

Minutes of OCA Executive Board Meeting
January 19, 2023 7:15pm via ZOOM
Agenda prepared by Dr. Todd Turnbull, DC, CCSP, CBIS/T, President

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

Absent: Jan Ferrante, OCA Executive Director

Others present: Vern Saboe, D.C., OCA Lobbyist.

1) Call to Order: 7:17 by Dr. Turnbull

2) Approve Agenda: Motion made by Dr. Beebe, seconded by Dr. Lell, motion carried.

3) Approve Minutes: Motion made by Dr. Beebe, seconded by Dr. Arnot, motion carried.

4) Elect Officers:

President: Dr. Beebe nominated Todd Turnbull. No other nominations were made. No discussion. Dr. Turnbull presented the nomination for vote, which passed unanimously.

Vice-President: Dr. Beebe nominated Dennis Cozzocrea. No other nominations made. No discussion. Dr. Turnbull presented the nomination for vote, passed unanimously.

Secretary: Dr. Beebe nominated Bob Richards. No other nominations. No discussion. Dr. Turnbull presented the nomination for vote, passed unanimously.

5) Executive Director's Report – Jan Ferrante: Jan posted her report to the board.

Discussion held on activities of Finance Committee, which was formed in November of 2022, consisting of Dan Beebe, Jan Ferrante, Michael Lell, and Bob Richards, chair. Dr. Richards reported that financial statements from January-Oct 2022 were reviewed. Then on January 11, the committee was provided a Profit & Loss report January-December 2022. The committee was in the process of analyzing the 2022 financial data as compared to the three previous years 2019-2021. Decision made to forward the analysis, along with any committee recommendations to the entire board once complete, for review and consensus, and revisit this topic during Board Retreat/Planning meeting February 11, 2023.

6) Legislative Report – Dr. Saboe:

Dr. Saboe states that earlier in the day he and Dr. Rosner testified before MLAC on our W/C reform bill (which was recorded). Highlighted that many injured Oregon workers are not receiving effective care, the care they receive have increased costs, and that this bill is not about putting more patients in chiropractic offices but getting patients the care they need when they need it. Patient issues include poor care, poor patient results, and poor reviews of Occupational Medical Clinics. Apparently, a SAIF representative tried to make the claim that chiropractic care was twice as expensive as medical care (as the reason for 1990 worker's compensation reform,

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SB 1197), and Dr. Saboe was able to cite the 1988 in-house data study in which SAIF “compared” just the medical office visit cost of \$250.00 (which did not include treatment; only prescription/\$250, PT/\$550, x-ray/\$200, or surgery costs) to the chiropractic average cost of \$706.00 (which included ALL chiropractic treatment, x-rays, rehabilitation). When all the medical expenses were added up, medical costs were \$1300 per claim, whereas chiropractic care was only \$706. Dr. Rosner discussed costs.

Dr. Saboe has also spoken to State Reps Rob Nosse, Maxine Dexter, Jami Cate, Lucetta Elmer, Zach Hudson, Travis Nelson, Virgle Osborne, Brian Stout, Senator Sara Gelser, and PI attorney Mason Sousa (sp?) regarding our work comp bill.

Dr. Saboe states our bill with the acupuncturists mandating meetings with DCBS (Dept of Consumer and Business Services) to hear complaints regarding provider discrimination is no longer necessary as DCBS has AGREED to meet with us regularly.

Dr. Saboe states that, federally, the Patient Access to Responsible Care Alliance (PARCA, a coalition of representing the interests of nearly 1-million “non-MD/DO” health care providers and their millions of patients to ensure provider NON-DISCRIMINATION) has been requesting interpretation of non-discrimination language in S.2706 from HHS/DOL Treasury, who is 14-months late in clarify “congressional intent.” The last part of non-discrimination we need to achieve is “reimbursement non-discrimination.” The new deadline for federal interpretation is now May 2023. Dr. Saboe believes this issue will require state action to require non-discrimination in reimbursement.

Dr. Saboe states regarding the opioid/fentanyl crisis in Oregon, there is now a Harm Reduction Omnibus bill to remove barriers to naloxone/Narcan availability in public buildings, and allow OHA to issue standing prescription for “short-acting opioid antagonists,” decriminalize test strips as part of Rep. Maxine Dexter’s HB 2395/2880. Dr. Saboe states chiropractors should have test strips and Narcan training/availability in our offices (nasal spray or injection) as we routinely treat chronic pain patients who are being removed from prescription opioids and who may knowingly or unknowingly encounter fentanyl. Dr. Saboe requests that the OCA formally SUPPORT Rep Dexter’s bill. Following discussion, Dr. Lell made the motion for the OCA to formally support Dexter’s bill, seconded by Dr. Arnot, motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Saboe states that federally the ACA Medicare Bill which has 154 bipartisan co-sponsors is being reintroduced/endorsed by Rep.’s Andrea Salinas, Val Hoyle. Dr. Saboe will be traveling to Washington D.C., next week.

