



The Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association 2017 House of Delegates Meeting

Embassy Suites Airport - Columbus, Ohio
November 4, 2017

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. Thomas McCabe, President, at 8:00 AM on Saturday, November 4, 2017.

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. Thomas McCabe and the assembly then thanked AL Post 797 with applause.

The Reflection was given by Dr. Corey Russell.

Dr. Alan Block, Secretary, collected the delegate credentialing forms, anti-trust agreements and called roll.

The following persons were present:

Dr. Thomas McCabe; Dr. Animesh Bhatia; Dr. Todd Loftus; Dr. Alan Block; Dr. Richard Schilling; Dr. Jimelle Rumberg; Dr. Sarah Abshier; Dr. Michael Bodman; Dr. Chris Bohach; Dr. Mark Gould; Dr. Marc Greenberg; Dr. Richard Kunig; Dr. Amy Masowick; Dr. Heather Petrolia; Dr. Corey Russell; Dr. Adam Thomas; Dr. Thom Arnold; Dr. Edward Cosentino; Dr. Russ Sayner; Dr. John Stevenson; Dr. Kelly Whaley; Dr. Bryan Hall; Dr. Anthony Cozzolino; Dr. Eric Cwynar; Dr. Nicholas DiMassa; Dr. Jerauld Ferritto; Dr. Joseph Greschner; Dr. David Kaplansky; Dr. Rona Law; Dr. Scott Littrell; Dr. Tiffany Liu; Dr. William Munsey; Dr. Marcus Richardson;; Dr. Jennifer Trinidad; Dr. Ron Verrilla; Dr. Jonathan White; Dr. Bruce Blank; Dr. Ramy Fahmim; Dr. Richard Hofacker; Dr. Leslie Niehaus; Dr. Kenneth Nixon; Dr. Eric Paul; Dr. Rodney Scott; Dr. Tina Shahin; Dr. Bihn Ta; Dr. Daryl Ballinger; Dr. Bridget Brondon; Dr. Michael Brondon; Dr. Judy Kleman; Dr. Gerald Perelman; Dr. Sarah Sample-Eppinger; Dr. Jessica Brent; Dr. Constantina Demou; Dr. Jeremiah Dillon; Dr. David Hintz; Dr. Martin Lesnak; Dr. Chris George; Dr. Allan Boike; Dr. Bryan Caldwell; Dr. Colleen DeBarr; Dr. Ronald Freireich; Dr. Vincent Hetherington; Dr. Paul Lieberman; Dr. Neil Marks; Dr. Larry Osher; Dr. Dr. Joy Rowland; Dr. Danielle Shaper; Dr. Stephen Smikl; Dr. Brian Weiss; Dr. Shayne Erman; Dr. Annu Goel; Dr. Peter Highlander; Dr. Chase Ranker; Dr. Kathryn Schramm; Dr. Pam Sheridan; Dr. Usman Sultan; Dr. Brian Ash; Dr. Vaughn Blackburn; Dr. Anthony Blanchard; Dr. Chad Howze; Dr. Steve Mirkos; Dr. Dominic Rizzo; Dr. Robert Shields; Dr. Nicholas Woebkenberg; and Dr. Dipika Patel. Guests were: Mr. Dan Leite; Dr. James Christina; Dr. Ira Kraus; Dr. Bruce Saferin; and State Senator Robert Hilkemann (NE Legislator). Staff members: Luci Ridolfo and Cyndi Colburn.

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

The Order of Business was adopted as presented.

Dr. Todd Loftus, 2nd Vice President, called to suspend the reading of the Standing Rules of Order, due to the reading of the Standing Rules during the Reference Committee hearing on November 3, 2017.

Action: Dr. Thom Arnold, Chair of the Reference Committee, moved that the Standing Rules of Order be adopted as approved during the Reference Hearing.

The House Standing Rules were adopted.

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

Senator/Dr. Robert Hilkemann, from the Nebraska state Senate, spoke on the importance of leadership and grassroots efforts at the state level. He discussed how to become more involved at the state level and how important it is to understand who you are helping and why it is important to give back. He encouraged all members to become more involved with the state association and highlighted the need to work together to continue to advance the podiatric profession and educate people about the important services that podiatric physicians provide.

