Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
September Board Meeting Minutes
Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, Meeting Room 1
3400 NW 36th St., OKC. and by Zoom
September 14, 2020; 6:30 pm

Board Members Present: Gavin Christie, Erin O'Donnell, Tara Watson, Crystal Fredrickson, Paula Montgomery, Christy Neihues*, Sara Parr*, Alex Garcia, Jeanine Smith*, Jeff Burke*, Keith Plummer*, Natasha Simonson*, Devonna A'Belle*, Elizabeth DiSalvatore.

Board Members Not Present: John Click

Others Present: Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole, Allison Garrison, Troy Bender*, Doug Dwindt*, Melody Yozzo*, Saura Douglas*, Jan Loftis*.

** Attendees participated via Zoom.*

I. Call to Order 6:31 PM

II. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion to approve agenda made by Crystal Fredrickson; second by Alex Garcia. Motion passes without opposition.**

III. Consent Agenda

1. July 6, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

2. Addendum to July 6, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

3. Student Reports

- **Motion to approve consent agenda made by Tara Watson; second by Alex Garcia. Motion passes without opposition.**

IV. Reports

1. Legislative & Governmental Affairs Committee – Tara Watson, Allison Garrison, Jan Loftis
    - Tara Watson – The committee has decided to pursue Schedule 2 drugs. You can find information in the consent agenda.
    - Allison Garrison – The Medical Board met last week. The OAPA Legislative Team requested that the Medical Board review SB1915 regarding ratio limits since the that does not apply to PAs anymore. There was an amendment written regarding the new rule. We will watch when and how they get it filed. Both the DO and MD boards have meetings to talk about the new rule and legislation. We are working

with the Oklahoma Medical Board on getting a new form to replace form #5. We are also looking to have a basic practice agreement that PAs can use. Our priority right now is to get the rules written

2. Governance Committee – Gavin Christie
    - The committee met virtually to review the board evaluation.
    - The board evaluation was reviewed and discussed with the board. It was decided to send out another board evaluation about halfway through the year to catch things earlier.
    - The committee also discussed goals and plans. We are formalizing a request to the Research Committee to be tasked with questioning the members on what the OAPA can do for them. The Research Committee will come up with a question to put at the end of the conference survey to ask the members.
    - Next time the Governance Committee meets we will review the bylaws as the attorney has advised us to do.
3. Social Committee – Erin O'Donnell
    - The social committee will be doing several trivia questions at the live virtual conference to engage the members. We will mail prizes to those who win. A deposit for Thunder Tickets has been made, and we will play it by ear with the pandemic.
4. Awards Committee – Crystal Fredrickson
    - The awards for the conference has been recorded. We will be doing something special when we mail the awards to those that won.
    - The President requested that the board re-vote for the awards as listed for the official record since there was confusion during the email voting process.
    - **Motion made by the Awards Committee to approve the awards as listed; motion passes without opposition.**
5. CME Committee – Saura Douglas, Susan Thomas
    - The conference will be a little different this year since it is virtual. The lectures are being prerecorded. The speakers will be available after their lecture in a zoom break to answer questions.
    - The committee has not voted on plans for next year's conference. The River Spirit is not able to accommodate us because of all the Covid reschedules from this year.
    - It was recommended by the board to look into different venues in the Tulsa area for next year.
    - We will continue advertising the conference and the On-Demand Library for the rest of the year to bring in more revenue.
6. Finance Committee – Paula Montgomery
    - Paula discussed two different budget proposals for the new fiscal year that included an increased legislative budget. The first financial plan had significant cuts to stay within budget. The second proposal would need to have money taken out of savings to cover the budget.
    - **Motion was made by Tara Watson to approve the 2nd proposal and take out of savings up to the $117,526; Gavin Christie seconds. Roll call vote was taken; Gavin Christie – Yes, Student vote – Yes, Paula Montgomery – Yes, Alex Garcia – Yes, Tara Watson – Yes, Crystal Fredrickson – Yes, Erin O'Donnel – Yes, Natasha Simonson – Yes, Christy Neihues – Yes, Devonna A'Belle – Yes, Keith Plummer – Yes, Jeanine Smith – Yes, Jeff Burke – Yes, Sara Parr – Yes.**

V. New Business

- There was a request for OAPA to co-sponsor an anti-racism resolution with the African Heritage and LBGT PA Caucuses. The board discussed and decided to table the topic until we had more information.

VI. Old Business

1. OAPA Committee Changes
    - The Legislative Committee requested to add Troy Bender to the committee.
    - Sara Parr did not realize she was on the Research Committee and did not want to serve on this committee.
    - **Motion made by Gavin Christie to add Troy Bender to the Legislative Committee and to remove Sara Parr from the Research Committee; Crystal Fredrickson seconds.**
    - **An amendment to the motion was made by Gavin Christie to add Nicole Mason to the Research Committee. Motion passes without opposition.**

Adjourn

- **Motion to adjourn: 8:17 PM**