Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
January 2023 Board Meeting Agenda
Via Zoom
January 12, 2023; 6:30 pm

Board Members Present: Keith Plummer, Saura Douglas, Natasha Simonson, Don Guthrie, Christy Niehues, Jeanine Smith, Alex Garcia, Nicole Mason, Jeff Burke, Audra Ball, Melissa Loftis, Crystal Fredrickson

Board Members Absent: Erin O'Donnell, Meredith Ritchie

Others Present: Gary Perez, Allison Garrison, Lexi Norwood, Jan Loftis, Kristin Strong, Ryann Baxter, Tyler Powell, Matt Latham, Audrey Poole, Susan Thomas

I. Call to Order 6:34pm

II. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion to approve Agenda made by Don Guthrie; Crystal Fredrickson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes without opposition.**

III. Consent Agenda

1. November 2022 Board Meeting Minutes Approval

2. Student Reports

- **Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Don Guthrie; Jeanine Smith seconds. All in favor. Motion passes without opposition.**

IV. Reports

1. Legislative & Governmental – Alex Garcia, Allison Garrison, Jan Loftis
   - Jan Loftis:
     - The first day of the Legislative Session will be February 6th. This will be the first of a two-year session. Bills that fall this calendar year may be resurrected next year where they died this year.
     - We have started a tracking system for bills that relate to PAs.
   - Tyler Powell:
     - We have reserved a few shell bills if we need them. There is one in the Senate and two in the House.
   - Matt Latham:

        - The Health and Human Services Committee is very interested in our lawsuit. They have a few shell bills to use against the Medical Board, just in case. They will use them to reconstitute the Medical Board.
    - Keith Plummer - Compact PA license:
        - AAPA wants states to run legislation and get it passed before they can pursue the Compact PA licensing.
        - Jan Loftis requested the language of what that bill would be so the lobby team could discuss it.
    - Allison Garrison:
        - PAPAC has a little over 10k. I have three checks that will be dispersed over the next few weeks. Those checks will go to Tammy West, John Pfiffer, and Kristen Thompson.
        - We have one caucus luncheon this year. We will not be doing as many this year. Since covid there is not as much of an opportunity to get in front of the legislators and speak to them. We will be reserving those funds for items like the OAPA Legislative Reception.
        - Speakers Ball: We have two tables and four open seats for any board members or OAPA members to fill.
        - I helped Dr. Gary Perez with the OU-OKC program student interviews. Dr. Perez wants to bring more PA involvement to the program to help educate the PA students. They have added extra faculty positions and are looking for preceptors.
    - Finance Committee – Don Guthrie
        - Wel need to fix the budget to reflect the additional student funds for each program.
            - **Motion from Don Guthrie to approve and additional 12k to our student budget from savings; Jeff Burke seconds. Motion passes without opposition.**
2. CME Committee – Saura Douglas, Susan Thomas
    - Saura Douglas:
        - This year the OAPA CME Conference will be September 13th – 15th at the River Spirit in Tulsa.
        - We have discussed locations for 2024 but have not decided on one yet.
    - Susan Thomas:
        - We had 718 registrations, around 250 in person for this past year's conference.
        - I am working on a proposal with V-Cube, and will get that to the CME Committee and the Board as soon as I have it.
        - Core Apps: The quote has increased by about $400.
            - The Board decides to move ahead with Core Apps.
        - The board was asked if they wish to keep conference registration and membership dues discount the same. It was decided to not change them.
3. Governance Committee – Erin O'Donnell (Keith Plummer presented. Erin O'Donnell was not present)
    - Keith Plummer:
        - Erin has worked hard to get the policies done, and we need to make a motion on these policies.
        - All members received the policies ahead of time to review.
    - **Motion from the Governance Committee to accept the Governance Policies as written in the manual. Motion passes without opposition.**

V. Unfinished Business

1. Litigation Update – Keith Plummer, Allison Garrison, Lexi Norwood

- Lexi Norwood:
  - Tomorrow we will file a lawsuit against the Pharmacy Board and the Medical Board. If contacted regarding the lawsuit, please state “No Comment” and send anyone with questions to our office Glenn Coffee & Associates.
  - This will be with the Oklahoma Supreme Court, and we anticipate that February or March will be our arguing schedule.
  - As bills trickle out during the Legislative Session you can ask legislators to set any bills regarding rules (if any) aside because there is ongoing litigation.
  - This litigation should cost around 5-10k if it stays in the Supreme Court. If we must start over in District Court, it could be another 10-15k.
  - **Motion to increase our legal budget to 25k with 20k coming from savings made by Don Guthrie; Natasha Simonson seconds.**
    - Discussion: This budget will be through the fiscal year.
    - **Motion passed without opposition.**

2. Speaker’s Ball Update - Allison Garrison

- See above: was discussed during the Legislative Committee report.

VI. New Business

1. PA Compact Legislation – Keith Plummer
   - Keith Plummer:
     - (As discussed above) The AAPA is looking for states to support and pass this model for interstate compact licensing. This would help PA’s practice in other states.
     - The lobby team will be given language regarding the PA Compact License and discuss putting out a bill if the time is right.

VII. Adjourn

- **Motion to adjourn 8:13 pm by Don Guthrie.**