Dr. Saboe states Gov Tina Kotek, whom the OCA formally endorsed, was invited to pre-inaugural reception at Hyatt, per Eric Davis, this Saturday and will represent the interests of the OCA.

Dr. Saboe states Universal Health Care Oregon is gaining traction in Oregon. Dr. Saboe believes it would be good for the profession, and had meetings with Bruce Goldberg and Senator James Manning, and emailed with Gov staffer Bob Livingston, to stress the importance of the “non-

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discrimination” language stating that it’s imperative. Private insurers would be “out” and reimbursement would be somewhere between private insurance and OHP.

Dr. Saboe states politically Val Hoyle, Andrea Salinas, Lori Chavez-DeRemer (Republican 5th District) all strong supporters of our non-discrimination language.

7) UWS – Arah McLaughlin: Dr. McLaughlin reports no new news but continues to email regularly with UWS for upcoming collaborations.

8) CE/Convention – Dr. Amanda Stiller: States UWS is not currently signed up as a vendor at the OCA 2023 Convention, but her and Jan will contact them to invite them to participate, and Dr. Arah will forward a vendor sponsor form to UWS.

Dr. Stiller states the OCA still needs a couple breakfast sponsors. Need up to 9 more vendor booths (one may be UWS). Question on cost of breakfast sponsorship, Dr. Stiller will post that to the board on Mobilize. Discussion that we still need a table vendor. Discussion on contacting Elite Tables, Lifetimer, Tony’s tables. Dr. Saboe inquired about MyoVision who is not currently a vendor, and he will reach out to Dave or Dave’s brother, and Dr. Amanda will forward Vern a vendor application form. Discussion on inviting OBCE to participate at Convention.

2024 Convention is also being planned to include Cultural Competency CE’s. She will be filling out a questionnaire for Lines For Life QPR, Suicide Prevention. E-blasts and social media advertisements have been going out for convention, and she wants to hit social media as well, and Dr. Lell states he will address that in his presentation. Dr. Lell also points out that portable adjusting table/s be available for presenters such as Dr. Faye. Discussion on Bob Rants, Pacific X-Ray, also represents Lloyd Tables. Dr. Stiller will meet with Jan to make sure tables are available even if portable tables from OCA or board members.

9) Public Media – Dr. Lell: Dr. Lell is formulating a marketing plan consisting of a picture and bio of each board member for our Facebook page. He would like to put together short video posts of Dr. Saboe’s legislative accomplishments/agenda. To promote Convention in our CME Facebook groups Dr. Lell plans to highlight/feature one of our 10 speakers each week starting Feb 10th. There might be some cost involved in boosting these posts. Dr. Beebe suggested boosting the vendors as well.

10) Insurance Relations – Dr. Arnot: Posted information to the board from Secure Care regarding questions he had regarding specifics within the contract. Lou Anderson/SCC has support from Alaska, Washington, Utah, and wants Oregon to endorse SCC. Dr. Arnot states the OCA will not “profit” directly from the endorsement. However, one of the main “goals” or benefits of SCC, besides SCC negotiating higher reimbursement rates from Regence is to “circumvent” (eliminate) eviCore, who benefits when chiropractic doesn’t benefit. SCC will benefit only if chiropractic benefits (with higher reimbursement rates). Dr. Arnot still has questions for Mr. Anderson regarding Termination Guidelines. Discussion on having SCC also “endorse” the OCA; encouraging all its members to join OCA. Discussion on non-OCA members receiving 1% less reimbursement than OCA members. Regardless of OCA

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endorsement, SCC is coming to Oregon. Dr. Arnot believes it's a "win-win" for the profession. Dr. Arnot requests any BOD questions/comments be sent to him ASAP to be forwarded to Lou Anderson. Discussion on the OCA BOD developing a unique Oregon contract with SCC, and how soon does OCA have to decide, and can SCC passively promote the OCA, and could non-OCA members get a 1% less reimbursement/surcharge than OCA members.

10) ChiroPAC – Dr. Turnbull: ChiroPAC balance is currently \$924.00. Dr. Saboe reminds that we agreed to pay Dr. Rosner a flat fee of \$200 each time he presents testimony on our behalf on our worker's compensation bill (which he did on this day). This fee is regardless of how many hours Dr. Rosner must wait to testify or how long his testimony takes. It was decided that these funds will come from ChiroPAC via C&E Systems. Dr. Saboe states ChiroPAC donations continue to come in monthly, quarterly, and some yearly.

11) New Business – Dr. Turnbull: Board needs to decide on a date for the Board Retreat/2023 Goal Planning Session to be moderated for the second year by Carolyn Waterfall in February. Saturday February 11, 2023, was set. Locations discussed were OCA office and/or Dr. Cozzocrea's office, and OCA office was chosen.

12) New Business: None.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:35 pm by Dr. Feinberg, seconded by Dr. Arnot, motion carried.