Oklahoma Academy of Physician Associates
January 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2025, 6:30 pm

Board Members Present: Jeff Burke, Don Guthrie, Natasha Simonson, Saura Douglas, Krista Barnes, Christy Niehues, Phil Green, Nicole Mason, Keith Plummer, Audra Ball, Helga Price, Jenna Smith

Board Members Not Present: Elizabeth DiSalvatore, Melissa Loftis, Jennifer Putnam

Others Present: Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole, Jan Loftis, Courtney Adair, Tyler Powell, Andrew Doak, Matt Latham, Robert Peevy

I. Call to Order – Jeff Burke, President
- **Jeff Burke called meeting to order at 6:32pm**

II. Approval of Agenda – Jeff Burke, President
- **Motion to approve agenda made by Don Guthrie; Keith Plummer seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**

III. Approval of Consent Agenda – Jeff Burke, President
1. November 4, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Addendum to November 4, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
3. Student Reports
- **Motion to approve consent agenda made by Keith Plummer; Phil Green seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**

IV. Reports
1. Legislative Committee – Don Guthrie, Jan Loftis
- The Legislative Committee met and discussed the new PA bill and decided to go with option two.
  - It is a combination of OTP and a delegating agreement with the authority to prescribe Sched II's.
- The committee discussed who our House and Senate allies are.
- Matt Latham and Tyler Powell reviewed the House and Senate structure this year.

- This legislative session the NPs will introduce the same bill that the Governor vetoed last year.
- Town Hall Meetings:
    - First will be Jan 21st, 2025
    - Invitations are going out.
    - Brochures are printed and done.
- BCBS: Some PAs are saying they are not getting 100% reimbursement from BCBS. We were not told that in our meeting with BCBS. We will follow up with them and inform the board of what we find out.

2. PAPAC – Audra Ball and Nicole Mason
    - Discussed PAPAC amounts in donations.
    - Included more PAPAC presence on the website's home page.

3. Leadership & Advocacy Liaison Report
    - Gavin Christie was not present. Jeff Burke read Gavin's written activity report from the last month.

4. Executive Director Report – Susan Thomas
    - Conference registration ended up with 669; last year, it was 676. On-site was down, but overall, there were still good numbers.
    - Gavin Christie will be coordinating the Speakers Ball and helping with invitation to fill seats.
    - Susan Thomas will attend the Explore Conference – May 29th – 30th, 2025.

5. PR Committee – Helga Price
    - The committee met and discussed different ways to campaign: billboards, advertisements, etc.
    - We are working with the Legislative and Social Committee for the Town Hall meeting.
    - Working on the March newsletter.
    - The committee decided to go ahead and keep Mega Media.
        - Jeff Burke asked the committee to get quotes from three other PR firms for the Board to discuss.

6. Governance Committee – Jeff Burke
    - **Motion from the Governance Committee to pass the updated description of the Advocacy and Leadership Liaison position. All in favor. Motion passes.**

7. Finance Committee – Krista Barnes

a. Budget Review
- Reviewed the budget numbers in the reports sent out before the meeting.

b. Town Hall Meeting Budget

- The money for the Town Hall meetings has already been budgeted and approved. A reminder that some of the Town Hall meeting budget came from the Social Committee, PR Committee, and Legislative Committee.

V. New Business
- None

VI. Old Business
- None

VII. Adjourn
- **Jeff Burke motions to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. All in favor. Motion passes.**