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Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Catoosa, OK
September 29, 2021; 12:15 – 2:15 pm

Board Members Present: Crystal Fredrickson, Christy Niehues, Gavin Christie, Nicole Mason, Saura Douglas, Jennifer Putnam, Natasha Simonson, Erin O'Donnell, Keith Plummer, Alex Garcia, Don Guthrie, Malyke Bray (Student Committee)

Board Members Absent: Jeff Burke, Sarah Tyszko

Attendees: See attached sign-in sheet.

I. Welcome and President's Message – Erin O'Donnell, PA-C

- Introduced board members.
- Reported the board's progress over the last 3 years.
- The OAPA Board is working diligently to continue this progress and to continue to progress the PA profession.
- Goals as the OAPA president: To see increased engagement with the OAPA membership. To see an increase in practicing PA's participating in OAPA areas such as; committee work, advocacy, PA Day at the capitol, joining the Legislative Committee, grassroots efforts, student mentorships, and social events.

II. Committee Reports

a. Governance Committee – Erin O'Donnell, PA-C, Chair
   - The OAPA worked with our non-profit attorney to update the language in our bylaws. These bylaws were approved by the membership.

b. CME Committee – Saura Douglas, PA-C, 2021 Chair; Christy Niehues, PA-C, 2022 Chair
   - Saura Douglas: This year we will have an On-Demand post conference CME option along with the in-person option. We have 230 in-person registrations, and 333 virtual registrations. There are two options for your substance abuse CME this year.
   - Christy Niehues: We will be back in Norman next year and will be celebrating 50 Years for the PA profession in Oklahoma.

c. PA Relations Committee – Nicole Mason, PA-C, Committee Member
   - Explained that the committee helps PA's that are going through illnesses, or impairments. The committee meets on an as needed basis.

d. Research Committee – Alex Garcia, PA-C, Chair
   - The last assignment that the Research Committee had was polling the membership on the title change.

e. Finance Committee – Don Guthrie, PA-C, Chair
   - Reviewed last year's budget.

f. Public Relations Committee – Natasha Simonson, PA-C, Chair
   - The Public Relations Committee goals are: member engagement, PA legislative efforts, reputation management, PA branding, distinguishing PAs from other medical providers, how many PA students are becoming OAPA members after they get licensed. We are looking at ways to implement these goals. We are talking to PR firms to help us, looking at our media efforts, and looking at some text messaging vendors to get out important and time sensitive information quicker. We are also looking at helping those PAs that move in from other states and help them transition.

g. Awards Committee – Natasha Simonson, PA-C, Chair
   - Thank you to those that sent in nominations. Since the 2020 recipients could not receive their awards in-person last year, those that are in attendance to the awards luncheon this year will receive their awards.
   - The following awards were handed out because they would not be able to attend the 2021 Awards Luncheon: Paula Montgomery accepted the award for 2020 Physician of the Year for Dr. Mark Kowalski, and her 2021 Life Time Membership Award.

h. Legislative & Governmental Affairs Committee – Crystal Fredrickson, PA-C, Chair; Allison
   - Crystal Fredrickson: We encourage the members to be involved in the Legislative & Governmental Affairs Committee. Discussed the last few years of advancements that have been made. Discussed SB 1915 that we gained PCP status, eliminated the need to get your application to practice approved, enabled direct pay, emergency empowerment protection, advances in telemedicine, changed verbiage to Delegating Physician, and eliminated ratio's. We also had SB 388 that added PAs to home health. We want to move forward this year with additional legislation and keeping our presence known at the capitol.
   - Allison Garrison: With SB 1915 we are still working with the Medical Board on getting the rules written. Even though the old rules are still up and the new rules have not been written, we need to remember that law always trumps rules. Our law is still in effect. We are waiting on our AG opinion on the rules. Provided an update on Schedule IIs. PAs can prescribe Schedule II drugs, however before we ask PAs to start prescribing them, we ask that you wait until our meeting with the Pharmacy Benefit Managers. We will be meeting with the PBM to clarify and answer any questions they may have.

i. PAPAC – Paige Kruckenberg, PA-C, PAPAC Chair; Allison Garrison, OAPA Leadership & Advocacy Liaison

