Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
September Board Meeting Minutes
Embassy Suites Norman Hotel & Conference Center – Boomer B
September 19, 2018, 7:00 pm

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

Board Members Absent: Theresa Gavula, Jeanine Smith

Other Attendees: Melody Yozzo, Allison Garrison, Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole, Troy Bender, Michelle McNamara, Kayleigh Schoenfelder

I. Call to Order 7:00 pm

II. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve Agenda made by Pam Foster; John Click seconds. Motion approved with no opposition.

III. Consent Agenda
1. August Minutes
2. Student Reports
3. Executive Director's Report

Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Pam Foster; Alex Garcia seconds. Motion approved without opposition.

IV. Legislative & Advocacy Liaison Report – Allison Garrison
i. I wanted to say that I have enjoyed this position so far, and I have already been meeting with people.
ii. I was wondering what the Board thought about putting different things on social media regarding the different PA programs, especially the 50th Anniversary get together? This opportunity would be available to any program.

Motion that OAPA support promoting the 50th Anniversary as a historical event made by Joey Medina; Trae Beasler seconds. Motion passes without opposition.

V. Committee Reports
1. Governance Committee – Hussein Torbati
   a. The Governance Committee has discussed that we want to make changes for the future. We do not want total independence. We as an organization want

the playing field to be even with PAs and NPs. We want to get some of these restrictions off of us. We know we can not do it all this year, but we need to figure out what we want to do and then take it to the members. We need our membership to back us up. If the changes we want to make means that the Act will have to be opened up, then we need our ducks in a row. We will get our lawyers involved to help with this if needed. We also discussed having a PA on the Medical Board, and different ways we can make that happen.

2. Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee – Don Flinn, Sara Parr

Sara Parr: The Legislative Committee met on September 10th. We got together to discuss AAPA's take on OTP. We reviewed different articles:

- AAPA's About Optimal Team Practice
- AAPA's 6 Things to Know About Optimal Team Practice
- AAPA's Fact Sheet About Optimal Team Practice
- AAPA's Full Practice Authority and Responsibility Survey Report
- OPTIMAL TEAM PRACTICE: THE RIGHT PRESCRIPTION FOR ALL PAS? - Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) OTP Task Force
- Thoughts on Optimal Team Practice – Letter to Journal of American Academy of Physician Assistants from PAEA President William Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C.

Anyone who saw Erika Miller's presentation today will know what they are recommending. The AAPA has pretty much left it up to each State to decide when and how they can implement this, and what is best for your state.

The majority of the committee agreed with 3 or the 4 major components of OTP

- Support PAs focus on commitment to team practice
- Support Integrated Medical boards containing both PAs and physicians who practice & supervise PAs
- Support Authorization of PAs to be directly reimbursed by all public and private insurers

Majority of the Committee does not Agree with Authorizing PAs to Practice without a Supervising Agreement Tied a Specific Physician and does not Support the Removal of the Supervisor Physician Title or Supervision Wording from PA Practice Act Language in the State of Oklahoma.

We had talked about as a first step we would consider making all Physicians PAs work with Supervisors, rather than multiple Alternate Supervisors.

The Committee sees Potential Supervision Concern for New Graduates if this Fourth Step of the AAPA's OTP is Supported.

How can the OAPA move forward concerning OTP?

- Research OTP and How it could Affect our State and our PAs, and poll our members with a Board-approved poll.
- Start our own task force. To start research on our own.
- Ask Important Questions to Members and State Organizations.

- We need more data to make an informed opinion.
- Come up with a strategic plan.

Lastly, we talked about Medical Marijuana. The OAPA has signed on as a member of the Medical Marijuana Coalition organized by OSMA.

3. Finance Committee – Gavin Christie
   a. I already gave my report in the General Membership Meeting. Nothing has changed.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business
Allison Garrison: There are PAs who want to do a scholarship in Heather Wadley's name.

Adjourn 8:10pm
Motion to adjourn made by Gavin Christie

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September 2018 minutes submitted by Audrey Poole, Administrative Assistants

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September 2018 minutes reviewed and corrected by Susan Thomas, Executive Director

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September 2018 minutes approved by Hussein Torbati, President

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September 2018 minutes approved by Sara Parr, Secretary

Date approved by the OAPA Board of Directors: _____