Dr. Jim Christina, APMA Executive Director, reviewed APMA's organizational structure and recent staff changes. He discussed the new "minute updates" that the APMA has started to email out to members to increase communication. Dr. Christina discussed the drafted bylaw changes and welcomed comments and feedback from all members. The new APMA registry was reviewed and he encouraged all members to utilize it, even if they do not have EHR in their practices. He discussed the APMA Annual Seminar and the new Quiz Bowl they launched during the seminar which was well received and supported. The APMA's annual media impressions statistics reached 1.75 billion impressions through various marketing efforts during 2017. He encouraged all members to be engaged with the national and state associations, as we grow stronger with member feedback and support. The APMA is going to continue to develop new affinity programs to help members with valued services that will help their bottom line.

Dr. Ira Kraus, APMA President, began by highlighting the work that had taken place throughout 2017. He discussed the many good relationships that the APMA had developed with various national organizations during the year which has been helpful with insurance and legislative challenges. He reviewed the status of the *HELLPP Act* and noted that the APMA met with the VA which is supporting the Bill through Congressman Wenstrup. He discussed that the APMA had been considering rebranding the national association with a name change. At this time, the association's name will remain the same, but they are working on developing a new tag line. Dr. Kraus closed by discussing that his goal as president was to advance the profession to a better place and the work being done can only move forward when we work together.

Dr. Bruce Saferin, the supervising member of the State Medical Board of Ohio, reported on the structure of the medical board and how many complaints the board received in 2017. Dr. Saferin reminded all in attendance that license renewals were now to be submitted online and that license wallet cards were no longer being issued. He discussed that the CME cycle dates are no longer 90 days before the expiration date but that you may take courses up until the date of expiration. Dr. Saferin reviewed Ohio's new Acute Pain prescribing rules and stressed that all physicians must follow the rules including utilizing the *Start Talking* form for minors. He reviewed the importance of documenting everything in patients charts to protect yourself and your license. The OARRS program was reviewed and it was noted that the program should be used every time a physician writes for a controlled substance.

Dr. Allan Boike, Dean of the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, addressed the HOD. He reviewed the new class of students and noted that the class of 2022 at KSUCPM had the highest number of applicants from all 9 colleges which was up 5% from last year. He discussed student housing, new faculty changes and the alumni weekend held in 2017.

Dan Leite, of Capitol Advocates, presented the lobbyist report. He discussed positive relationships that the association has at the legislature and noted that there will be no Medicaid cuts for podiatric physicians. He reviewed several key pieces of legislation that the association has been monitoring including a physical

therapy scope expansion. The association will stay diligent and continue to educate legislators to promote podiatric physicians and protect patients. He thanked members for their support of OPPAC and noted how important it is to have access to legislators.

Dr. Animesh Bhatia, 2017 OPPAC chair, discussed the importance of having positive relationships with legislators at the Statehouse. He challenged all the Academy's to break a record with OPPAC donations.

Dr. Larry Osher reported on behalf of the Ohio Radiation Advisory Committee and discussed the GXMO test for podiatric assistants in the state of Ohio. He discussed that the current pass rate is 26% and that people who retake the exam have over a 50% pass rate. He reminded everyone that all offices with x-ray equipment must have their staff certified if they are helping with positioning patients.

Dr. Corey Russell reported on the *OHFAMA Strategic Plan Pillar on Parity*. He discussed the VA Parity legislation and noted that members must work together and utilize the APMA eAdvocacy software to reach out to legislators to receive their support. Dr. Russell's goal for 2018 is to develop the Parity committee and receive input from all Academy's and have a representative from each Academy on the committee.

Dr. Thomas McCabe reported on the *OHFAMA Strategic Plan Advocacy Pillar*. He discussed the "Point of Contact" relationships that have been established at the Academy level and reviewed the associations grassroots advocacy program through *Voter Voice*. He asked members to take two minutes when a "Call to Action" is received from OHFAMA or the APMA. He also asked those in attendance that if they have any politically relationships to please let the association know. Dr. McCabe concluded by discussing the importance of supporting OPPAC and the APMA PAC.

Dr. Mark Gould reported on the *OHFAMA Strategic Plan Pillar of APMA Relations*. He discussed the development of a good working relationship with the APMA over the past 2 years. The association meets with the APMA twice a year and the APMA participates by calling in to every OHFAMA Board meeting. Dr. Gould encouraged members to open emails and surveys from the APMA due to the important information that is being sent. He encouraged all those in attendance to review the proposed APMA Bylaw changes and submit comments to him or Dr. Rumberg before the November 30th deadline.