   - Paige Kruckenberg: We ask that you donate to PAPAC to help with our legislative efforts. We will be giving away a free t-shirt with each $50 donation and you will have a chance for an iPad with the Apple Pen.
   - Allison Garrison: Current balance for PAPAC is just over $5000. PAPAC donations are used for contributions to legislator's campaigns. Contributions make a difference when are asking for support at the capitol. Legislators will look to see if we have supported their campaign. PAPAC is so very important on our legislative efforts.

j. Social Committee – Erin O'Donnell, PA-C, Chair

- Members were asked to provide ideas on ways to get together. The OKC Thunder Game will be on New Years Eve this year. We are looking forward to planning our Legislative Reception again. It was a huge success last year. We are looking to reschedule the Tulsa event at the Gathering Place.

III. Student Affairs Committee Reports

a. Malyke Bray, OU Tulsa PA Program

- The third-years ceremony will be on the 23rd. The second-years are about seven weeks into rotations. The first-year students are in the second semester. We have events planned for PA Week.

The following students are not able to attend. Please see their reports under the

Agenda/General Membership Meeting/Handouts.

b. Shelby Fogler, OSU PA Program

c. Jacob Ward, Northeastern PA Program

d. Jennifer Dotson, OCU PA Program

e. Rachel Spencer, OU/OKC PA Program

IV. Faculty Affairs Committee Reports

a. Jennifer Stauffer, MHS, PA-C, Clinical Assistant Professor, OSU Center for Health Sciences

- Received provisional accreditation in March of this year. The first class began in July. We could use help with preceptors.

b. Shannon Ijams, MPAS, PA-C, Program Director, OU School of Community Medicine

- The Tulsa Program is really excited and loving our life style medicine course. This course helps with understanding health outside of traditional medicine. The students have worked on making food prescriptions for patients. In our clinical phase we are along side the medical school in Tulsa. In 2024 we are looking into an LIC which is a longitudinal integrative clerkship. We will have a full year of all different disciplines integrated into that year to create a longitudinal experience. The program is needing two additional faculty. Thank you to our preceptors.

c. Bobby Bosse, MHS, PA-C, Program Director, Oklahoma City University

- This year we graduated our fourth class. The students are preforming very well on their national board exams. They are finding positions within the first few months. We admit 36 students each year. This last interview cycle we interviewed 706 applicants. We integrate point of care ultrasounds this last year. We are look for preceptors.

d. Tim Braun, MHS, PA-C, Director for Didactic Education, OU Health Sciences Center

- The Class of 2021 is set to graduate the second Saturday of October. Our class of 2022 has just completed their didactic phase and transitioning to their clinic phase. The class of 2023 recently finished anatomy with cadaver in the summer. We are looking for a permanent program director.

e. Northeastern State University PA Program - Not able to attend.

V. New Business

a. AAPA House of Delegates Written Report – Phil Burke, PA-C, Chief Delegate

Report can be found under the Agenda/General Membership Meeting/Handouts.

VI. Membership Questions and Closing Remarks – Erin O'Donnell, PA-C

- Asked for questions. No questions.

VII. Adjourn – 2:05pm

2021 General Membership Meeting Sign-In List

First	Last
Autumn	Ackerman
Rocky	Arrasmith
Caitlin	Ashley
Karri	Birch
Julie	Bowring
Travis	Buchanan
Travis	Buchanan
Shannan	Carmouche
Gavin	Christie
Kelly	Dennis
Ralph	Falconer
Donald	Flinn
Stephanie	Garrett
Allison	Garrison
Randy	Gordon
Elizabeth	Haddock
Angela	Heath
Carissa	Hines-Lawson
Adam	Hogue
Melissa	Honick
Kadilyn	Hourigan
Shannon	Ijams
Patricia	Iven
Erin	Jones
Erin Paige	Kruckenberg
Amanda	Laughlin
Lindsay	Llewelyn
Lee	luetkemeyer
Drew	Marr
Dennis	McKee
Linh	Mokhtee
christy	niehues
Samantha	Nigh
Charles	O'Leary
Green	Phil
Jeff	Phillips
Keith	Plummer
Audrey	Poole
Gina	Powers
Jena	Rogers
Kim	Ryan
Ashley	Shope
Ashley	Shope
Jeanine	Smith
Jill	Spreiter
Doyle	Stark
Susan	Thomas
Tara	Watson