Oklahoma Academy of Physician Associates
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Embassy Suites by Hilton Downtown Medical Center, OKC
October 2, 2024, 12:15 – 2:00 pm

a. Welcome and President's Message – Jeff Burke, PA-C

- Invited attendees to sign in for the meeting via the QR code.
- Introduced all of the board members and staff.
- Briefly went over the PA profession from where it began to where it is now.
- Oklahoma has 2373 PAs with an active license. 385 of those PAs work in rural Oklahoma.
- OAPA is here to support PAs.
- Invited OAPA members to apply to sit on the OAPA board or on a committee.
- Introduced Gavin Christie as the new OAPA Advocacy and Leadership Liaison

b. Committee Reports

a. Legislative & Governmental Affairs Committee – Don Guthrie, PA-C, Chair; Jan Loftis, OAPA Lobbyist, Tyler Powell, OAPA Lobbyist, Matt Latham, OAPA Lobbyist

- Jan Loftis:
  - Update on the past legislative session.
    - Compact licensure legislation was introduced and passed. This bill will go into effect November 1st, 2024.
    - APRN Independent Practice bill was moving quickly so the OAPA obtained legal counsel to write our own bill for PA OTP. The PA OTP bill struggled and did not go anywhere after March 23rd, 2024. This was for a variety of different reasons. The APRN bill passed and went to the Governor's desk where he vetoed it.
    - The OAPA board is working with the Lobby Team on how to proceed for the 2025 year. We will discuss that in more detail during the 2-hour legislative CME tomorrow (Thursday Oct 3rd) during conference.
    - HB3556 – Health Information Exchange optional and not mandatory passed and goes into law on November 1, 2024.
    - Killed a bill that would create a new category for a graduate physician.
    - There was a bill that was introduced that would prevent PAs to prescribe Sched II's at any level. That bill was successfully killed.
    - HB3351 – Tax credits for preceptorships. This was signed into law and took effect upon the Governor's signature.
    - A bill was passed for laser hair removal. We were able to get PAs on the list. This bill goes into effect November 1, 2024.
- Don Guthrie:
  - We are trying to get more people involved in letting us know what things are affecting your profession and the practice you work in. Without that knowledge we do not know what direction to go in.
  - The PA Rules were passed.
  - We are working on legislation for the upcoming year for OTP with full Schedule II prescribing.
  - Thanked all the OAPA Committee members on all their hard work.

b. PAPAC – Audra Ball, Chair

- There are over 2300 practicing PAs in the state of Oklahoma and only 40 of those PAs contributed to PAPAC over the last 12 months.
- PAPAC funds help us stay visible at the Capitol.
- Since the 2023 OAPA conference we have taken in about $9885 to the PAC. Donations for 2023 totaled about $13,000. From these donations and the balance that rolled over from 2022 we contributed around $9,000 to Senate candidates, and $16,000 to State Representatives candidates for the 2024 election cycle.
- Our current PAPAC funds equal around $12,000 but once recent contribution checks clear our total balance will fall to about $700 dollars.
- The 2024 PAPAC goal is to reach $50,000 in donations through one-time and monthly donations. We have a goal to add 25 new monthly donors each month.
- Be sure to visit the PAPAC table to see all the drawing prizes we have and adding your name to the monthly donors list.

c. Governance Committee – Jeff Burke, PA-C, Chair

- We will be moving up the OAPA elections. Be looking for emails regarding this.
- We are looking for individuals to apply for board seats and committee seats.
- We were able to get Gavin Christie hired as the OAPA Advocacy and Leadership Liaison.

d. CME Committee – Saura Douglas, PA-C, Co-Chair, and Christy Niehues, Co-Chair

- This year we have 511 registered for the conference so far, we have 36 exhibitors, and all 6 PA programs here.
- There is a future conference survey. Please fill that out. We want to see what you are looking for in a conference.
- 2025 Conference will be at the River Spirit September 17-19th.
- Do not forget to earn your 1-hour substance abuse training.

e. Social Committee – Christy Niehues, PA-C, Chair

- The OAPA Conference reception will be tomorrow and is a tail gate theme. There will be prizes.
- The Social Committee will be helping with the Town Hall Meetings coming up. Be looking for that.

