



The Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association 2019 House of Delegates Meeting

Embassy Suites Airport - Columbus, Ohio
November 2, 2019

Opening and Call to Order

The meeting of Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association (OHFAMA) House of Delegates (HOD) was called to order by Dr. Todd Loftus, President, at 8:03 AM on Saturday, November 2, 2019.

The American Legion Post 797 of Gahanna, Ohio, posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Dr. Todd Loftus and the assembly then thanked AL Post 797 with applause.

The Reflection was given by Dr. Karen Kellogg.

Dr. Richard Kunig, 1st Vice President, collected the delegate credentialing forms, anti-trust agreements and called roll.

The following persons were present:

Dr. Todd Loftus; Dr. Richard Kunig; Dr. Kelly Whaley; Dr. Animesh Bhatia; Dr. Jimelle Rumberg; Dr. Sarah Abshier; Dr. Michael Bodman; Dr. Mark Gould; Dr. Marc Greenberg; Dr. Karen Kellogg; Dr. Martin Lesnak; Dr. Heather Petrolla; Ms. Ann Profeta; Dr. Corey Russell; Dr. Anastasia Samouilov; Dr. Adam Thomas; Dr. Jennifer Trinidad; Dr. James LaPolla; Dr. Katherine Facaros; Dr. John Stevenson; Dr. Chris Bohach; Dr. Annu Goel; Dr. Matthew Hamilton; Dr. Devon Consul; Dr. Macaira Dymont; Dr. Kurt Kibler; Dr. Richard Schilling; Dr. James Steriovski; Dr. Tyler Tewillager; Dr. Emily Zulauf; Dr. William Munsey; Dr. Bruce Blank; Dr. Ed Cosentino; Dr. Mitch Dalvin; Dr. Thomas Kunkel; Dr. Richard Hofacker; Dr. Ken Nixon; Dr. Hai Pham; Dr. Russ Sayner; Dr. Rodney Scott; Dr. Bridget Brondon; Dr. Judy Kleman; Dr. Gerald Perelman; Dr. Erica Supernant; Dr. Tina Demou; Dr. David Hintz; Dr. Elaine Krosse; Dr. Kevin McGarvey; Dr. Elizabeth Wakefield; Dr. Atta Asef; Dr. Ronald Freireich; Dr. Vincent Hetherington; Dr. Paul Lieberman; Dr. Danielle Shaper; Dr. Stephen Smikl; Dr. Joy Rowland; Dr. Brian Weiss; Dr. Shayne Erman; Dr. Thomas McCabe; Dr. Bruce Saferin; Dr. Kathryn Schramm; Dr. Pam Sheridan; Dr. Phuoc Bui; Dr. Bryan Hall; Dr. Tatyana Hamilton; Dr. Sharon Jay; Dr. Ken Kysor; Dr. Joe Lynott; Dr. Nicholas Woebkenberg; Guests were: Mr. Dan Leite; Dr. James Christina and Dr. David Edwards. Staff members: Luci Ridolfo and Leah Yost.

Action: A motion was made to accept the Order of Business.

Dr. Marc Greenberg requested to have the OHFAMA House of Delegates Assessment Committee (OHAC) Report added to the agenda under New Business.

The Order of Business was adopted as amended.

Dr. Loftus called to suspend the reading of the Standing Rules of Order, due to the reading of the Standing Rules in their entirety during the Reference Committee hearing on November 1, 2019.

Action: Dr. Corey Russell, Chair of the Reference Committee, moved on behalf of the Reference Committee, that the Standing Rules of Order be adopted as read during the Reference Hearing.

The House Standing Rules were adopted.

Dr. Kelly Whaley, 2nd Vice President and HOD Protocol Officer, reminded all Delegates of the appropriate decorum of the meeting's assembly.

Dr. Loftus requested to appoint the Executive Committee to approve the HOD meeting minutes during their January teleconference. There were no objections.

The next order of business was to consider the Consent Agenda.

Action: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda was adopted as presented.

Reports

Dr. David Edwards, APMA President, began by noting the APMA's mission to advance and advocate for members and podiatric medical patients. He discussed the importance of advocacy being such a large part of the work that needs to be done to advance the podiatric profession and what a great job Ohio does to always be at the table. There is still work to be done for fair and equitable compensation especially considering the training and education that doctors of podiatric medicine complete. He went on to further discuss APMA's vision and the relationships that have been developed over the past several years with important medical organizations. Dr. Edwards reviewed a major challenge that was presented earlier in the year regarding the proposed CMS rule change. He thanked all members present and noted the outstanding support and responses from members across the country to prevail in that fight. He concluded by discussing the new member benefit insurance health plan and how it is structured.

