

OPAG Minutes 04/04/2018

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
- CDR Robert Kesead
- CDR Craig Rennard
- CDR Patrick Britton
- LT Jill Thompson
- LT Albert Licup

Absent:

- LCDR Laura Alexander
- CDR Nima Desai

Liaisons/Co-Chairs

CDR Sarah Stienbarger

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from 02/07/18:

1st Motion: CDR Patrick Britton

2nd Motion: CDR Robert Kesead

All in favor; Minutes approved.

Subcommittee Chair Reports

1. **Administrative Management:** CDR Christopher Cordes
No report.
2. **Awards:** CRD Robert Chelberg for LCDR Laura Alexander
All awards have been approved and will be awarded in Fullerton or Dallas at the Symposium.
3. **Communications:** LT Jill Thompson/LT Emily Mathiak
No report.
4. **Data & Evaluations:** LT Albert Licup
Currently on hold and awaiting direction via the HS PAC subcommittee.
5. **Policy:** CDR Craig Rennard

Thanks to everyone for getting their SOP's completed and returned. We were one of the 2 PAG's who met the deadline for the SOP's to be submitted.

6. **Recruitment (Ad Hoc):** CDR Sarah Stienbarger
MG (Oklahoma) completed BOTC in February and DS (Alaska) going in April. WT & AT are still working through the final application process. KG is also awaiting final approval. These individuals are all currently working in CS IHS positions so won't be filling any vacancies. Large number of IHS scholarship recipients are graduating this year but needing to clarify the number with Dawn. This could make a big difference in the number of vacancies and affect placement. According to USA Jobs site, currently have about 10 openings but not the most accurate or current. Estimated to have about 15 openings at this time. Dawn Clary typically has the most current list. After advertising with the schools, the most interest was received from SCO. There were about 10 individuals that were interested and have emailed them but no responses received.
7. **Stakeholder & Community Engagement:** CDR Patrick Britton
Will do some research regarding recent externship numbers to provide as data at COA.
8. **Technical Readiness:** CDR Robert Kesead/CAPT Larry Zobel
Working with HS PAC to provide discipline specific deployment roles. Wanting us to define what we can and can't do. They will be sending a survey to everyone on a technical readiness team asking specifics on what they can and can't do clinically and administratively on deployments.
9. **Training, Education & Mentorship:** CDR Nima Desai
No report.

Liaison Reports

Chief Clinical Consultant: CAPT Dawn Clary
No report.

AFOS: CDR Christopher Cordes

JVN: CAPT Chris Nield
To be removed from regular meeting agenda and included in EOY report.

Discussion Topics

Symposium is coming up soon. OPAG has had representation the last 4-5 years. CDR Robert Chelberg and CDR Gregory Smith will be attending this year. HS PAC appreciates OPAG's participation.

Dates to be aware of:

USPHS/COA Symposium June 4-7, 2018 in Dallas

IHS Biennial Eye Care Meeting June 4-7 – Fullerton

If anyone is looking to get involved, AFOS is needing support on several committees. Let CDR Cordes know if interested.

Meeting adjourned

Upcoming OPAG meetings

June 13, 2018 (2nd Wednesday)

August 1, 2018

October 3, 2018

December 5, 2018

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 June 13, 2018 OPAG meeting: 1(877)267-1577

Meeting number 997 766 352