f. PA Relations Committee – Jennifer Putnam, PA-C, Chair

- This committee has not been utilized the last two years.
- This committee is to help PAs that are suffering some type of medical condition that is affecting the way they perform; this also includes any type of substance abuse.
- This committee goes through the proper channels to get the PA the help they need. This committee does not discipline. We work in-conjunction with AAPA and/or OHPP.
- The goal is to work together to help get that PA back to practice.

g. Finance Committee – Krista Barnes, Chair

- Reviewed the budget that was available online.
- To clarify the OAPA can not give the extra money that OAPA has to PAPAC. It is against the ethics commission rules.

h. Public Relations Committee – Helga Price, Co-Chair, Elizabeth DiSalvatore, Co-Chair, Jennifer Putnam, Co-Chair

- We are still working with our PR company Mega Media.
- We work with 7Media as our mobile messaging provider. Be sure to sign up and accept the mobile messaging to stay plugged in.

- We are working on keeping up with a quarterly newsletter and would like members to help send in stories.

i. Awards Committee – Natasha Simonson, PA-C, Chair
- Introduced the Awards Committee members.
- Encouraged members to attend the Awards Luncheon on Thursday.

III. Student Affairs Committee Reports

a. Jenna Smith, OU/OKC PA Program
- Class of 2024 is graduating today.
- Class of 2025 started their first clinical rotations this week and celebrated the end of their didactic year.
- Class of 2026 is half way through their second semester.

b. Heidi Avery, NSU PA Program
- Class of 2024 is wrapping up their final year and finishing their final rotation, with graduation in December.
- Class of 2025 is near the end of their didactic year, next will be pediatrics.
- Class of 2026 has orientation on Friday and first day of class on Monday.

c. Cali Fletcher, OSU PA Program
- Class of 2024 has started their last clinical rotation.
- Class of 2025 is in the middle of their clinical year and on their 3rd rotation.
- Class of 2026 is advancing through their second year of the didactic course.

d. Andrew Doak, OU/Tulsa PA Program
- Class of 2024 are studying for their PANCE, half have jobs lined up and the other half are working to find jobs.
- Class of 2025 are finishing up their clinical rotations.
- The class of 2026 is finishing up the final stage of their didactic course.
- Please come see our table here at the conference.

e. Courtney Adler, OCU PA Program (Report given by Jenna Smith, OU/OKC PA Program)
- Class of 2024 graduated from the program back in May 2024.
- Class of 2025 is currently on their 7th rotation.
- Class of 2026 finished their 3rd and final week of MSK, and will start their 4-week long endocrinology course once off of fall break.
- Future class of 2027 began interviews last week.

IV. PA Program Updates

a. Bobby Bosse, PA-C, MHS, Program Director, Oklahoma City University
- Our class graduates in May of every year. This is our 7th graduation class from OCU.
- We have 240 PAs from our program practicing medicine, with 67% of those practicing in Oklahoma. 90% of our graduates practice in Oklahoma or a connecting state.
- The class of 2024 made a 100% pass rate on their PANCE exams.
- 45% of our graduates practice in underserved communities in Oklahoma or surrounding states.
- 15% of our graduates practice in rural communities.
- The class of 2026 started in January. We had 19 students from out of state.
- Sara Parr, PA is now on faculty at OCU.
- Everyone of the PA programs needs preceptors.

b. Jennifer Stauffer, MHS, PA-C, AAHIVS, Director of Clinical Education, OSU Center for Health Sciences
- Our first class graduated last October.
- Our alumni from our first class; 20% are in rural Oklahoma. We are trying to increase that each year.
- 50% of class rotations happen in rural Oklahoma.
- From out first graduating class we had a 95% PANCE pass rate.

c. Darlla Duniphin, DHSc, PA-C, Interim Program Director, OU Health Sciences Center
- The University is looking for a PA Program Director.
- Our PA program received a 2.75 million dollar grant in July. This grant will be used to train PA students in rural primary care locations with integrated mental health. We have three partners with additional partners being added. If your practice would like to partner with us, please stop by our table.
- Our program has moved to the O'Donoghue building and have the entire 2nd floor.

d. Jeremy Paysnoe, MPAS, PA-C, Director of Clinical Education, OU School of Community Medicine
- Our bedlam clinic celebrated their 20th anniversary. This is a clinic where our students can see patients that are under insured or not insured.
- In November we will be graduating our 15th class with 24 graduates from that class.
- From all of our graduates we have had an average of a 98% PANCE pass rate.
- In summer of 2025 we will integrating to an LIC. This will take out clinical students from a block schedule of 4-6 weeks to being integrated to over a year.