Dr. Jim Christina, APMA Executive Director, reviewed the current membership data, the APMA staff structure and possibility of selling the APMA building. He discussed the bylaw changes that were approved at the 2019 APMA HOD and noted the change to the APMA board, which now has a non-ascending board position that was championed by OHFAMA. He noted that the Young physician board representative will also now be allowed to vote. Dr. Christina reviewed several Resolutions that passed at the 2019 APMA HOD including Resolution 5-19 regarding establishing a Blue-Ribbon panel to review the podiatric certifying boards in the country. The panel's more specific objectives include: Evaluating all precepts that have been established by the profession with respect to how a specialty board becomes recognized and thus designated as the final and singular authority for certifying podiatrists in a unique area of practice; Comparing and evaluating the specialty board recognition processes of other professions and the ways in which they are held accountable; To evaluate the extent to which consumers of podiatric services are impacted (positively and/or negatively) by how the podiatric profession establishes special areas of podiatric medical practice and recognizes independent boards to certify in those special areas of practice; and To obtain and evaluate legal opinion(s) about the longstanding requirement that precludes duplication of certification domains within APMA recognized specialty boards. The findings will be presented at the 2020 APMA HOD. Dr. Christina discussed the student recruitment campaign and noted that a new website has been developed with the theme, "Step into Podiatry." The APMA will be taking over the DPM Mentor Program to help facilitate member involvement with potential future podiatric students as well. The APMA will continue to work on member benefit programs including educational training, and practice resources.

Dan Leite, of Capitol Advocates, presented the lobbyist report. He discussed positive relationships that the association has at the legislature and working with Dr. Saferin at the State Medical Board. He reviewed the intense process with passing the state's Biennial Budget Bill and noted that many items are included with the budget that the association monitors closely. This year that included the continuing education hour requirements for podiatric physicians. Mr. Leite went on to discuss SB 97 regarding healthcare transparency with costs. There is discussion of creating a healthcare transparency committee, but the insurance companies will have to be a part of it. He discussed SB 198 regarding surprise medical billing issues and noted this was a long way from moving at the Statehouse. Mr. Leite went on to discuss how important grassroots education is and how greatly that has benefited the associations work at the Statehouse. The

association's Flu Shot Bill, SB 178, was discussed and the importance of moving legislation like this to benefit consumers. Lastly, Mr. Leitie discussed the 2020 election year and the important elections to monitor including the Ohio Supreme Court. He reminded members, that when speaking to legislators it is always important to discuss, "what I can do to better serve my patients," which is what legislators' goals are to help constituents.

Dr. Richard Kunig, 2019 OPPAC chair, discussed the importance of trust. Everyday people place trust in the reliability of our daily needs and our members must place trust in OPPAC's work on behalf of the podiatric physicians in Ohio. With the coming 2020 elections, it is very important that our PAC has the funds necessary to do the work that needs to be done. Dr. Kunig reviewed the 2019 Ohio member contribution rates, including the percent of donations per Academy. He encouraged all delegates to contribute early to OPPAC in 2020 to ensure that OPPAC has the funds to support the campaigns important to podiatry.

Dr. Bruce Saferin, the supervising member of the State Medical Board of Ohio, reported on the structure of the medical board and how many licenses that the board oversees. Dr. Saferin reviewed the new approval process for license applications and noted that the process now takes less than 30 days. He reviewed the new continuing education requirements and why Category II hours were no longer required. It was noted for physicians to reference the license renewal chart and that dates are based on the first letter of your last name. The One-bite program was discussed and the importance of confidential monitoring for licensed physicians that recognize the need for help in their personal lives. Dr. Saferin discussed the importance of ethics in physician's daily practices and emphasized that if a physician is aware of a colleague doing something unethical, it is imperative for it to be reported appropriately. In addition to reporting unethical behavior, he stressed that physicians should document everything thoroughly with patient interactions.

The meeting took a recess from 9:37am – 9:52am.

Business Session

Dr. Marc Greenberg, Midwest Academy Trustee and OHAC chairman presented the committee's findings in regard to Resolution 19-01. The committee contacted 39 podiatric state components to compile current data on how podiatric medical associations were conducting certain business practices. Only four states currently hold an annual HOD (OH, PA, NY and CA). The HOD delegation was presented an in-depth review of expenses of an HOD versus an annual business meeting and options for a possible OHFAMA bylaw change for consideration in 2020.

Dr. Jimelle Rumberg, OHFAMA Executive Director, reported on the many successes of 2019. She highlighted 4 podiatric scope of practice enhancements accomplished in the first 6 months of the year. Dr. Rumberg discussed that the HBO statute language continues to be addressed and the language will be reworked in 2020. The language will include HBOT vendor training as part of the required 40 hours necessary to fulfill the required training at hospitals and HBOT centers. The Ohio member benefit program regarding health insurance was reviewed and it was noted that even groups of 1 may be eligible for coverage under the plan. Dr. Rumberg then unveiled a new video of the Association's Advance Ohio campaign, a segment on *That Ohio Vibe* to educate consumers on the importance of seeing a podiatric physician. The video campaign will officially begin on November 4, 2019. She thanked the full board, all volunteers and concluded by thanking members for their continued support of the association.

