

**Minutes of OCA Executive Board Meeting**  
**August 25, 2022, 7:15pm Live and via ZOOM**  
**Agenda prepared by Dr. Todd Turnbull, DC, CCSP, CBIS/T, President**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Dr. Turnbull at 7:15 pm. Brief discussion on Dr. Leonard J. Faye, D.C.'s new book 'Chiropractic Odyssey' and posting that to the membership with perhaps with a "review" by Dr. Lell.

**Board Members Present:** Michael Arnot, D.C., Dennis Cozzocrea, D.C., Les Feinberg, Michael Lell, D.C., D.C, Bob Richards, D.C., Amanda Stiller, D.C., Todd Turnbull, D.C. Absent: Dr. Dan Beebe, D.C., Dr. Arah McLaughlin, D.C.

**Others present:** Jan Ferrante, Executive Director OCA, Vern Saboe, D.C., Lobbyist.

2. **Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Dr. Arnot, second by Dr. Amanda Stiller (formerly Dr. Amanda Tipton who just got married), passed unanimously.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Motion made by Dr. Cozzocrea, second Dr. Richards, passed unanimously.
4. **Executive Director's Report: Jan Ferrante**

**Bank Balances:**       Checking: \$14,276.30  
                                  Savings: \$11,042.13  
                                  John Schmidt Endowment Fund: \$3884.75  
  **Total: \$29,203.18**

Jan has yet to receive and submit hotel expenses from the Bend, Oregon, August 18, 2022, membership meeting to Gatti Law Firm for sponsorship.

Dr. Feinberg inquired into present membership census numbers, which Jan is providing the board on a quarterly basis.

5. **Legislative Report: Dr. Saboe**

Proposed legislation for the Oregon 2023 Legislative Session

1. Worker's Compensation, return of full attending physician status for Chiropractors in Oregon within and outside current "managed care" organizations. Rep. Paul Holvey will be making this one of his committee bills. Dr. Saboe will be attending a Val Hoyle for congress event in Eugene this Sunday and will meet further with Rep Holvey there. Dr. Saboe will attend a Leadership meeting September 25<sup>th</sup> with Rep Holvey and Speaker of the House of Reps Dan Rayfield. Dr. Saboe discussed a recent small dinner meeting, fund raiser, for Speaker Rep Rayfield at which Dr. Saboe personally donated \$1000.00 and presented another \$1000.00 donation from ChiroPAC.
2. OCA plans to commission a literature review and report by Dr. Tony Rosner, PhD (former Executive Director Foundation for chiropractic Education and Research) documenting the reduced costs and better outcomes of chiropractic care within Worker's Compensation treatment of injured workers (Dr. Rosner did similar work for the OCA on Whiplash Guidelines in 2015-16). The study will take Dr. Rosner approximately 60 hours and **one month to complete**, and he quoted the OCA **\$5,200.00**. Dr. Richards, Dr. Saboe, Dr. Arnot and Dr. Beebe have each pledged \$500.00 toward this study (**\$2,000.00**). Dr. Saboe requests \$1000.00 from ChiroPAC (which has a current balance of \$3,970.62 and Dr. Saboe will check with his staff to see if there are any current PAC donations not

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yet included in this amount), and another \$1000.00 from the General Fund (**\$2,000.00**). This leaves a balance of \$1,200.00 and Dr. Saboe states Ron Sayer, Senior Partner Gatti Law Firm, has pledged this (**\$1,200.00**).

This study needs to be funded ASAP, as Dr. Saboe needs to present this information to the legislature/policy makers/committees in October/November/December ahead of the January 20, 2023, Legislative Session.

Motion made by Dr. Lell to approve \$1000.00 from ChiroPAC, and \$1000.00 from the OCA General Fund to commission Dr. Rosner to prepare the worker's compensation chiropractic cost effectiveness/outcomes study.

Further discussion/stipulation was held on additional/future fundraising ideas the OCA can do to "recoup/offset" the cost of this study, including pleas to the general membership for donations, Dr. Saboe will request donations from OCA PAC supporters in his next monthly newsletter, and Dr. Saboe donating proceeds from Fall Symposium Mock Trial. Dr. Saboe will provide Jan Dr. Rosner's address/Tax ID information.

Motion seconded by Dr. Richards; motion carried unanimously.

3. Dr. Saboe previously contacted and finally heard back from Jennifer Muse/State Farm who expressed renewed interest in the proposed OCA Zoom presentation on the positive steps chiropractors in Oregon have taken to improve the quality of chiropractic care in PIP. Dr. Saboe had previously sent them information including Administrative Rules, and apparently someone at State Farm reviewed this and is now interested in the proposed Zoom meeting. John Powell/State Farm is an important stakeholder to convey this positive chiropractic information to as the rest of the Oregon PIP insurers tend to follow State Farm's lead, with the main goal of preventing "closed panel MCO's" in PIP in Oregon.
4. Dr. Saboe has been working with Dr. Michael Vissers, D.C., and Senator Bill Kennemer, to try to get a meeting with Oregon Gubernatorial Candidate Christine Drazan. She is the last gubernatorial candidate Dr. Saboe has yet to hold a meeting with to discuss our chiropractic agenda.
5. Dr. Saboe suggests the OCA draft a letter to the OBCE summarizing the recent developments/admissions/policy changes within the CDC regarding information that COVID vaccines DO NOT prevent infection with COVID, COVID vaccines DO NOT prevent transmission/replication of COVID, and that COVID vaccines DO NOT prevent serious disease, ICU hospitalizations and deaths from COVID, as previously/falsely purported by the CDC. Dr. Saboe cited reports from around the world showing 98% of hospitalizations and deaths are currently amongst the vaccinated and boosted population. The vaccinated have also shown an increase in all-cause mortality. Dr. Saboe suggests this critical public health and safety information be summarize and presented to the OBCE in a simple format letter that he is willing to draft and present to the board for approval.

