

OPAG August 4, 2022 MINUTES

OPAG Voting Members Present:

LCDR Hanna Fylpaa (Chair)	LCDR Jill Thompson (Chair-elect)
LCDR Regina Sullivan	LCDR Albert Licup
LCDR Emily Mathiak	LCDR Matthew Geiger

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from April 2022: LCDR Jill Thompson
- Second: LCDR Matt Geiger
- No objections. Minutes approved.

Subcommittee Chair Reports:

1. Administrative management: LCDR Jill Thompson
No report.
2. Awards: LCDR Regina Sullivan
2022 OPAG Award Recipients should have received Award Certificates.
Towards the end of 2022, requests for 2023 nominations will be going out.
3. Communications: LT Davis Staley
No report.
4. Data and Evaluations: LCDR Albert Licup
The Survey group for Analytics Subcommittee is working on the State of the Category survey.
5. Policy: LCDR Matthew Geiger
LCDR Geiger recommends SOP/Bylaw update/revisions yearly, last was 2015 and 2019.

Update to OPAG bylaws - adopt the same nomenclature as other HSO PAGs and HSPAC; eliminate 10-year limit for OPAG voting members due to lack of new officers to fill positions. Updated nomenclature and bylaw document has been sent out several times for review by voting members and received unanimous consent via email.

Motion to adopt updated subcommittee names/nomenclature: LCDR Matt Geiger
Second: LCDR Hanna Fylpaa
No objections, all in favor: approved.

Motion to eliminate 10-year limit for OPAG voting membership: LCDR Jill Thompson

Second: LCDR Matt Geiger
No objections, all in favor: approved.

Motion to adopt the complete updated bylaw and SOP document: LCDR Al Licup
Second: LCDR Jill Thompson
No objections, all in favor: updated bylaws accepted.

6. Recruitment: CDR Sarah Steinbarger
 - a. Co-chair: LCDR Emily MathiakReached out to 34 optometrists in June and July but no real interest. One person has been in contact for a while but getting near age limit.
7. Stakeholder and Community Engagement: LT Khrystopher Gates
No report.
8. Technical Readiness: CAPT Robert Chelberg
 - a. Co-chair: CDR Erin GilesNo report.
9. Training, Education, and Mentorship: CDR Christopher Cordes
No report.

Stakeholder Engagement Reports:

- **CDC Liaison:** LCDR Regina Sullivan
NOFOs going out for glaucoma.
Gearing up for monkeypox.
Many COVID emergency responses are returning to their assigned programs and locations.

Discussion Topics:

Deployment Preparation Plan (DPP) - forms will be available October 1, 2022 and must be submitted annually during an officer's birth month.

- The purpose of this is to better prepare officers for rapid deployment.
- More information: https://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis/ccis/documents/CCI_241.01.pdf

Positive COVID test: report to Medical Affairs through Corps Care at PHSCorpsCare@hhs.gov

There is paperwork required for international travel, both pre and post-travel.

Update CCLMS profile - click the link from email, select that you are an optometrist.

End of 2022 operation year is November - requesting nominations for OPAG Voting Members, Chair Elect, and Secretary via email.

Uniforms

- PTU Update - required by 12/31/2021
- ODU phase out, replaced by new Coast Guard Utility Uniform (CGU) by 2/1/2023

Free continuing education provided by clinics that accept referrals is now being considered a kick-back. This applies to all optometrists in all modes of practice.

AMSUS meeting will be in person; now accepting poster abstracts through October 15, 2022; also accepting lecture presentation requests from PHS; Meeting Feb 13-16, 2023 in National Harbor, Maryland.

Meeting adjourned - next meeting October 6 at 3pm MST.