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March Board Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2022
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Garden Exhibition Center – Meeting Room 1 and Zoom
3400 NW 36th St., OKC – Zoom

Board Members In-Person: Erin O'Donnell, Keith Plummer, Gavin Christie, Crystal Fredrickson, Don Guthrie, Christy Niehues, Jeff Burke,

Board Members by Zoom: Saura Douglas, Alex Garcia, Nicole Mason, Natasha Simonson, Rachel Spencer

Board Members Not Present: Sarah Tyszko, Jennifer Putnam

Others Present: Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole, Jan Loftis, Allison Garrison, Anabel Jones (zoom), Phil Burke (zoom), Tara Watson (zoom), Sheila Walker (zoom), Audra Ball (zoom), Theresa Gavula (zoom), Malyke Bray (zoom)

I. Call to Order – 6:32 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion to approve Agenda made by Crystal Fredrickson; second by Jeff Burke. Motion passes without opposition.**

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. January Board Meeting Minutes
2. Addendum to January Minutes
3. Student Reports

- **Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Gavin Christie; second by Christy Niehues. Motion Passes without opposition.**

IV. Reports

1. Legislative and Governmental – Crystal Frederickson, Allison Garrison, Jan Loftis

- SB 497 popped up last week and we have serious concerns regarding this bill. It has to do with the titles that a PA can call themselves, and that PAs cannot say that they practice medicine. We will be keeping an eye on this and tracking it very closely.
- HB3916 is our ratio bill this year. We are still trying to get the ratio issues resolved from SB1915. We may be calling on the OAPA members to contact their legislators.
- The Death certificate bill is moving along just fine.
- The Federal Practice Jurisdiction bill has passed off the House Floor to the Senate Committee
- SB 1542 has been received in the house and has to go to committee.
- SB1289 is ready to be heard on the senate floor.
- We have an appointment with the PR firm about a plan for them to support our legislative efforts.
- We have a few caucus lunches we are providing. They are good opportunities to get in front of the legislators and tell them who we are and what is going on.
- Jeff Burke and Allison Garrison met with Lyle Kelsey and Michael Lee on what could be done on an emergency rule basis on ratio and Sched II issues.

2. Social Committee – Erin O'Donnell
    - Social Capitol Tuesday April 5th. We will be emailing members and posting on social media. We are encouraging Board Members to reach out to other PAs and invite them.
3. CME Committee – Christy Niehues, Susan Thomas
    - We are doing good on topics and are working on getting speakers to fill some of those topics.
    - VCube went up in price by 4k. However, the platform is different and more in-depth.
    - Regarding the conference app. We will be taking out the cost of the banner adds and the graphics. This will bring the cost to $1100.
    - **Motion to use the conference app this year made by Keith Plummer; Erin O'Donnell seconds. Motion passes without opposition.**
    - Regarding the reception Thursday evening. We are thinking of charging for guest or PAs that did not register for conference and want to come to the reception. We were thinking of charging $25.00.
    - **Motion to charge $25 to attend the conference reception for those that have not paid for conference made by Erin O'Donnell; Jeff Burke seconds. Motion passes without opposition.**
    - Tuesday night there will be a reception at the OU campus and a CME opportunity.
4. PR Committee – Natasha Simonson
    - We will be meeting with the PR firm tomorrow to figure out how to use them during the legislative session.
    - We are still looking into the text messaging service.

- Lisa from Mega Media has had opportunities for PAs to do news segments and articles. Let Natasha Simonson know of some PAs that would be great for something like that. We could put on the website a place to have a PA share a story or nominate another PA that could be in the news. Then we could have a pool of stories to pick from.

- **Motion to move forward with the texting options to members as long as it falls in line with our budget made by Keith Plummer; Natasha Simonson seconds. Motion passes without opposition.**

5. Finance Committee – Don Guthrie

    - Merrill Lynch is going to give us a multi-layer investment package we can look at. They will present us with three different programs. Jan Lofits mentioned that she is a part of another group that invest, and could email us the documents.

    - The Finance committee would come up with an investment policy for the board to vote on.

    - Committee Chairs are asked to submit a rough budget of what their budget will be next year by April 15th.

V. Unfinished Business

- The Mentor Committee was discussed by Erin O'Donnell since it hasn't been an active committee. As Chair of the Governance Committee she wanted the boards opinion on keeping it as a standing committee in policies.

- There was discussion to keep it in the policies, but no board decision was made.

VI. New Business

- None

Adjourn 7:50 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Keith Plummer.

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Addendum to March 7, 2022 OAPA Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve text messaging system.

I. An email from Erin O'Donnell, President was sent out on March 16, 2022, at 9:57 am with a motion from Natasha Simonson, Chair, PR Committee.

II. **Motion:**

I would like to present a motion to the board to approve ***up to*** $1200.00, to be taken from the appropriated Mega Media PR budget, to initiate services of a text messaging platform.

III. **Motion Seconded by Gavin Christie on March 16, 2022 at 10:07 am.**

IV. **Discussion opened on March 16, 2022 at 11:00 am for 24 hours.**

Discussed the possibility of the funds and the impact it could cause Mega Media. Natasha Simonson addressed this issue and stated there would not be an issue with using funds from their budget.

IV. **Vote called on March 17, 2022 at 11:00 am and ended on March 18, 2022 at 11:00 am. Motion passed without opposition.**

Keith Plummer – Yes
Gavin Christie – Yes
Christy Niehues – Yes
Crystal Fredrickson – Yes
Don Guthrie – Yes
Erin O'Donnell – Yes
Alex Garcia – Yes
Saura Douglas - Yes
Sarah Tyszko - Yes
Nicole Mason - Yes

Board Meeting Minutes taken by Susan Thomas, Executive Director

Board Meeting Minutes approved by Christy Niehues, PA-C, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes approved by Erin O'Donnell, President

Date approved by the OAPA Board of Directors: _____