

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

September 24, 2016

In-Person Meeting

Minutes

Present: *S. Boehle, J. Brown, C. Dougherty, B. Gerasimiak, A. Holaday Locke, A. Hunter, S. Jarrott, J. Kinney, D. Ramey, A. Restorick Roberts, S. Stemen, D. Van Dussen, K. Harrington, K. Lee, C. Tyler, M. Molea, P. Matura, and R. Matura.*

Diane Ramey, President, began the meeting at 9:06 a.m. Diane welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending our Columbus meeting. Shannon moved that the minutes for the June 2416, 2016 board meeting be approved. Anne seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Dan reported that our budget year is closing on September 30 and thanks to our sponsors from 2016, we are in a good position going into 2017. Dan shared that sponsorship information will be going out to board members soon and encouraged everyone to start thinking of potential sponsors OAGE can reach out to. Dan provided a handout containing the proposed budget for 2017. The board had discussion about rates for next year's conference. Diane asked that the Conference and Electronic Communication committees work closely on updating pertinent information regarding the conference on the website. There was a motion to accept the 2017 budget. Carmen moved that the budget be accepted as proposed and Katie seconded the motion.

Action Items: *If you plan to stay at the Double Tree in Worthington for our meeting on December 10 please call the hotel to make a reservation ASAP. All board members should prepare to contact potential sponsors for the 2017 conference. Conference and Electronic Communication committees shall work together to ensure conference information is consistent.*

Report on 2017 Conference

Anne shared that Ann Anzalone will serve as our keynote speaker for the 2017 conference The Faces of Aging: Building Communities, taking place at the University of Toledo on April 21. Beth stated that the conference will take place at the University of Toledo Student Union where OAGE has eight rooms reserved. A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn with a group rate of \$109. In order to make a reservation at the conference hotel you must call 419-214-5555 and mention you are with OAGE. Beth stated that she and Salli are also working on organizing a shuttle from the hotel to the conference due to parking. More information on the shuttle is forthcoming. Anne stated that Salli is working with UT to handle CEUs but we are in need of a future provider for 2018. Marc stated that he would check with Prevent Blindness Ohio. Anne also shared that Salli is working on refining the call for papers and abstract submission process. Abstract reviewers are: Shannon, Carmen, Jennifer, Sara, Anne, and Katie. Thank you to all for volunteering!

Action Item: Stay tuned for conference registration information. Marc will contact Prevent Blindness Ohio regarding being a CEU provider. Contact the Hampton Inn at 419-214-5555 to make your reservation. As a reminder to student board members, OAGE will cover your Thursday night stay. However, if you are rolling off the board in 2017 we will not cover your stay if you choose to spend the night on the 21st after the conference.

Report from the Ohio Department of Higher Education

Marc stated that Danielle Andrews was hired to replace Cathy at ODHE and will potentially serve as Cathy's replacement for OAGE. Marc stated he will have a meeting with Danielle to talk to her about OAGE. Diane shared that she would like to have her attend our December 10 meeting.

Action Items: Marc will meet with Danielle and invite her to the December meeting.

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

Pam stated that the Area Agencies are continuing to work hard and have a new director, Stephanie Loucka. Pam and Marc discussed the SHIP (State Health Improvement Plan) and the benefit for quantifying goals and objectives for the aging network. Marc stated that ODA will be using the SHIP to redefine Ohio's State Plan on Aging as well as the new Medicaid Assessment (attachment from Cynthia included in minutes email). Pam stated that Area Agencies are currently working closely with ODA regarding the ruling from the Department of Labor and reclassification of employees which goes into effect on December 1, 2016. Pam urged OAGE to think about research that quantifies caseloads and client outcomes. The board discussed the changes observed in providing in-home care, specifically the social impact of community-based care in regards to serving a full family instead of just clients. In addition, there was further discussion about provider shortages. Ray suggested that the policy committee work on discussion points to assist practitioners. Marc stated that he and Diane could discuss these concerns with Director Loucka and Assistant Director Julie. Pam shared that Ohio now has the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition under the direction of Barbara Riley which is comprised of Area Agencies, consumers, Adult Protective Services, the Ohio Association of Senior Centers, and many other groups. Diane shared that OAGE is currently serving on the coalition and reported that our biggest contribution has been identifying a student to assist Barbara with survey design and evaluation—thank you, Dan for your help with this.