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Dr. Lell noted he will forward a Pfizer vaccine print out/package insert in his possession that basically admits/stipulates that the vaccine DOES NOT prevent COVID or prevent spreading of COVID and that vaccinated people can still die of COVID (and that persons with autoimmune disease, Parkinson's etc, should NOT get the vaccine). The vaccine was designed only to ameliorate symptoms and "maybe" prevent hospitalizations and deaths. Dr. Saboe cited multiple press and government agencies which DID say COVID vaccines stop infection, transmission, and death.

**6. UWS Liaison – Dr. McLaughlin.**

**7. Annual Membership Meeting (Bylaws changes) – Dr. Turnbull.**

Annual Membership Meeting will be held September 24, 2022, at 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM, LIVE and via ZOOM at Dr. Dennis Cozzocrea's office: **Gentle Chiro 8905 SW Nimbus Ave, Suite 100, Beaverton, OR 97008**, immediately following the OCA Fall Symposium PAIN MANAGEMENT – An Alternative Approach Live Event & Online Webinar Presented by: Dr. Todd Turnbull & Dr. Dennis Cozzocrea Saturday Sept. 24, 2022, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM = 6 CE Hours.

No new bylaws/changes will be presented to the membership for vote at that time and Jan will email the membership to this effect.

Next regular OCA Board Meeting will be Thursday September 22, 2022.

**8. CE/Convention – Dr. Stiller (Tipton) (BLS/CPR/AED, Fall/Spring Convention/s).**

Dr. Stiller is researching speakers/presenters provide training on these topics at the Spring Convention the weekend of April 28, 2023. Dr. Lell offered he may have a resource for CPR training (Sherry Parness?) and would research this. Dr. Stiller is also looking for someone to put on a 'Suicide Prevention' course and Jan noted she had previously reached out to Dr. Glen Zielinski's wife, Shauna Hahn, NP (a mental health nurse practitioner) for this, but has not heard back.

**9. Membership/Social-Media – Dr. Lell.**

Is working with Jan and Leanne to "boost" OCA posts in order better communicate the accomplishments and "good work" this current board is performing/achieving on behalf of our MEMBERSHIP.

Dr. Turnbull suggests that, in addition to resolving the "issues" that face our membership, the OCA needs to also promote all of the BENEFITS the OCA can offer it's members. He cites the OCA's current effort to introduce a bill returning full attending status to chiropractors in Worker's Compensation. He also suggests forming a Network/Coalition of field chiropractors within OCA Insurance Relations Committee to work directly with the insurance industry to reduce insurance barriers and increase insurance benefits/reimbursement rates for chiropractors. Dr.'s Lell and Arnot will work on language and coordination of this.

**10. Insurance Relations – Dr. Arnot.**

Dr. Arnot states Regence is about a week behind in responding to him regarding chiropractic reimbursement "parody issues" and that Regence's new fee schedule is due out October 1<sup>st</sup>. He will follow up with them tomorrow.

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Pacific Source: Dr. Arnot notes that a few years ago Reliant Behavioral Health took over chiropractic contracting for Pacific Source. At that time, RBH had a better reimbursement rate/dollar conversion factor for chiropractic services than did Pacific Source. Dr. Arnot states RBH will no longer be in effect after October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and has merged with Uprise, who does NOT contract with chiropractors. Dr. Arnot states that chiropractors who recredential with Pacific Source will receive the same reimbursement rate/dollar conversion factor provided by RBH. He notes Pacific Sources' base conversion factor for ALL providers is \$67.00, and that even some "medical" doctors in some areas (of Idaho, Oregon and/or Washington) don't receive the "full" \$67.00 CV. He notes that Chiropractors in Oregon get a 70% CV (\$46.90), which is actually quite good, considering chiropractors receive only \$37.00 from Regence, and a little more than \$37.00 from MODA.

Dr. Arnot suggests putting out an EMAIL BLAST to the OCA membership informing them that if they are currently contracted with Reliant Health...they need to immediately recontract directly with Pacific Source to prevent any disruption in reimbursement, which could result in 30-60 days to get "re-credentialed."

Dr. Arnot contacted Dr. Tony Marasco who he believes would be a good candidate for the OCA's Insurance Relations Committee "Coalition" to work with insurance companies directly to improve/increase insurance parity and reimbursement rates for Oregon chiropractors, and that he provided Dr. Arnot a list of insurance carrier contacts that will be helpful.

Dr. Turnbull suggested the OCA put out an invitation to the entire membership to JOIN THE OCA INSURANCE RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

**11. ChiroPAC Update – Dr. Turnbull.**

Our current account balance is \$3970.62 and we are directing \$1000 of this to Dr. Tony Rosner, PhD, for his literature review analysis of the cost effectiveness of chiropractic care in Worker's Compensation and that Jan has provided the board the actual ChiroPAC account statement.

Dr. Turnbull discussed the OCA President's Challenge for July/August and Jan is organizing prizes for that.

**12. New Business:**

Jan noted that Dr. Walter Trapp will be testifying in a court case and requested the OCA office to provide him references/statutes defining chiropractors as "doctors" in Oregon. Dr. Saboe agreed to contact Dr. Trapp with this information.

**13. Board Member Announcements/Questions/Comments/Concerns – None.**

**14. Next Board Meeting: Thursday September 22, 2022, in person and Zoom.**

Fall Symposium Saturday September 24, 2022, in person and Zoom.  
 Motion to adjourn Dr. Stiller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Arnot, motion carried at 9