

**Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE)  
Board Meeting**

December 10, 2016

In-Person Meeting

**Minutes**

**Present:** *S. Bollin, H. Dabelko-Schoeny, C. Dougherty, A. Hunter, L. Landry Meyer, D. Niese, D. Ramey, A. Restorick Roberts, S. Stemen, D. Van Dussen E. VanVlymen,, K. Harrington, C. Tyler, M. Molea, P. Matura, and R. Matura.*

Diane Ramey, President, began the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Diane welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending our Columbus meeting. Denise moved that the minutes for the September 24, 2016 board meeting be approved. Carmen seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dan provided a handout containing our Treasurer's Report. Dan noted that our bills are up to date and insurance has been paid. Dan stated that we are in fundraising season and that OAGE has received three sponsorships to date that will support our 2017 conference. Dan shared that he will resend sponsorship packet information to board members and encouraged each of us to identify a potential sponsor.

**Action Items:** Sponsorship information has been sent with the minutes. All board members should prepare to contact potential sponsors for the 2017 conference.

**Report on 2017 Conference**

Salli reported on behalf of the conference committee. The OAGE conference, The Faces of Aging: Building Communities, taking place at the University of Toledo on April 21. The call for proposals has been sent to membership and is advertised on our website. Salli stated that the committee is working with staff at AAA 4, forming a local arrangements team. According to Anne's written report, meeting rooms are reserved, hotel accommodations arranged, and a site for the President's Dinner is reserved. In addition, a nearby senior housing has graciously provided us with a space for our Thursday night reception.

**Report from the Ohio Department of Higher Education**

Marc stated that Danielle Andrews will serve as ODHE's representative for OAGE.

**Report from Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (O4a)**

Pam stated that the Area Agencies are continuing to work hard alongside providers. The group discussed the concerns regarding corporatization of human service and impacts that this has at the consumer and provider levels, specifically in regards to providing person-centered care. Pam drew the boards' attention to a recent report (to be sent out once received from Pam—she is

currently checking to see that is available for public release) and encouraged us all to see if there is research that can be done. In addition, the board discussed our role in shaping the next generation of leaders in the aging network.

### **Report from Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)**

Marc shared that ODA has a new chief of the Elder Connections Division, Julie Tracker, former Assistant Director at ODA. Marc stated that ODA is still seeking someone to fill Sherry Baker's position as nutrition program manager and good news that Ohio has been approved for Farmers Market vouchers for 2017. ODA is accepting nominations for the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame and nominations are due by January 31. In addition, Marc discussed changes in providers for SCSEP in central and northwest Ohio, and Mature Services continued services in northeast Ohio. Marc stated that ODA is in the midst of budget season, with revenues projected to be decreased and noted that advocacy is key. Marc also shared that the Aging Eye summit will take place on June 15 and will focus on falls and eye injuries. Lastly, Marc noted a partnership with ODE regarding the Child and Adult Care Food Program which may support expanded nutrition services to those participating in Adult Day Centers.

### **Update on the ODA/OAGE Scholars in Aging Program**

Marc reported that there are currently eight students who have expressed interested in participating in our spring program Applications are due on December 16 and students will be notified of their acceptance on January 6. Meeting dates are: Feb. 17, March 31, and April 21. Marc indicated that webinars will be utilized this session in lieu of LinkedIn. To date, 64 students from 15 institutions of higher education have participated in the Scholars in Aging program.

### **Committee Reports**

**Conference Committee:** No further report was given due to earlier discussion.

**Electronic Communications Committee:** Eric provided a history of work completed to date and how improvements have resulted in individuals doubling the amount of time people stay on the OAGE website. Eric discussed continued interest in engaging membership after the annual conference. Eric opened the floor for comments regarding consistency in language for call for papers/proposals. The group decided that we would use call for proposals in order to attract students and professionals in the aging network. Eric discussed the need for a centralized approach for maintaining social media and noted that a social media request form has been added to the website. Diane and the group came to a consensus that the Secretary should house information regarding Constance Contact and Social Media accounts to ensure that information gets passed down to future committee chairs.

**Membership Committee:** Cynthia and Adam presented a hypothetical scenario that was shared with O4a conference registrants. The group discussed how OAGE can assist with continuing education opportunities/program certificates. Cynthia stated that she will send follow-up questions to the board to gauge interest in continuing the discussion with potentially interested partners. In addition, Cynthia shared that the committee continues to work on the creation of additional membership options as well as an enhanced list of membership benefits.

**Awards Committee:** Amy shared that the awards committee met on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> and are proud to present a slate of recommended award winners. Amy made a motion that the board approves the slate of nominations for Practitioner of the Year, Educator of the Year, and

Researcher of the Year. Ray seconded the motion and the motion passed. Amy mentioned that the committee will work on a letter to notify award winners and press releases that can be provided to their institutions. Amy also asked for volunteers to review conference proposals, especially encouraging graduate students to participate in the process. Amy ended her report by stating that she will work with Eric to continue to streamline the nomination process.

**Nominating/By-laws Committee:** Sara presented the nominations committee report on behalf of Heather and Shannon. A slate of nominations was presented for the student and non-student board member positions. A motion was made to accept the slate and the motion passed. Sara will work with others in order to begin the full membership vote, which is due on February 1.

**Action Items:** Sara will work with Diane in coordinating the full membership vote.

### **Strategic Planning**

Dan asked that each board member review our current strategic plan and urged each committee to evaluate the current needs in order to prepare for a discussion at our February meeting. The overarching question for discussion will be: How can we further get members involved in OAGE? Dan asked that after the holidays, Diane resend a copy of the strategic plan.

### **Mid-West Collaboration**

Dan stated that he and Cynthia participated in a conference call on behalf of the Minnesota Gerontological Association in which they seemed to seek partners for forming a mid-west collaboration that participated in work similar to OAGE but mostly completed on an online platform. The group discussed history on the matter and determined that Cynthia and Dan continue to monitor activity and report this to the group.

### **Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition**

Diane stated that she continues to participate in calls on behalf of OAGE.

### **ODA Director Meeting**

Diane shared that she met with Director Loucka and was able to provide her with the OAGE mission and vision, as well as contact information for current board members. Diane stated that she and Director Loucka engaged in a discussion regarding how OAGE can help the AAA network with identifying current program outcomes. More information is forthcoming regarding outcome work.

### **Change in Treasurer/Bank Signatures**

Diane and Dan discussed officer changes for 2017, specifically Denise Niese's transition to Treasurer on April 22, 2017. As part of this transition, the board was informed that it is our responsibility to authorize Denise to take on fiduciary responsibilities on behalf of OAGE. A motion was made that the board authorize Denise to complete fiduciary responsibilities on behalf of OAGE beginning in 2017. Cynthia seconded the motion, and the motion passed. In addition, discussion ensued that Diane would be removed as an authorized representative, following the 2017 conference. Dan, as the incoming president, will continue to have authorization.

**Future Board Meetings**

Our next meeting will take place via a conference call on February 10. Diane adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

*Meeting minutes submitted by Sara Stemen, Secretary*