e. Mark Perdue, Ph.D, PA-C, Program Director, Northeastern State University
- We have had out PA program going for a few years now.
- Our mission is to produce PAs that are compassionate, qualified and competent, and produce those PAs to care for the underserved populations of NE Oklahoma and the surrounding areas.
- For all the students that have come through our program we have 100% pass rate.
- Over 70% of our clinical rotation sites ate situated in under served areas.
- We strive to have 25% of our graduate's work in underserved populations.
- Introduced the faculty and staff at the NSU Program.

f. Mark Moran, DMS, PA-C, Chair and Program Director, Southern Nazarene University
- We are still working on accreditation.
- The program has faculty.
- The program has a newly renovated facility.
- After PAEA we should her about our accreditation status.

V. New Business

a. AAPA House of Delegates – Saura Douglas, PA-C, Chief Delegate
- Oklahoma has 4 HOD members to represent Oklahoma.
- This year we met in Hoston.
- The US now has a state compact. Eight states are required to create the compact and Oklahoma was the 9th state. AAPA reports that it will take up to 24 months to implement this compact.
- We created a statement for online conduct for PAs.
- Policy asking AAPA to make a searchable library of their policies.
- Discussed encouraging the distinction between race and genetics.
- Legislation to allow medical providers to seek mental health care outside of their own health system.
- Encouraging legislation for AED devices to be put in all schools and children's sporting events.
- Encouraging appropriate reimbursement for rural health care providers.
- Creating and antisemitism statement.
- HOD will meet again in 2025.

VI. Membership Questions and Closing Remarks – Jeff Burke, PA-C, OAPA President

- There were no questions. Membership was thanked for attending.

VII. Adjourn

Name (First)	Name (Last)
Dwayne	Gates
Christy	Barrett
Shirley	Evans
James	Williams
Laynie	Shebester
Lois	Talley
Hannah	Apple
Sheila	Walker
Charlotte	Shackelford-Ginn
Melissa	Loftis
Rhea	Buycks
Dustin	Tims
Tod	Dow
Kendra	Hurst
Ruth	Johnson
Joyce	Dorsey
Jessica	Foster
Tara	Watson
Gavin	Christie
Taylor	Lewallen
Charles	O'Leary
Mary	Daugherty
John	Cointepas
Barbara	Langthorn
John	Cointepas
Lynsey	Stoneking
Stacey	Morrison
Burleene	Mosburg
christy	niehues
Scott	Shepard
Rocky	Arrasmith
Jyl	Curry
Chance	Hutchens
Rene	Chadwell
Corinne	Onigbinde
Parissa	Kesh
Lisa	Eckhardt
Jennifer	Putnam
Keith	Plummer
Julie	Bowring
Kelly	Dennis
Karri	Birch
Krista	Barnes
Kim	Ryan
Ralph	Falconer
Rachel	Moore

Jerri	Bradshaw
Marian	Garcia
Ashley	Shope
Helga	Price
Lynsey	Stoneking
Megan	Kassem
Brian	Fipps
Mark	Moran
Dustin	Tims
Amanda	Laughlin
shannon	thomas
Charles	Sever
Blair	Monhollon
Michelle	Knott
Kimberly	Russell
Kadilyn	Hourigan
Jennifer	Boyett
Carol	Gay
Niki	Wyatt
Robert	Peevy
Lee	Luetkemeyer
Vicki	Jarrell
Mary	Daugherty
Neilee	Wood
Adam	Hogue
Jill	Spreiter
Saura	Douglas
Erika	Allison
Gina	Powers
Anita	Tanner
Patricia	Iven
Randy	Gordon
Amanda	Mohr
Chelsea	Green
Brad	Maxey
Mark	Denney
Laurie	Paxson
Susan	Thomas
Audrey	Poole
Jeff	Burke
Don	Guthrie
Jan	Loftis
Tyler	Powell
Matt	Latham
Natasha	Simonson
Audra	Ball
Bobby	Bosse

Jeremy	Paysnoe
Mark	Purdue
Darlla	Duniphen
Jennifer	Stauffer