

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 20, 2022

The OAPA Board of Directors convened on Thursday, October 30, 2022 at the Columbus Marriott Northwest in Dublin, Ohio. Present on were Board members Cubra, Fitzgerald, Freado, Gavin, Hart, Marangoni, McDiffett and Ward along with Student Rep Elect Bixel, Delegates Beals and Thompson, GAC Chair Pagel, Diversity Chair Roane, Membership Chair D'alessandro and 6 SCSRs. Not present were board members Bowlby, Irwin, Talboo, Gardner and Oiler. A quorum was present.

Past President McDiffett called the meeting to order and asked for introductions.

Ms. McDiffett called for a review of the July 30, 2022 minutes. Mr. Hart moved to approve the July 30, 2022 minutes. Mr. Ward seconded, there were none opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Adamson reviewed the September 2022 financials and the report is attached.

Mr. Hart, Region 1 Director, reported that there is an AAPA Foundation Grant to develop learning modules on cognitive impairment.

Ms. Gavin, Region 2 Director, reported that there are two dinner meetings scheduled with Region 1.

Ms. Cubra, Region 4 Director, reported that there will be a dinner meeting on November 1 and another is being planned.

Mr. Ward, Region 7 Director, reported that he is trying to set up dinner meetings maybe with Region 6.

Ms. Marangoni reported meetings are being planned to reach strategic goals and there should be a report by the end of the year. She wants to talk to board members about one-year goals. She also asked for input on website components and newsletter articles.

Student Representative Mr. Fitzgerald reported that the flyer on clinical and didactic “tidbits” for distribution to the PA programs has been completed. They are also working on information for Pre-PA students.

Membership Chair Ms. D'Alessandro advised that her committee will focus on part of the strategic plan with a membership drive, outreach and suggestions for keeping student graduate members.

In the absence of the Communications Chair, Ms. Marangoni said the committee is trying to identify how best to provide what the members want.

Ms. Roane, Diversity Committee Chair reported that the DEI webinar has been canceled and will be held in 2023. She attended the NCCPA Summit along with some AAPA representatives.

Ms. McDiffett, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, did not have a report.

GAC Chair Ms. Pagel reviewed her report. It is attached. She further advised that the OSMA is opposed to the PA title change. Programs have been asked to contact their legislators during PA Week and a bill has been introduced creating a Mental Health Assistant designation.

Under Old Business, Ms. Marangoni reported that title change expenses are being compiled. There has been no activity on updating operating documents and she asked that board members look at the job descriptions and comment.

Under New Business Ms. Marangoni asked for volunteers for an ODH Lead Prevention video meeting in November. The Region 1 and 2 Directors advised that they were asked to participate in a meeting at

Southwest Hospital and they wanted to know what other Regions have done. It was suggested that an OAPA member attend and distribute information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next board meetings will be held via Zoom on January 14, 2023.