Dr. Alan Block reported on the *OHFAMA Strategic Plan Pillar of External Relations*. He discussed how the association has reconnected with the school and that it is important to engage with the students. He noted that students have a different view of podiatry from those that have been in practice for a long time, so it is important to reenergize yourself when working on future goals.

Dr. Thomas McCabe, OHFAMA President, read the *Necrology Report* to the assembly in a brief memorial.

Business Session

Dr. Jimelle Rumberg, OHFAMA Executive Director, reported on the many successes of 2017. She thanked the full board and the pillar chairs for their time and noted that the pillars will be redeveloped within the next two years. She discussed the associations mission to advance the profession and reviewed the scope expansion for HBOT as one example of growing the profession. Dr. Rumberg discussed challenges with the state pharmacy board but vowed to remain diligent on various new items being proposed that will make it a challenge to treat your patients effectively. The association and newly formed Foundation continue to support public outreach and the statewide radio campaign will be continued in 2018 including two new commercials. She reviewed the ever-growing annual seminar and highlighted the different labs and breakout sessions that were offered at the 2017 seminar. She discussed the association's continued outreach to work with fellow medical associations and organizations, and the importance of communication. She thanked members for their continued support of the association.

Dr. Thomas McCabe, OHFAMA President, discussed how proud he was to represent the association over the past year. He thanked all members, board members and volunteers for their time and devotion to the profession. He discussed the new insurance program that is a member benefit being offered through the State Medical Association and noted that due to our working relationship with them, that they approached our association to be included. Dr. McCabe discussed his experiences over the year as president and stressed that all members should not refer to themselves as "healthcare providers" but as "physicians." He discussed that podiatric physicians are the best trained and qualified people to give podiatric care to patients and that our members should be proud of that. He encouraged members to get involved with the association, if not at the state level, then to start at the Academy level.

Dr. Michael Bodman discussed the *2018-19 OHFAMA Budget*.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2018-19 OHFAMA Budget.

The motion was adopted.

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

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

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

Dr. Russ Sayner accepted the check on behalf of the Mideast Academy.

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 \$3,000.

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 then presented a check to the OHFAMA in the amount of \$7,500.

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

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

Dr. Thom Arnold, 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-17 to amend Article III –§E.2.d and Article X –§A to the Bylaws, by limiting privileges of Resident and Post-Graduate Members so that the voting privileges are limited with respect to academy officer elections, academy bylaws amendments and annual budget approval, to restrict the ability to hold certain offices at the academy and state levels and to further define the qualifications of an OHFAMA Delegate for resident and postgraduate members.

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

The motion was adopted.

OHFAMA Proposition B-17 to amend Article XII –§A.1.a of the Bylaws to add voting privileges to the 2nd Vice President in the Finance and Budget Committee.

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

The motion was adopted.

OHFAMA Proposition C-17 to amend Article XII – §A.1.a of the Bylaws to remove the 2nd Vice President from the Finance and Budget Committee.

Action: The Proposition was withdrawn by the maker.

Elections

Dr. Thomas McCabe called for nominations for OHFAMA offices for 2018.

Dr. Animesh Bhatia was nominated for President, Dr. Todd Loftus was nominated for 1st Vice President, Dr. Richard Kunig was nominated for 2nd Vice President, and Dr. Alan Block 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. McCabe.

Dr. Thomas McCabe announced that there were two 3-year positions open for APMA Delegate and one 1- year position open for APMA Alternate Delegate. Dr. Mark Gould and Dr. Karen Kellogg were nominated for the 3-year positions and there being no contest, the Secretary Pro Temp cast the ballot of the election per the instruction of Dr. McCabe.

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. McCabe.

Dr. Thomas McCabe then thanked the newly-elected board members.

Dr. Thomas McCabe then administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Animesh Bhatia as the 2018 OHFAMA President and presented his gavel.

Dr. Animesh Bhatia then presented Dr. Thomas McCabe the Thomas J. Meyer, DPM award and recognized Dr. McCabe as the newest member of the OHFAMA Silver Gavel Club.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.



Dr. Alan Block, Secretary

Minutes approved this 22 day of January, 2018

Secretary's Initials AJB