

## **OPAG Minutes 12/05/2018**

Mission: Represent and advocate for the professional discipline of optometry and its Commissioned officers, civil servants, contract and tribal optometrists serving within the Public Health Service and affiliated services.

### **OPAG Voting members**

Present:

- CDR Robert Chelberg (Chair)
- CDR Christopher Cordes (Chair-elect)
- CDR Nima Desai
- CDR Craig Rennard
- LT Jill Thompson
- LT Albert Licup

Absent:

- CDR Robert Kesead
- CDR Patrick Britton
- LCDR Laura Alexander

### **2019 Voting Members**

CDR Sarah Stienbarger  
CDR Gregory Smith  
LT Hanna Fylpaa

### **Liaisons/Co-Chairs**

LT Regina Sullivan

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from 10/03/18:

1<sup>st</sup> Motion: CDR Nima Desai

2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: LT Albert Licup

All in favor; Minutes approved.

### **Congratulations to the new Voting Members For 2019**

CDR Sarah Stienbarger  
CDR Gregory Smith  
LT Matthew Gieger  
LT Hanna Fylpaa

### **Thank you for your dedication and service in completing your VM terms**

CDR Nima Desai

CDR Robert Kesead  
CDR Craig Rennard  
CDR Rob Chelberg

### **Final Thoughts: CDR Chelberg**

Thank you to all the voting members/subcommittee chairs for your work this last year. Special thank you and good luck to the voting members who are completing their terms. Thank you to Chris for all the work you've done over the last year and good luck with your term as Chair and all the work that comes with that! Thank you to Jill for her work as the Executive Secretary and taking care of the tasks thrown at her by the chair & chair-elect over the last couple years. Also thank you to the non-voting members and co-chairs. Laura has done a great job with awards. She's not here today but thanks to her and there's another award cycle approaching so she'll prep all of us going in to 2019 because that will start here at the end of the month. She's really busy from the end of December until late into March and then also coordinates the plaques that are given to recipients at the Symposium. Thank you to CAPT Clary, even though she isn't joining us today. She has been the one constant over other the last several years and attacks a lot of the big issues, to talk to the CPO or HSPAC Chair, depending on the issue. She will be key again in the year to come. Thank you to CAPT Clary for her continued leadership of Optometry in CC and also with OPAG. We had been concerned moving in to this year how we were going to conduct our calls but thank you to LT Licup's willingness to host our calls, we were able to move forward without any cost to OPAG, so special thanks to you for that!

Encourage all voting members/subcommittee chairs to stay attached to your subcommittee, attend meetings as much as possible and bring forth any pertinent information back to the chair. In the past, VM's have stayed attached to their committees and new VM's filled the vacancies but CDR Cordes can do what he feels is best with that. It's always a good idea to try to call in to HSPAC "All Hands" meetings. It's a great way to stay in tune to the pulse of the PAC, know where things are going and things you should be involved in, especially with promotions, readiness and deployments. The meetings are a great source of that information. Stay in touch with CDR Cordes or the Executive Secretary if you are unable to attend meetings. It's nice to know who is going to be available. We've had good turn out this year so we didn't have to cancel any meetings because we couldn't meet the quorum.

### **Subcommittee Chair Reports**

1. **Administrative Management:** CDR Christopher Cordes  
No report.
2. **Awards:** CDR Chelberg for LCDR Laura Alexander  
The awards process will be starting soon and Laura will be working with Chris to get that completed.
3. **Communications:** LT Jill Thompson/LT Emily Mathiak  
No report.
4. **Data & Evaluations:** LT Albert Licup  
No report.
5. **Policy:** CDR Craig Rennard  
No report.

6. **Recruitment (Ad Hoc):** CDR Sarah Stienbarger  
KG attended OBC last month. We have PJ & MM who were graded on the OPAG rubric. Has been signed off by the CPO and is moving forward. In communication with PJ but MM has not responded at all. Talking to more students in the last month than ever. Have one student going to Bethel for rotation and one possibly considering doing a residency with IHS.
7. **Stakeholder & Community Engagement:** CDR Patrick Britton  
No report.
8. **Technical Readiness:** CDR Robert Kesead/CAPT Larry Zobel  
No report.
9. **Training, Education & Mentorship:** CDR Nima Desai  
No report.

### **Stakeholder Engagement Reports**

**Chief Clinical Consultant:** CAPT Dawn Clary  
No report.

**AFOS:** CDR Christopher Cordes  
No report.

**CDC:** LT Regina Sullivan  
No report.

### **Opening Comments: CDR Cordes**

Thank you to Rob, appreciate all your hard work over the last year and hopefully keep it up moving forward. First of all, we're going to need an Executive Secretary so if anyone is interested in doing that please let Jill or myself know and Jill can let you know what's all involved there. Second, thank you all for volunteering. The January 2 meeting will be cancelled because CDR Cordes is not available and if anything comes up, that information will be passed on. Thank you for your support this next year! Happy Holidays to everyone and have a safe holiday season! Thoughts and prayers to our people in Alaska who are recovering from recent the earthquake. Thankfully, nobody had any major damage but still not a fun experience to go through. Thanks again everyone!

Meeting adjourned

### **Upcoming OPAG meetings**

February 6, 2019  
April 3, 2019  
June 5, 2019  
August 7, 2019  
October 2, 2019  
December 4, 2019

All meetings are:

8:00 AM Alaska  
9:00 AM Pacific  
10:00 AM Mountain  
11:00 AM Central  
12:00 PM Eastern

**Call in number for February 6, 2019 OPAG meeting: 1(877)267-1577**  
**Meeting number 998 205 160**