

8-10-21 Special meeting of OCA Board Meeting was held via Zoom

President Hubbs convened meeting at approximately 7:20pm

Attendance: Board president Eric Hubbs, Board Secretary John Collins, BOD Members: Dennis Cozzocrea, Amanda Tipton, Dan Beebe, Daniel Cote, Judith Allan, Executive Director Jan Ferrante and OCA Governmental Affairs Director, Vern Saboe, DC. (A quorum of 8 BOD members was noted). Halley Moore, DC was excused due to being on vacation.

Guests of the President in attendance: Cassandra McLeod-Skinner, Executive Director, OBCE; Francheska Vermillion, DC OBCE Board President; Allen Knect, DC OBCE Board Member (arrived later in mtg.)

OCA Members Present: Michael Vissers, DC; John Helton, DC; Todd Turnbull, DC; Laura LaJoie, DC, Les Feinberg, DC; Anne Vincent, DC; Lawrence Nelson, DC; Also Present were several non-members of the OCA. Their attendance was not noted by the Board Secretary.

-After the attendance/roll call was completed, Board Secretary Collins noted the presence of various non-members via zoom (these people were not guests of the President). He voiced his protest at their presence saying he felt that they did not belong in our meeting since we are a private organization. Dr. Cote disagreed and said he felt that they should be welcomed to the meeting. There was some further discussion with no resolution. Some of the non-members remained on the zoom video call and some removed themselves.

-There was a brief discussion of the agenda. It was generally agreed by President Hubbs that the scope of the meeting was limited to the Governor's announcement of the new rule regarding masks and testing.

-Dr. Hubbs invited guest Cassandra McLeod-Skinner to give any updates to her knowledge regarding this rule. She said that she did not have much new to add. She said it is an OHA rule and that the OBCE is not responsible for the enforcement of these rules.

-Dr. Hubbs called on Dr. Beebe to summarize his views on the matter. He summarized some of the points he made in an email to fellow board members. He felt that the members should be surveyed on the issue of masks and vaccines. He generally spoke of his displeasure with the Covid-19 vaccines and mask mandates and cited some statistics.

-Dr. Collins then offered his opinion on the rule. He said that the rule was not worth fighting against for several reasons: One because it was already in place and there were no other health care provider groups in opposition to it and all other major Oregon healthcare provider groups were in fact supportive of the rule. Two, the rule does not mandate vaccines, it just mandates testing. He also pointed out that 50+% of DCs were

already vaccinated, so the rule would barely affect them, they would just have to make a copy of their vaccine card and put it in a file at the office. Dr. Collins went on to describe that he felt the testing aspect of the rule was somewhat of a "gift" to the DCs, because it is very easy to comply with. The testing can be done in the privacy of the DC office, each test only costs \$10. The test only takes a few minutes to perform and the testing will only need to be done weekly until the end of January. The record keeping requirement is simple. Dr. Collins summarized his views by saying the OCA should not fight this particular rule, but should rather help teach our member DCs how simple the rule is to comply with. Dr. Collins agreed that if there was a move in the future to create an actual mandate or law (one that truly required healthcare providers to be vaccinated) then that would be a new and separate issue to be handled separately by the association.

-Dr. Hubbs followed up by saying that perhaps this rule is not "the hill we want to die on". meaning that perhaps it is not worth fighting against at this time.

-OCA Member Les Feinberg expressed relief that if indeed the rule did allow the DC to do their own testing, that this would be relatively easy and more preferable to him and other DCs

-Dan Beebe reiterated his displeasure with the rule. He said he felt it is just another step to more stringent restrictions on our practice.

-Amanda Tipton, DC asked how long one has to wait to get the results of the test. Dr. Hubbs answered that it was 15 minutes. It is an instant test or quick test that does not require a lab or third party.

-OCA Member Lawrence Nelson, DC also expressed the view that perhaps this rule was "not the hill we want to die on", meaning he concurred that it was probably not worth fighting against at this time.

-Dr. Hubbs brought up the possibility of an executive session. Dr. Cote felt that there was no need for an executive session since there did not seem to be a need for action on this rule at this time.

-The discussion then shifted somewhat toward the possibility of a future, more strict Oregon law that would indeed mandate covid-19 vaccines for healthcare providers.

-A motion was made (and then amended) by Dr. Beebe (and it was seconded) to allow Dr. Saboe to communicate with other groups and/or organizations to begin discussing a potential coalition to oppose any potential future, more severe covid-19 vaccine mandates. But such discussions would not mean that the OCA has taken an official position yet (at this point). The motion passed unanimously.

-Dr. Saboe asked if he could discuss the issue of natural infection and subsequent immunity with potential coalition groups. Brief discussion followed. The president did not object to this topic being discussed nor did anyone else object.

-There was some discussion about the importance of polling our members so that we could be more certain about how they feel about the possibility of mandatory vaccines.

-A motion was made and seconded to perform a survey or poll our members regarding their opinion on possible mandatory covid-19 vaccine laws.
The motion passed unanimously.

-President Hubbs adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:20.

-Minutes recorded by John Collins, DC OCA Board Secretary