Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants
May 2023 Board Meeting Agenda
Via Zoom
May 8, 2023
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Board Members Present: Jeanine Smith, Keith Plummer, Nicole Mason, Crystal Fredrickson, Nicole Mason, Erin O'Donnell, Alex Garcia, Jeff Burke, Melissa Loftis, Christy Niehues, Saura Douglas, Natasha Simonson, Kristin Strong

Board Members Absent: Don Guthrie, Audra Ball

Others Present: Susan Thomas, Gary Perez, Tyler Powell, Jan Loftis, Lexie Norwood, Matt Latham, Gavin Christie, Allison Garrison

I. Call to Order at 6:31 pm by Keith Plummer, President

II. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion made by Alex Garcia to approve the Agenda, Jeanine Smith seconds. All approved. Motion passes.**

III. Consent Agenda

1. March 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

2. March 2023 Emergency Electronic Meeting Minutes

3. Student Advisory Committee Reports

- **Motion made by Crystal Fredrickson to approve the Consent Agenda, Alex Garcia seconds. All approved. Motion passes.**

IV. Reports

1. Legislative & Governmental Committee – Alex Garcia, Allison Garrison, Jan Loftis, Tyler Powell, Matt Latham, Glenn Coffee, and Lexie Norwood
    - Allison Garrison sent out a recent Legislative Update via email.
    - SB513 (Bio Marker Bill) is waiting for approval on the Senate side with the amendment that was done.
    - SB 292 (Syphilis Bill) was signed by the Governor on April 28th.
    - Governor Sitt signed an executive order regarding a state board interpreting statutes and the need to go through the AG's office.
    - In the last Legislative Committee Meeting the following items were discussed:

- The upcoming legislative session and possible items that might come up.
- Ways to beef up PAPAC donations.

2. CME Committee – Saura Douglas, Susan Thomas
    - Still working on getting the final speakers.
    - We are still looking for locations for future conferences. Embassy Suites in Norman has saved dates for us just in case we cannot find something else.
    - We are looking at having a game night for the reception at the conference and have reached out to companies for quotes to come and set up games.
    - Susan Thomas reported that the OOA conference was not well attended, but she was able to send 12 exhibitor leads to Audrey Poole to follow up with.

3. PR Committee – Natasha Simonson
    - The PR Committee will be meeting within the next week or so.

4. Research Committee – Nicole Mason
    - A video presentation on the facts regarding NP's and PA's in Oklahoma, was put together by Nicole Mason, and presented to the board for them to view.
    - The board was sent this 24-minute video via email during the meeting.
    - The board viewed and discussed the video. No recommendations or motions were made.

5. Governance Committee – Keith Plummer
    - The committee presented the OAPA and HOD Ballot for approval.
    - **Motion to approve the ballot from the Governance Committee. A roll call vote was taken, Jeanine Smith - YES, Keith Plummer - YES, Nicole Mason - YES, Crystal Fredrickson - YES, Nicole Mason - YES, Erin O'Donnell - YES, Alex Garcia - YES, Jeff Burke - YES, Melissa Loftis - YES, Christy Niehues - YES, Saura Douglas - YES, Natasha Simonson - YES, Kristin Strong – YES; all were in favor. Motion passed.**

6. Finance Committee – Don Guthire
    - Don Guthrie was not present for the meeting. A financial report was put together by the OAPAs accountant and was given to the board before the board meeting. There were no questions or discussions regarding the financial report.

V. Unfinished Business

- None

VI. New Business

1. Advisory Committee
    - Keith Plummer: Introduced the idea of starting an Advisory Committee with the intention of coming up with a comprehensive strategic plan to take the PA profession from where we are now to where we want to be. This would include everything from a wish list, to what is possible, to what we really want to see happen. Then that committee will present those ideas to the board, and the board will decide what ideas they want to task to the standing committees that we have already.
        - A discussion was held.
        - Jeff Burke felt the committee was not needed because this is already done at the Board Orientation. **Motion made by Jeff Burke to table the discussion; Saura**

Douglas seconds. Votes as follows: Saura Douglas – Yes, Jeanine Smith – No, Natasha Simonson – No, Christy Niehues – No , Melissa Lofits – No, Jeff Burke – Yes, Erin O'Donnell – No, Crystal Fredrickson – Yes, Nicole Mason – No, Kristen Strong – No, Alex Garcia – No. Motion Fails.

- The Board continued with a discussion on the purpose of this committee and its duties.
- **Motion made by Jeanine Smith to start an Advisory Committee that will start now and go three months into the new board year and stop.**
    - Erin O'Donnell interjected and asked that the motion include that the members of the committee are vetted by the Governance Committee and not just appointed by one person. That we get a variety of members, working and retired PAs. That we strategically pick the members. Then again reiterated that the members need to be selected and vetted by the Governance Committee.
    - Keith Plummer asked Jeanine Smith to modify her motion to include Erin O'Donnell's suggestion.
    - Jeanine Smith stated that she wanted to modify her motion to include what Erin O'Donnell stated.
    - Keith Plummer then modified the motion on Jeanine Smith's behalf and stated: **The modified motion is for the Advisory Committee to be made and serve for the time of three months, and the members to be vetted by the Governance Committee. Motion was seconded by Nicole Mason. Roll call vote was taken: Alex Garcia – Yes, Keith Plummer – Yes, Jeanine Smith – Yes, Natasha Simonson – Yes, Jeff Burke – No, Melissa Loftis – No, Erin O'Donnell – No, Christy Niehues – Yes, Crystal Fredrickson – No, Nicole Mason – Yes, Saura Douglas - No. Motion passes.**

Adjourn – 8:52pm

Motion made by Jeff Burke to adjourn. All in favor. Motion passes.