Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
January 2021 Board Meeting Agenda
Zoom Meeting
January 4, 2021; 6:30 pm

Board Members Present: Gavin Christie, Erin O'Donnell, Tara Watson, Crystal Fredrickson, Paula Montgomery, Sara Parr, Christy Niehues, Alex Garcia, Keith Plummer, Jeff Burke, Jeanie Smith, Devonna A'Belle,

Board Members Not Present: John Click, Natasha Simonson, Allyson Niblett

Others Present: Sheila Walker, Jan Loftis, Troy Bender, Theresa Gavula, Phil Burke, Allison Garrison, Melody Yozzo, Jacob Ward, Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole.

I. Call to Order - 6:31 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion to approve agenda made by Alex Garcia: Keith Plummer seconds. All in favor; motion passed without opposition.**

III. Consent Agenda

1. November 2020 Board Meeting Minutes Approval

- **Motion to approve consent agenda made by Tara Watson: Alex Garcia seconds. All in favor; motion passed without opposition.**

IV. Reports

1. Legislative & Governmental – Tara Watson, Allison Garrison, Jan Loftis
   - Three bills have been reserved for the upcoming session. They stand as shell bills right now.
   - We are still working with the medical board regarding the rules and resolving the ratio issue. We have drafted a letter to go to the Attorney General if needed. The medical board and the DO board will have a joint board meeting to discuss the ratio issue. We have communicated with State Representatives and the Governor's office regarding our dealings with the medical board.

- There is a meeting coming up with the director of the OBNDD regarding their opinion on the schedule II issue.
- Jan Loftis has been working on reading all of the bills coming in and keeping an eye on them.
- We received a request to provide lunch at the Capitol, so we will be doing that.
- Once we know how the Capital will be running this session with Covid, we will know if we can do a PA Day at the Capitol.

2. HOD Report – Phil Burke, Chief Delegate
    - Virtual HOD happened in November.
    - We discussed the Title Change Investigation. Several different titles were discussed. The national financial impact would be 21+ million dollars over the course of 5 years. This cost does not include what the states would have to incur. I would like to request that the OAPA do a survey so we know what our members want and how the delegates should vote.
    - **Motion by Gavin Christie to task the Research Committee to provide a survey about the name change; Keith Plummer seconds. All in favor; motion passed without opposition.**
    - The research committee will work with the delegates on this task. First, an educational email regarding the title change will be sent to provide a way to educate our members before the survey is given to the members.

3. Executive Director Report

    - We have been busy working with PAs to get their CME logged.
    - The contract with Hard Rock has been signed for our 2021 conference scheduled Sept 29th – Oct 1st.
    - We are waiting on Embassy Suits regarding a contract for the 2022 conference.
    - The committee will be meeting soon to discuss topics.
    - The Speaker's Ball will be virtual this year. The legislative team has met and recommended that we not participate in the Speaker's Ball this year to save money.
    - **Motion by Gavin Christie to not participate financially in the Virtual Speakers Ball; Crystal Fredrickson seconds. All in favor; motion passed without opposition.**
    - Melissa Gleason has resigned as PAPAC Treasurer starting February 1st. The position will need to be filled. Please let me know if you or anyone you know are interested.

4. Finance Committee – Paula Montgomery

    - The OAPA conference did well this year. That will help with our legislative efforts and not have to pull into our savings as much.
    - Overall, we are doing well.

5. Governance Committee – Gavin Christie

- We met as a committee and one of the specific things that was brought up was that all the PA Program Directors would like to form a committee and have a voting spot on the board. We discussed and researched if there were any restrictions. There are not any restrictions.
- We discussed having a board seat for a lay person who is not a PA.
- We discussed updating the language on our emergency voting. We will meet with Jeri our non-profit attorney to assist us in these items and address things that will need to be changed, and get her recommendations.
- We discussed that a future board member who wants to run for an officer seat will need at least a year's experience on a committee or as a board member.

V. Old Business

- None

VI. New Business

- None

Motion to Adjourn: 7:56pm