: It talks a lot about who can and cannot distribute under the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. It changes the definition of who can write a prescription from Practitioner to Prescriber. It also specifically deletes language that references licensed Physician Assistants. From our perspective that is the nut of this bill. It does a lot of other stuff that we do not care about. This is current law, prescription means: any order of drugs or medical supplies that is written, signed, or transmitted by word of mouth, telephone, or any other means of communication. A. By a Licensed (It strikes Practitioner and inserts Prescriber), or (then it deletes b which currently says, under the supervision of an Oklahoma Licensed Practitioner and Oklahoma Licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, or Oklahoma Licensed Physician Assistant.) Then it inserts; By an Oklahoma Licensed Wholesaler or Distributor. We at a minimum at least want to maintain what PA's can do today, if not do more.
- Ken Stein: Do you have a feeling for what kind of support there is for this bill?
- Jan Loftis: I don't think I can tell you that today. I will know more tomorrow.
- Gavin Christie: Do we know who is behind this pushing the bill?
- Jan Loftis: We think the Nurse Practitioners are.

iv. Page 15 SB1127: Shell bill in the Nurse Practice Act by Senator Yen. There is no substantial language in it yet. My guess is that Yen is going to try and negotiate something with it. I will ask him tomorrow when we talk.

- Jan Loftis: There is no language in this bill yet, meaning this is current law, meaning he would do something to change it. This has to do with Nurse-Midwives. There are three different terms for a Midwife. The ones that are practicing had to pay their doctors up to $5k a month to work. It didn't set well with the Legislators in that meeting. So, they are trying to change it in this bill. Senator Yen thinks that it is extortion. This is an OSMA

bill trying to help the nurse midwives from having to pay a fee to practice what they are trained to do.

v. Page 18 SB1349 – Is the same as the McEntire's bill that deals with PA's and PMTC. I will talk to Sen. Yen tomorrow.

vi. Page 18 SB1353: I have gotten feedback from your Executive Committee, that this bill defines an "Assistant Physician". I know that OAPA opposes. Senator Yen introduced it. This has come up in the past and didn't go anywhere. I will talk with Yen tomorrow.

2. Governance Committee – Hussein Torbati

i. We have been passing this back and forth: We all have agreed that our goal is to recruitment OAPA Members. To achieve this, we need to make it simple and financially easier. We want to restructure our OAPA Conference: The conference is $375, and the membership is $125. We want to make the conference $475 (early bird rate), and they will be able to add membership for $15. We are hoping the employers will eat the cost of the conference and the PA's only have to pay $15 for the membership. However, If you are not a member, the cost of the conference will go up. That is the proposal to the board.

- Gavin Christie: I am afraid of the conference price increase.
- Hussein Torbati: The cost is going to be less than $500, and that is a reasonable price for a three-day conference and a year's membership.
- Susan Thomas: Based on the survey from four years ago 78% of employees paid for CME Conference but not memberships.
- Hussein Torbati: Benefits would be: If we keep up with the numbers of members that go to conference those are members that we do not have to worry about if they will join for the following year.
- Gavin Christie: What will the membership fee be if you do not go to the conference?
- Hussein Torbati: They will stay the same.
- Theresa Gavula: I think people will see the savings on the dues, and people will like it.
- Paula: If you are splitting it, there needs to be a description that if you do not pay the $15, then you have to pay the $125.
- Hussein Torbati: We will have that.

ii. Governance Committee motions to increase the cost of the CME Conference for 2018 of $100 per person to $450 and at the same time

to reduce the cost of the OAPA membership for the following year, of $110 for those who attend the conference.

Discussion:

- Gavin Christie: Is there any negative repercussions? The people that don't go to the conference is this going to change their choice.
- Paula Montgomery: There is a special promotion in 2018 and could change it to a different promotion if needed for our needs in the following years.
- Hussein Torbati: We need to give this several years to look at the numbers.

Vote: Motion passes with one opposed vote from Bobby Bosse.

3. CME Committee – Alex Garcia and Susan Thomas
    i. Alex Garcia - We are planning the conference with the same type of schedule, two tracks again with one being pulmonology and the other pediatrics. CME Committee, please look at the list and let me know if there is a topic that you want to have at the conference. We are still doing BLS, ACLS, and PALS.
4. Executive Director's Report – Susan Thomas
    i. This is in the budget and approved already: We received our invoice to donate to OHPP for $2000.00.
    ii. The OAFP will be June 14th-17th, and the conference will be $895.
    iii. The PLICO Conference is August 9th – 10th and will be $1200.
    iv. We need to order more giveaways for the conferences and PA Day. What are the ideas for giveaways, or should we just keep the hand sanitizer? The Board decides on keeping the hand sanitizer.
    v. PA Day at the Capitol April 17th, 2018. We have three people signed up. We are going to send out another email. I checked with the school, and the students have study times so should be able to attend. We will not do popcorn because of the construction at the Capitol.
    vi. Is the board wanting to do the annual OAPA reception at the AAPA Conference? Space is free, but we will need to purchase hotel food. There will not be a paper schedule this year so it will be advertised online and held at the Hilton on the River which is the HQ hotel.
        - Motion to do another reception at the AAPA conference for $1500 made by Teresa Gavula; second by Bridget Keast. Motion passes without opposition.

- There are a lot of questions and information coming in emails from AAPA. Does the Board want to see all of the emails or just the legislative committee? It was agreed that the board would receive all emails.
- Susan Thomas: Who responds to the emails? Sara Parr and Don Flinn, or all respond to the emails?
- Pam Foster: The committee needs to take action.
- Susan Thomas: I will make sure all the board gets the emails along with the Legislative Committee.

5. Public Relations Committee – Larry Hytche
    i. Bobby Bosse, Susan Thomas, and I had a meeting with Saxum. The main topic of discussion is reworking the OAPA website. The website is showing its age. Things are hard to find. Purchase history is in reverse chronological order. We need to make the website more streamline. We talked and brainstormed on what we can do to make it streamline: We can get more ways to pay then just Pay Pal; we can have new ways to log in and have a mobile-friendly version; have access to receipts. We need to have others trained on the website. PR Committee wants to get more quotes. One company wanted to charge us $3800 just to look at it for 90 days and then possibly $30k-$100k to redo the website. Bobby Bosse and I have done some research, and we know it will be a huge undertaking, but we are thinking a lot lower than that.
        - Susan: The other company wasn't too bad, they said $30k, Saxum was $85k - $115k, and Back 40 would charge $10k from the ground up. We are having issues with Back 40 on the administrative side. I would want to sit down and talk to them and get more information..
        - Gavin Christie: It is currently not in the budget.
        - Bobby Bosse: It is going to take some time, and looking at our budget. We will have to get more bids. We will need to look more and get a realistic number.

6. Finance Committee – Gavin Christie
    1. No changes.

VI. Old Business
    1. None.

VII. New Business

1. Tara Watson: Thunder Game is March 8th. I will get with Susan and Audrey this week. We will send out an email about the tickets. The tickets are first come first serve.
2. Pam Foster: Since we are no longer doing the newsletter, do we want Susan to type up an Executive Director Report? (Board says Yes). Also, it is time to think about new board seats. If you are interested, let us know.

VIII. Adjournment

8:07 pm - Motion to Adjourn made by Teresa Gavula; Bobby Bosse seconds.