

1-4-22 OCA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

In attendance: Drs. Cote, Collins, Cozzocrea, Allan, Hartwig and Jan Ferrante. Attorney Michael Smith was also present. Dr. Cote had to leave tonight's meeting early for family obligations.

1. Dr. Collins will run the meeting as he is the only active officer.
2. The agenda was approved unanimously.
3. Michael Smith was the only (invited) guest.
4. Results of the *interim* officer election--President: Dr. Cote, Vice President: Dr. Collins, Secretary: Dr. Hartwig
5. December 29th, 2021 minutes approved unanimously
6. No financial report given
7. No legislative report given
8. ED report: Discussion on when the membership ballots must be returned. Friday February 4th at 5PM was determined to be the deadline. The Board will collaboratively write the ballot in the coming days. Jan also gave a brief history lesson regarding past meetings concerning Dr. Saboe's previous actions.
9. Dr. Collin's draft letter re: the election was agreed upon to be sent out tomorrow (Jan 5th) with the edit of including verbiage in the third paragraph stating that the election results are being withheld due to the actions of Dr. Saboe.
10. Dr. Cozzocrea wants the special gathering meeting started with a reminder that the Board is all volunteer/unpaid. A lot of discussion followed regarding the format of the meeting. Dr. Collins wants to keep the Board's message concise and factual. Everyone is concerned about the length of the meeting. Dr. Cozzocrea addressed the concern of not having a lobbyist in waiting and the membership's potential backlash. Dr. Collins made the point that the meeting should be about the future of the OCA and not only Dr. Saboe's future. Mr. Smith encouraged the Board to reach out to former Board members for potential political support. Dr. Allan stated her concern for backlash on the online forum if the general membership isn't allowed the opportunity to speak at the special gathering. Mr. Smith said we should have more than one of us Board members speak on our decision; this will help others understand that it was not only one person who drove this decision. The Board agreed that both sides should be limited to 20 minutes each with a 5-minute rebuttal period. Dr. Collins stated he strongly desires to speak at the meeting, especially in regards to the election tampering and Dr. Saboe's lack of transparency with being released from his HERC position. Dr. Collins recommended offering Dr. Saboe the chance to speak first or second. Dr. Allan stated a link to the recorded meeting needs to be included on the upcoming ballot.
11. Dr. Saboe applied for a paid diamond membership recently as his current membership is only a benefit of his current (paid) position. Mr. Smith said that we do not need to pay Dr. Saboe until the Board's vote is overturned (if it is overturned).
12. No other announcements were made.
13. The next scheduled Board meeting is scheduled for 2/17/22 at 7:15PM.