Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
May 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
Garden Exhibition Center and Zoom
May 3, 2021
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Board Members Present: Gavin Christie, Crystal Fredrickson, Tara Watson, Erin O'Donnell, Paula Montgomery, Sara Parr, Alex Garcia, Jeanine Smith, Jeff Burke, Keith Plummer, Devonna A'Belle, Christy Niehues, Natasha Simonson
Board Members Absent: John Click, Allyson Niblett,
Others Present: Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole, Nallely Beesley, Allison Garrison, Jacob Ward, Jennifer Dotson, Jan Loftis, Nicole Mason, Amy Harrison

I. Call to Order – Gavin Christie, President – 6:33 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion to approve Agenda made by Jeff Burke; Jeanine Smith seconds; motion passes without opposition.**

III. Consent Agenda

1. March Board Meeting Minutes

2. Student Advisory Committee Reports

- **Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Jeff Burke; Erin O'Donnell seconds.; motion passes without opposition.**

IV. Reports

1. Legislative & Governmental Committee – Allison Garrison, Jan Loftis
   - PA's are now considered providers on the new Home Health bill that was passed.
   - The OAPA is hoping to sit down with OSMA and OOA regarding their continued concerns with SB 1915 that was passed last year.
   - AAPA is ready to help us with our needs to get the OSMB on board with the new law.

2. CME Committee – Susan Thomas
    - The conference was discussed, and the board decided that the General Membership Meeting will have the directors sit at the tables with members. The General Membership Meeting will be live-streamed. However, the Thursday Awards luncheon and Friday luncheon with board Q&A will not be live-streamed.
    - The September Board Meeting will take place during the OAPA Conference on Wednesday night.
    - Friday's lunch at the conference will be a Q&A with board members. Questions can be submitted online ahead of time via the website.
    - The conference app was discussed and recommended that we not pay the additional money for the app. It was suggested that the CME committee looks into using the credit for a different product now that the website can be used in place of the app.

3. Executive Director Report – Susan Thomas
    - Jennifer Dodson was introduced as the new student committee member from OCU.
    - The Medical Board provided us with a list of thirteen PAs they stated were late in completing their CME requirements for 2017 and 2018. The OAPA provided them with the requested CME entries for each of the PAs. The Medical Board will be investigating the CME logging, and if CME was earned past the deadline for both years, the PAs might have to go before the Medical Board.
    - It was discussed that PAPAC had not found a new Treasurer and that Audrey Poole would assume the role.

4. Research Committee – Alex Garcia
    - The results from the Title Change Survey were reviewed.

5. Social Committee – Erin O'Donnell
    - The next social event planned is the OKC Energy Soccer game. The committee is still working out the details.
    - There is still a deposit with the OKC Thunder for a winter game. The committee will have more details at a later time.

6. Finance Committee – Paula Montgomery
    - The current budget was reviewed and discussed that we are doing great.

7. Governance Committee – Gavin Christie
    - Reviewed and discussed the proposed OAPA Board and HOD ballot.
    - **Motion to approve the ballot as presented by Erin O'Donnell; Jeanine Smith seconds; motion passes without opposition.**
    - Board evaluation will be coming out soon.

V. Old Business

- None

VI. New Business

1. Membership Survey Request – Nicole Mason, PA-C
    - Reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that she provided to the board on the research she had done regarding the practice of PAs and included past surveys. Due to time constraints, the presentation was not completed.
2. OSU-CHS PA Program – Amy Harrison, PA-C, Program Director
    - The OSU-CHS PA Program has been approved with the first class starting July 2021. Due to time, she asked if there were any questions she could answer regarding the information she had provided the board. There were no questions, and she was congratulated on their success.

Motion to Adjourn by Jeanine Smith. The meeting adjourns at 8:35 pm