Oklahoma Academy of Physician Associates
Board Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2025, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Jeff Burke, Don Guthrie, Saura Douglas, Krista Barnes, Christy Niehues, Elizabeth DiSalvatore, Phil Green, Nicole Mason, Keith Plummer, Audra Ball, Melissa Loftis, Helga Price, Jenna Smith
Board Members Absent: Natasha Simonson, Jennifer Putnam
Others Present: Susan Thomas, Audrey Poole, Gavin Christie, Don Flinn, Mat Latham, Tyler Powell, Jan Loftis, Hannah George

I. Call to Order
- Jeff Burke called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM
- Jeff Burke thanked the board members for a productive year and their involvement in the board.

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

III. Approval of Consent Agenda
1. January 2025 Board Meeting Minutes Approval
2. Addendum to the January 2025 Board Meeting Minutes Approval
3. Student Reports
- **Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Don Guthrie; Phil Green seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**

IV. Reports
1. Legislative Committee – Don Guthrie, Jan Loftis, Gavin Christie
- The Legislative Committee met on 2/20/2025. The following was discussed:
    - Discussed our bill HB 2584 and SB 809.
        - HB 2584 bill went through the first committee, the Public Health Committee, with a vote 5-1. The bill is now in the House oversight committee/ Health and Human Services Committee.

- Discussed the compact bill, graduate physician bill, pain management bill, and pharmacy to dispense bill.
- Discussed the Town Hall Meeting surveys.
- Reviewed Legislative Reception dates in April, to be determined.
- Looking at a PA Day at the Capitol is needed.
- Discussed the Night of Dreams Gala at the Omni Hotel, April 12th sponsored by the Oklahoma Independent Provider Association. The OAPA was invited to have a table of 10 at the Gala with a cost of $1500 for the table. There was a discussion on who this group is and their support for the OAPA.
    - **Motion to approve $1500 for a 10-person table at the OK Independent Provider Association Gala made by Keth Plummer, Don Guthrie seconds. Roll call vote as followed: Don Guthrie - yes, Phil Green – yes, Elizabeth DiSalvatore – yes, Helga Price – yes, Audra Ball– yes, Christy Niehues – yes, Mellisa Loftis - yes, Krista Barnes - yes, Saura Douglas - yes, Jenna Smith - yes, Keith Plummer - yes, Jeff Burke – yes. All in favor. Motion passes.**

2. PAPAC – Audra Ball and Nicole Mason
    - PAPAC had the March drawing for the 7-day Florida vacation. Ashley Shope was the winner. We will be contacting her, and sending out an email and social blast about our winner.
    - We are discussing a possible poker tournament for the OAPA conference reception.

3. Leadership & Advocacy Liaison Report – Gavin Christie
    - Gavin Christie went over his activity report.
    - The OAPA sent a letter in support for molecular testing to be added to the Medicaid Board meeting agenda.
    - Gavin received a request from the AOA (American Obesity Association) for the OAPA to support Medicare and Medicaid to pay for anti-obesity medications, and write a letter directly to our national house and state representatives. The board discussed this and decided not to send the letter and to stay neutral.

4. PR Committee – Helga Price
    - The PR committee met on February 19th, 2025 and discussed the following:
        - Ways to support the Town Hall meetings.
        - Talked about the “What is a PA?” brochure that was made and getting those into the hands of PAs to use.

- Lisa with Mega Media is working with Don Guthrie on getting him a spot of the news to talk about PAs.
- We will start looking into other PR companies and getting quotes together.

5. Governance Committee – Jeff Burke
    - Went over the board evaluation that will be going out.
        - **Motion made by the Governance Committee to use the existing board evaluation in the future. All in favor. Motion passes.**
        - The 2025-2026 Ballott was put together. Reminder, we moved up the elections. Susan Thomas sent out the ballots and candidates for everyone to review.
        - **Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Ballot from the Governance Committee. All in favor. Motion approved.**

6. Finance Committee – Krista Barnes
    - Reviewed the budget and financials that were given to the board prior to the meeting.
    - **Motion to approve the budget as presented by Krista Barnes made by Don Guthrie, Keith Plummer seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**

V. New Business
- CME Committee: Saura Douglas
    - The CME committee is looking at possibly doing a spring conference and a destination conference.
    - Topics for this year's conference have been selected. We are now working on contacting speakers.
    - Committee would like to go back to River Spirit in 2027. Susan will be looking at a contract and presenting it later.

- Gavin Christie – Regarding the molecular testing response. Allison Garrison requested that someone from the OAPA be available to speak at the Medicaid Board meeting. The board discussed to stay a part of the collation, but not to speak at the meeting.

VI. Old Business

Adjourn
- **Motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm, made by Jeff Burke, Phil Green seconds. All in favor.**
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 pm