Dr. Todd Loftus, OHFAMA President, thanked the Executive Committee (EC) and Board of Trustees for working together on the associations' many goals of 2019. He discussed how wonderful it was to meet so many members at local Academy meetings throughout the year. Dr. Loftus wished Dr. Kunig a successful year for 2020 and the importance of the leadership training he would be completing.

Dr. Michael Bodman discussed the 2020-21 OHFAMA Budget.

**A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2020-21 OHFAMA Budget.
The motion was adopted.**

Dr. Michael Bodman then presented membership checks to each academy.

Dr. Jennifer Trinidad accepted the check on behalf of the Central Academy and then returned the check in-kind.

Dr. James LaPolla accepted the check on behalf of the Eastern Academy and then returned the check in-kind.

Dr. Katherine Facaros accepted the check on behalf of the Mideast Academy and then returned the check in-kind.

Dr. John Stevenson accepted the check on behalf of the Midwest Academy and then returned the check in-kind and presented an additional check to the OHFAMA in the amount of \$3,500.

Dr. David Hintz accepted the check on behalf of the North Central Academy and then returned the check in-kind and presented an additional check to the OHFAMA in the amount of \$6,000.

Dr. Kelly Whaley accepted the check on behalf of the Northeast Academy and presented a check to the OHFAMA in the amount of \$5,000.

Dr. Corey Russell accepted the check on behalf of the Northwest Academy and then returned the check in-kind.

Dr. Matthew Hamilton accepted the check on behalf of the Southern Academy and then returned the check in-kind.

Dr. Corey Russell, chair of the HOD Reference Committee, reviewed the recommendations for the House Reference Committee (HRC).

The recommendations are as follows:

**Action: A motion was made to file Report A for future reference.
The motion was adopted.**

**Action: A motion was made to file Report B for future reference.
The motion was adopted.**

**Action: A motion was made to file Report C for future reference.
The motion was adopted.**

OHFAMA Proposition A-19 to amend Article X, Section A. to the Bylaws, by limiting the term length of the Young Physician Trustee position to three (3) years, consistent with all other Trustees on the Board of Trustees.

**Action: Upon the recommendation of the Reference Committee, a motion was made to adopt the proposition.
The motion was adopted.**

OHFAMA Resolution 19-01 for OHFAMA to develop bylaw changes to replace the House of Delegates meeting to an Annual Business meeting for approval at the 2020 HOD.

Action: Upon the recommendation of the Reference Committee, a motion was made to adopt the resolution as amended.

The motion was adopted.

OHFAMA Resolution 19-02 for the elected position of the OHFAMA Secretary/Treasurer's duty's to include the role of chairing the Finance and Budget Committee.

Action: Upon the recommendation of the Reference Committee, a motion was made to adopt the resolution as amended.

The motion was adopted.

Elections

Dr. Todd Loftus called for nominations for OHFAMA offices for 2020.

Dr. Richard Kunig was nominated for President, Dr. Kelly Whaley was nominated for 1st Vice President, Dr. Sarah Abshier was nominated for 2nd Vice President, and Dr. Thomas McCabe was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. There being no contested positions, the Secretary Pro Temp cast the ballot of the election per the instruction of Dr. Loftus.

Dr. Todd Loftus announced that there were two 3-year positions open for APMA Delegate and one 1- year position open for APMA Alternate Delegate. Dr. Bruce Blank and Dr. Marc Greenberg were nominated for the 3-year positions. There being no contested positions, the Secretary Pro Temp cast the ballot of the election per the instruction of Dr. Loftus.

Dr. Atta Asef was nominated for the APMA Alternate Delegate position and there being no contest, the Secretary Pro Temp cast the ballot of the election per the instruction of Dr. Loftus.

Dr. Todd Loftus informed the delegation that Dr. Alan Block, has declared his intent to run for the APMA Non-ascending Board of Trustees position at the 2020 APMA House of Delegates.

Action: A motion was made for the association to endorse Dr. Block's candidacy for the position of APMA Non-ascending Board of Trustee member.

The motion was adopted.

Dr. Todd Loftus thanked the newly elected board members.

Dr. Todd Loftus administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Richard Kunig as the 2020 OHFAMA President and presented his gavel.

Dr. Richard Kunig presented Dr. Todd Loftus the Thomas J. Meyer, DPM award and recognized Dr. Loftus as the newest member of the OHFAMA Silver Gavel Club.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Dr. Alan Block, Secretary

Minutes approved this ____ day of _____, 2019
Secretary's Initials _____