Report from Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)

Marc shared that ODA is happy to be able to support both the Ohio Scholars in Aging Program and the OAGE Annual Conference. Marc stated that ODA is reviewing the Area Plan process for the Area Agencies. In addition folks will now note that the Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman is separate from ODA.

Update on the ODA/OAGE Scholars in Aging Program

Marc invited Jane Byrnes, Well Beyond 60 Marketing Manager, to talk about the Scholars in Aging Program. Marc shared that with the 2016 classes over 60 students have now graduated from the scholars program, representing 12-13 institutions of higher education throughout Ohio. Marc stated that there have been discussions about changing the scholar's curriculum for 2017 and only hosting a spring term. Marc and Jane shared that ODA is committed to supporting the program financially in 2017 and can serve approximately 12 students. There was discussion amongst the group regarding a need for identifying a more sustainable funding source for the

program. Jane shared her recommendation that we look to evaluate the program to appeal to potential funders. Jennifer and Marc shared that a survey was distributed however there was a low response rate. Jennifer shared that she would work with her graduate assistant to try and reach former participants. Sara shared that we may want to add a question to the registration asking if the person is or has participated in scholars so that the group can track longevity with OAGE and obtain updated contact information. Cynthia also suggested looking for financial support from larger providers. The group discussed different ways we could engage students using social media (LinkedIn, FB, and Twitter). The group also discussed adding a pre-conference intensive centered on professional development for gerontologists. In addition, Ray shared that a student may want to present at O4a to showcase the program.

Action Items: Look into sustainable funding sources

Committee Reports

Conference Committee: Anne shared that we are still looking for a conference site for 2018. Dan, Anne, and Sara attended a meeting with the DoubleTree on the 24th and are waiting for revisions to see if it may be possible to host the conference at the hotel. Sara shared that she would check with SourcePoint to see if there was capacity to host the conference. Dan shared that there will be a need to have a local conference committee. Diane and Sara volunteered to assist if we stay in the Columbus area for 2018.

Electronic Communications Committee: Julie stated that she was giving the report on behalf of Eric. Julie shared everyone should have received their first email from the listserv. There was discussion about the existing FB page and ways to engage students. Katie created a Twitter Account @OAGE OAGE2017.

Membership Committee: Cynthia provided a report (emailed to Board) regarding the makeup of association membership. Cynthia shared that the committee will provide an operationalized definition of what it means to be a member at our December meeting. The group discussed adding levels of benefits for members to keep them engaged in OAGE. Diane discussed how many ideas are already within our Strategic Plan (emailed with minutes) and Cynthia stated that the membership committee will continue to work on these items.

Awards Committee: Amy shared that the awards committee met on the morning of the 24th. Nominations for the Researcher, Educator, and Practitioner of the Year awards are currently open and forms are available on the OAGE website. The deadline for nominations is October 31.

Nominating/By-laws Committee: Sarah presented the nominations report on behalf of Heather (emailed September 21). In April 2017 there will be openings for 1 student and 2 non-student board members. Nominations are due to Heather by November 15, 2016 (heather.menne@gmail.com). Please provide a C.V. or bio sketch with your nomination. There are no new officer openings for spring 2017.

Action Items: Nominations for Researcher, Educator, and Practitioner of the Year awards are due on October 31 and will be voted on at the December meeting. Nominations for board members are due November 15 and will be voted on at the December meeting.

Other Business

Cynthia shared that Dr. Bill Thomas will be in Columbus on October 18 for the Age of Disruption tour (Cynthia to send flyer). In addition Joan Lunden will be the keynote presenter on

Friday, November, 11, from 10-2:30 for the inaugural event of the Ruth Frost Parker Center for Abundant Aging (Columbus Marriott Northwest in Dublin)

Future Board Meetings

Our next meeting will be in-person on December 10. Diane adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Sara Stemen, Secretary