

## Meeting Minutes of the OCA's Board of Directors, February 15, 2024

**Attendees:** Jan Ferrante; Rob Richards; Amanda Tipton Stiller; Michael Arnot; Todd Turnbull; Vern Saboe; Michael Lell; Mark Gabriel; Dean Clark

### Housekeeping

1. 7:15pm open. 8:42 closed
2. Agenda and Minutes approved

### Reports & Contributions

#### 1. Office Manager's Report

- See enclosed
- Should we hold the annual membership meeting at the convention?
  - We need one a year; it doesn't necessarily need to be at convention
    - But we don't have a large room for everyone at once
    - Membership needs 30 days notice
- Awards to 50-year practice members
  - Steve DeShaw, Dan Beeson, James Gross. James is 51 but we must have missed / skipped last year
  - Awards are about \$350 each

#### 2. Legislative Report

- See Enclosed. Below are some highlights
- We are in the short session, 35 days. There's no room for controversial bills
  - HB2048 - Demands the OHA to study healthcare access across the state
    - We'd use it as a springboard for our W/C bill; workers are being steered
  - HB4091 - Health Insurance Mandate Review Advisory Committee
    - With this, any mandate from insurers would be run through a committee vs the legislators
      - This was killed by NDs last year; they didn't want a small group of who knows whom looming over them.
- Work Comp - he's just keeping this on the top of mind in Salem

#### 3. OBCE

- Vern and Arnot worked on changing some of the wording and definitions within the new working CA manual. These recommendations were sent to the ED of the OBCE and they will be considered on their March meeting. The things addressed by the OCA were:
  - Stages of Tissue Repair - the OBCE was using treatment phases interchangeably with tissue repair phases, which we disagree with
  - They described radicular pain incorrectly
  - Physiotherapy should be expanded to include manual therapy and therapeutic exercises techniques; the manual currently only includes modalities and if we don't add this, it could cause trouble later down the road with the PTs.

- PTs once tried to restrict our use of the word Physiotherapy. According to them, Physical Therapy and physiotherapy are the same. This worked in other states. In Oregon, Physiotherapy is within the scope of our practice in Oregon. So their attempts to silence us in Oregon didn't work. If we start changing definitions, the PTs could come after us again.

#### 4. Committee Assignments

- UWS - Mark Gabriel volunteered to chair the committee
- Insurance Relations - Michael Arnot will continue to chair
- CE & Convention - Amanda
- Membership - Michael Lell
  - We need a minimum of 38 members to make most of our financial problems go away. This would bring us back to pre-pandemic numbers
- Social Media - Michael Lell
- Legislative - Beebe
- Finance - We have reinstated the Treasurer Position and will be disbanding the finance committee

#### 5. CE & Convention

- 6 vendor spots are available and we always need more and new sponsors. We normally sell out our vendor hall every year and last year, we had 32
  - Palmer hasn't returned our call
  - The Advocates want in
- Most of the breakfasts are handled; casino and snacks are sponsored. We're not having lunch.
- Ted Fulcrum will present an award to DeShaw
- Current numbers - 38 docs (but this includes the board and our honored guests so the number is a little bloated)
- Dr. Brett is getting some heat from membership

#### 6. Membership & Social Media

1. Convention hype posts have been mapped out and will be posted every Friday. Some will be paid advertisements; Michael Lell will fund these.
2. Tried getting to the bottom of the OCA IG account. A complaint was filed but I haven't heard anything back
3. The aim is to produce one quick video a month showcasing our efforts

#### 7. Finance

1. Our negotiations with the landlord have hit a standstill; they aren't willing to come down on our lease. Rather, they just won't increase our rent. This will necessitate further cuts unless we realign our financial goals. The lease ends in March 2027.
  1. Mark ran the idea of just defaulting to save the \$58,000.

## **New Business**

- Joyce McClure
  - Dr. McClure emailed M. Arnot about the OCA approaching the state to grants DCs the same benefits regarding pro-bono work that other health professions get.
    - Discussion = We need to pick our legislative battles
- Open Board Seat
  - We have an interested persons, Dr. Helton, and he can be appointed by the Board. This seat replaces Les who resigned after the elections

## **Actions To Be Taken:**

- Jan to get prices on awards
- Amanda to reach out to The Advocates
- Treasurer to work with Office Manager to see where else we can cut

## **Tabled**

- Decision to hold annual membership meeting at convention
- Awards - Jan will followup on prices with pictures for our consideration via email