Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
July 2022 Board Meeting
Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, Meeting Room 1
3400 NW 36th St., OKC
& Zoom.
July 11, 2022; 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Board Members Present by Zoom: Keith Plummer, Saura Douglas, Natasha Simonson, Jeanine Smith, Nicole Mason,

Board Members Present In-Person: Melissa Loftis, Erin O'Donnell, Don Guthrie, Christy Niehues, Alex Garcia, Jeff Burke, Audra Ball, Crystal Fredrickson

Others Present by Zoom: Malyke Bray, Meredith Richie, Ryann Baxter

Others Present In-Person: Jan Loftis, Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole, Tyler Powel, Matt Latham, Allison Garrison

I. Call to Order 6:30pm

II. President's Welcome and Introductions – Keith Plummer

- Welcomed everyone. Each Board member in-person and on zoom introduced themselves.

III. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion to approve the agenda made by Jeff Burke; Alex Garcia seconds. Motion passed without opposition.**

IV. Consent Agenda

1. May 2022 Board Meeting Minutes Approval

2. Student Reports

- **Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Jeff Burke; Christy Niehues seconds. Motion passed without opposition.**

V. Reports

1. Legislative & Governmental– Crystal Fredrickson, Allison Garrison, Jan Lofts

- We had a successful year and had our goals accomplished. We got signing on death certificates, federal jurisdiction, and language correction for Sched II's passed.
- Board was given the new lobby team contract proposals along with job descriptions.
    - Keith Plummer asked "If the amounts were the same as last year". Allison Garrison responded: "Yes".

- It was determined that the proposal will be discussed later in the meeting after the budget has been presented.
- Jeff Burke will be presenting the new rules at the PA advisory Committee meeting this Thursday.
  - If the rules pass the committee, they will go to the board in the September board meeting.
- Allison Garrison and Jeff Burke will go to the DO and the MD Boards and give a presentation on ratios to help correct any misunderstandings.
- Regarding Sched II's, our lawyer sent three letters to the Pharmacy Board. The third letter was responded to by their legal counsel and it stated they would like to speak with us. A meeting has been scheduled.

2. Governance Committee – Erin O'Donnell

- Nothing to report.

3. CME Committee – Christy Niehues, Susan Thomas

- Conference Registration should be up by the end of the week.
- Still need to confirm five speakers.
- We added a link on our website to the anniversary events happening at OUHSC Tuesday night before conference.
- The OAPA and OUHSC will be sharing the cost of the reception.

4. Finance Committee – Don Guthrie

- The OAPA financials are in good shape.
- A separate checking account was set-up with Merrill Lynch.
- Under budget last year.
- The Lobby Team contracts were presented from earlier in the meeting and discussed.
  - **Motion to approve the proposed contract for the Lobby Team for the dates of July1-Dec 31st at the out of session rate, and Jan 1st - June 31st for the in-session rate made by Don Guthrie; Jeff Burke seconds. Melissa Loftis abstains, all others in favor. Motion passes.**
- The proposed 2022 – 2023 budget was presented and discussed.
  - **Motion to approve the proposed 2022-2023 budget from the Finance Committee; Natasha Simonson seconds. Motion passes without opposition.**
  - The Executive Director brought to the boards attention that the proposed budget was not balanced and that the Finance Committee is required to present a balanced budget.
  - The Board discussed and worked out how to present a balanced budget.
  - **An Amended Motion to accept the balanced budget and take any overage from savings was made by Alex Garcia; Don Guthrie seconds. Motion passes without opposition.**

VI. President's Report

- Goals/Projects
  - Keith Plummer stated his goals for the OAPA were:
    - Finish up the work on the Sched II's.
    - Look into finishing up with OTT on the legislative front.
    - Finish up the work on the ratio issue.
    - Develop a five-year plan
  - Jeanine Smith had mentioned that PAs can be attendings in hospice care, but can not prescribe. She asked that be looked into.
    - The lobby team will look into this issue.
- Committee Assignments
  - Keith Plummer had stated that he wanted each committee to be five members max and listed out the committees that he had chosen.

- It was discussed that the committee list had not been viewed by the board and that this will be tabled for an email discussion and vote.

VII. New Business

- AAPA Leadership & Advocacy Summit
  - There is funding for two board members to attend.
  - Audra Ball volunteered to attend.
  - Any other board member that wants to go will reach out to Susan Thomas.

VIII. Old Business – Allison Garrison

- Jeremy Lamb, PA-C
  - The OAPA is looking into supporting his campaign to state office.
  - Jeremy Lamb will be coming to the September board meeting to speak to the board.

Adjourn 8.32

- **Motion to adjourn made by Keith Plummer; Don Guthrie seconds.**