

**Minutes of OCA Executive Board Meeting**  
**May 18, 2023, via ZOOM**  
**Agenda prepared by Dr. Todd Turnbull, DC, CCSP, CBIS/T, President**

**Board Members Present:** Michael Arnot, D.C., Dan Beebe, D.C., Les Feinberg, D.C., Michael Lell, D.C., Bob Richards, D.C., Todd Turnbull, D.C.

**Board Members Not Present:** Amanda Stiller, D.C., Arah McLaughlin, D.C., Dennis Cozzocrea, D.C., and Jan Ferrante, Executive Director.

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

- 1) **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Dr. Turnbull at 7:15 pm.
- 2) **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Dr. Richards, seconded by Dr. Feinberg, motion carried.
- 3) **Approve Minutes:** Motion by Dr. Beebe, seconded by Dr. Arnot, motion carried.
- 4) **Presidential Address RE: Resignation, Vice President (Dr. Cozzocrea), Vice President Election, vacant board seat).**

Discussion held on need to fill Vice President following Dr. Cozzocrea's resignation from the board. Dr. Lell nominated Dr. Michael Arnot for Vice President. Dr. Beebe seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Nominations closed by Dr. Turnbull. Dr. Arnot was elected Vice President by unanimous vote of the board.

Discussion held on need to fill vacant board position following Dr. Cozzocrea's resignation. Doctors Dean Clark and Dr. Don Fox were discussed.

**5) Executive Directors Report – Jan Ferrante:** (unavailable/not present)

**6) Legislative Report – Dr. Vern Saboe:**

Dr. Saboe has been at the State Capitol where he was asked to part of a work group for establishing a governing board for Universal Health Care in Oregon, SB 1089. Senator James Manning was part of the discussion group. Dr. Saboe advocated in support of the bill, and for there to be at least ONE CAM provider on the board, and Task Force Chair Bruce Goldberg expressed agreement. Dr. Saboe also stated that to expand the coalition and voter support for Universal Health Care is to ensure "provide non-discrimination provisions." Referred to Senator Tom Harkin amendment of Obama/Universal Health Care non-discrimination language, and that Kitzhaber included that in CCO bill 2012 SB 1580 1509, and network adequacy bill, and commercial health insurers. None of those in the meetings disagreed. Reimbursement will reportedly be between OHP and commercial levels. There will be 5 seats on the board, and one will go to a CAM provider.

Apparently, our Worker's Compensation Bill is dead for this session as several Republicans have walked out of congress. Senator Paul Hovey, who was sponsoring our bill, decided it was more of a "scope of practice" bill, which going this route gets it away from MLAC (Business & Labor Committee). Senator Maxine Dexter states there is an "advisory committee" for groups trying to increase their scope of practice, who makes a "non-binding" recommendation, and we want our bill before that committee rather than MLAC.

Opioid Bill SB 2395 might not get off Senate floors due to several Republicans walking out of session. This bill expands our scope to include diagnosing of mental illness and addiction, and will require additional training/education for those doctors who want to do this.

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SB 1046 Network Adequacy Bill, that expands “non-discrimination” language to “large employer and large group insurance plans” is in limbo this session according to DCBS. Replaces present interpretation that “non-discrimination” language applies only to “small group plans.”

### **7) OBCE Liaison – Dr. McLaughlin, Dr. Saboe (board appointees).**

Next meeting of OBCE is May 24<sup>th</sup>, and Dr. Turnbull states he will attend, Dr. Saboe is not available to attend, so Dr. Turnbull will present Legislative Report and success of OCA Convention. Discussion held on whether Dr. Turnbull should address why bills not getting passed and why Republicans walked out.

Discussion held on endorsing Dr. Don Fox for election to the OBCE, as Oregon Rule states the Chiropractic State Association is the entity who is supposed to nominate doctors for appointment to OBCE, to fill Alan Knecht open position. Discussion held on Dr. Lell, who is on Peer Review, also applying for nomination to the OBCE. Discussion held on whether to endorse Dr. Jason Kehr, who is not a present OCA member, for nomination to the OBCE.

Dr. Turnbull will ask the OBCE how many board positions are currently open and the timeline for filling those at the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **8) UWS Liaison -Dr. Arah McLaughlin: (not present)**

### **9) Insurance Relations – Dr. Arnot:**

CHP/Pacific Source responded to Dr. Arnot, and states Nicole Carcich is working directly with Dr. Jennifer Nyberg to help resolve her almost 300 unprocessed claims. Dr. Saboe feels the “threat” of Universal Health Care might make private insurers more compliant to providers and patients. Pacific Source is going to take back over credentialing from CHP, and are extending payments, providers are being allowed to bill Pacific Source directly, through May.

Secure Care is in the process of reaching out of Cambria/Regence to begin negotiations for a contract. At that point doctors will be able to sign up, hopefully, by the end of the year, which could eliminate eviCore from the state of Oregon. Chiropractors will have to contract separately with Secure Care to contract with Regence once S.C secures a contract. The OCA did endorse S.C. along with 12-13 other states.

Dr. Arnot is forming a meeting of the OCA Insurance Relations Committee next month to approach MODA, as he did last year, to try to get them to increase their dollar conversion factor for chiropractors.

### **10) CE/Convention – Dr. Stiller: (unavailable)**

### **11) Membership – Dr. Lell:**

Dr. Lell did a final push “boost” on social media about one week prior to convention. This cost \$100.00 and 20 persons clicked on the ad and were referred to our registration page, which cost roughly \$1.47 per click. No new membership to report.

Dr. Turnbull discussed desire to get a window decal for the membership to promote unity and association building. Dr. Turnbull and Jan received an email from Dr. Sherry McCallister,

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President, Foundation 4 Chiropractic Progress (and will have Jan forward that to Dr. Lell), that contained a 2-3 minute video regarding the benefits of OCA Membership, such as OCA members are automatically members of the F4CPA, which can be promoted on social media and in the OCA newsletter.

**12) Legislative Committee/ChiroPAC – Dr. Beebe:**

Republicans have walked out of the Oregon legislative session. Most bills will not go through, which is not good news for all the hard work and hours invested by the OCA legislative committee.

ChiroPAC balance \$1,723.00 as of 5/8/23.

**13) Finance Committee – Dr. Richards:**

No financial reports provided this month. When Jan returns, she will forward those reports, including Convention number, to the Financial Committee who can then send a written mid-month or wait until next month's meeting.

**14) New Business: (OCPUG Guidelines, Bylaws Committee).**

OCPUG Guidelines removed from agenda by Dr. Lell.

Dr. Cozzocrea, who resigned, was working on bylaws, and Dr. Turnbull will attempt to gather that information and provide that next meeting. Further discussion tabled to next meeting.

**15) Board Member Announcements/Questions/Comments/Concerns: None.**

**16) Next Board Meeting: Thursday June 15, 2023 (via Zoom).**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm by Dr. Beebe, seconded by Dr. Lell, motion carried.