Oklahoma Academy of Physician Associates
March 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2024
6:30 – 8:30 pm via Zoom

Board Members Present: Saura Douglas, Audra Ball, Sara Parr, Keith Plummer, Melissa Loftis, Don Guthrie, Helga Price, Natasha Simonson, Phil Green, Jeff Burke, Keeley Cunningham

Board Members Absent: Christy Niehues, Elizabeth Disalvatore, Nicole Mason, Jennifer Putnam

Others Present: Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole, Jan Loftis, Tyler Powell, Matt Ball

I. Call to Order 6:32 pm

II. Approval of Agenda
- **Motion to approve the agenda made by Don Guthrie; Natasha Simonson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**

III. Approval of Consent Agenda
1. January Board Meeting Minutes
2. January Special Board Meeting Minutes
3. Student Reports
- **Motion to approve consent agenda made by Keith Plummer; Natasha Simonson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**

IV. Reports
1. Finance Committee – Don Guthrie
- Reviewed Strip account. Convenience fee is 2.9% plus .30 cents per transaction.
- Lobbyist cost are within budget, attorney fees are within budget, and dues income are right on track.
- Merrill account is doing well, and we will transfer money when needed.
- Suggestion from a member of the finance committee to change the layout of the finance report to have each line numbered to make referencing during discussions easier.

2. Legislative and Governmental – Jeff Burke, Jan Loftis
- Nothing regarding the independent practice bill has changed since the update on Friday.
- Compact License bill moved off the House floor. The Senate should hear it tomorrow.

- A legislative update was given to Audrey Poole and Susan Thomas to add to the upcoming newsletter going out.
- (Tyler Powell) HB 3964 – the Independent Practice Bill has to be heard by this upcoming Thursday.

3. CME Committee – Saura Douglas, Susan Thomas
    - VCube and Core App contracts were sent out for review. These need to be voted on.
    - **Motion from the CME Committee to approve the VCube proposal. All in favor. Motion passes.**
    - **Motion from the CME Committee to approve the Core proposal. All in favor. Motion passes.**
    - CME Committee will meet next week to discuss topics for the conference.

4. Executive Director – Susan Thomas
    - PLICO conference is in August.
    - OOA Conference is in April.
    - Working with the Governance Committee on the ballot.
    - Question: Hotengine.com has asked if they could give our members a 15% discount if the book hotels through them.
        - Discussion included: looking onto them more to see if they are a reputable company before we post anything to our members.

5. PR Committee – Natasha Simonson
    - Wanted to know about the status of the Liaison Position.
        - (Saura Douglas) – we had decided at the last meeting to hold off until the current legislative session is over. We will readdress it after session.
    - The news piece with Audra Ball and Don Guthrie was viewed.

V. Unfinished Business
None

VI. New Business
None

Adjourned 7:22 pm
Motion to adjourn made by Keith Plummer; Phil Green seconds. All in favor.