MINUTES
Oklahoma Dental Political Action Committee (DENPAC)
Board Meeting

April 27, 2019
10:30 a.m.

DENPAC met on Saturday, April 27, 2019, in the Woodward Room of the DoubleTree Hotel, downtown Tulsa. Dr. Juan Lopez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m. Proper notice had been given and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as submitted.

REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

Chair’s Report
Dr. Lopez announced that his report is primarily his written report to the House of Delegates. He also congratulated the Eastern District for winning this year’s Khouri Cup for the highest percentage of DENPAC members in 2018 at 18.5%.

Treasurer’s Report
Dr. Dan Wilguess reported the following totals for the DENPAC account (as of April 1, 2019):
- Hard 1: $8,907
- Hard 2: $14,245
- Soft: $8,803
- Total: $31,955 ($68,554 this same time last year)

Governmental Affairs / Legislative Update
Dr. Lindsay Smith and Scott Adkins provided a brief legislative update:
- SB 948 has passed the House and Senate, but with the title off, so it has been assigned to a Conference Committee.
- HB 1157 has passed the House and Senate and will now go to the Governor for his signature.
- Managed care will likely be a big issue during the 2020 legislative session.
- Mr. Adkins wants to give away DENPAC checks this year in small groups over coffee or lunch at the ODA.
- Dr. Glenn Mead asked that DENPAC not participate in primaries anymore.

ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day
Dr. Shannon Griffin reported that the ADA Dentist Student Lobby Day was very successful and attended by Drs. Matt and Raymond Cohlmia and Shannon Griffin; OUCOD students Amber Bewley, Gabriel Duffy, Ashley Long, Samirah
Mohamad, Kaylee Speer and Mary Temple-Goins; and Lynn Means, ODA Executive Director. Three ADA issues were lobbied: S560/HR1379 the Ensuring Lasting Smiles (ELSA) Act, the Student Loan Programs and Higher Education Act, and S350/HR1418 the McCarran-Ferguson Repeal for Health Insurance Act.

The Board discussed the bad timing of the conference, and the fact that the legislators won't be in session again in 2020 because of the Easter recess.

Dr. Tim Fagan made a motion and Dr. Krista Jones seconded to only send the DENPAC Chair, ODA President and ODA Executive Director to the conference in 2020. The motion carried.

Membership Report
The Board reviewed the list of 2018 and 2019 DENPAC, OKCapitol Club, and DENPAC GRAND members. There were 196 DENPAC members, 97 OKCapitol Club members, and 14 GRAND Members in 2018. As of April 22, 2019, there were 163 DENPAC members, 71 OKCapitol Club members, and 9 GRAND members for 2019. During the 2019 House of Delegates meeting, 11 ODA members either joined DENPAC or paid more to join OKCapitolClub or GRAND. A total of $5,810 was collected.

2018 Wine Tasting Fundraiser
Dr. Lopez thanked Dr. Robie Herman for hosting the DENPAC winetasting at his home on September 15, 2018 in Tulsa. 32 people attended. Total expenses were $2,832.75 and total income was $7,750, for a net of $4,917.25.

ODA Action Team Leaders
The Board reviewed the current list of ODA Action Team Leaders. Staff was directed to send a list of ODA members and their legislative districts to the Board members so they can call people to recruit.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan
The Board reviewed the 2018-2021 ODA Strategic Plan which includes goals for DENPAC:

Objective 4: Increase DENPAC/ADPAC participation by 18% and contribution funds by 15% yearly
  4.1 Develop a fundraising and participation plan in collaboration with the ADA through the Partnership for Growth Program
    • Create new co-branded graphic designs and content
    • Implement plan activities with ADA support
    • Provide training for both Action Team and staff for peer-to-peer solicitations
    • Evaluate fundraising program on a regular basis
    • Secure motivational and informational speakers on relevant PAC topics
    • Require DENPAC Board members to recruit 10 new DENPAC members annually

The Board discussed the following membership recruitment ideas:
  • Produce a post-session video touting the ODA’s legislative successes and encourage DENPAC membership.
  • Send the Board a list of all ODA members who are not DENPAC members and each member responsible for recruiting 10 new members.

Golf Tournament and Wine Tasting
It was determined that Dr. Krista Jones would host a wine tasting and, if possible, a golf tournament will be scheduled at Karsten Creek.

Reduced Dues for First Five Years
Dr. Shannon Griffin made a motion and Dr. Doug Auld seconded to continue the reduced DENPAC dues of $85 and $385 (OKCapitol Club) for ODA membership categories A, B, C and D for 2020. The motion carried.

Contract Lobbyist’s Fee
Dr. Tim Fagan made a motion and Dr. Matt Cohlmia seconded to allocate $8,334 of soft DENPAC funds to pay for two months of the ODA Contract Lobbyist’s fee for 2020. The motion carried.
Credit Card Reimbursement
Dr. Dan Wilguess made a motion and Dr. Shannon Griffin seconded that DENPAC will reimburse the ODA, in December of the dues year, 2% of the DENPAC dues paid in full, as one transaction, by each of its members who paid by credit card. The motion carried.

Election of Board Members / Executive Committee
According to the DENPAC Bylaws, the Immediate Past President of the ODA serves as the Chair of the DENPAC Board. Dr. Shannon Griffin will serve as the 2019-2020 Chair. Dr. Lindsay Smith, Chair of the ODA Council on Governmental Affairs, and Dr. Dan Wilguess, ODA President, will also serve as ex-officio members of the DENPAC Board.

Dr. Tim Fagan made a motion and Dr. Matt Cohlmia seconded to elect Dr. Rieger Wood as DENPAC Vice Chair/Fundraising Chair. The motion carried.

Dr. Shannon Griffin made a motion and Dr. Steve Mayer seconded to elect Dr. Dan Wilguess as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion carried.

Dr. Krista Jones made a motion and Dr. Doug Auld seconded to re-elect all sitting Board members. The motion carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS
Dr. Tamara Berg made a motion and Dr. Tim Fagan seconded to switch the times of the April 18, 2020 DENPAC Board and Executive Committee Meetings. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS
• The DENPAC Board of Directors voted, via email in November 2019, and approved the following contributions totaling $14,000:
  House
  Rep. Emily Virgin $500
  Rep. Melissa Provenzano $500
  Rep. Cyndi Munson $500
  Rep. Mickey Dollens $500
  Rep. Tammy Townley $500
  Rep. Jason Dunnington $500
  Rep. Robert Manger $500
  Rep. Rande Worthen $1000
  Rep. Ryan Martinez $1000
  Senate
  Sen. Carrie Hicks $1000
  Sen. Julie Kirt $1000
  Sen. Adam Pugh $1000
  Sen. Roger Thompson $1000
  Sen. Greg McCortney $1000
  Sen. Michael Bergstrom $1000
  Attorney General Mike Hunter $2500

• The DENPAC Board of Directors voted, via email in November 2019, and approved the following slate of ADA Action Team Leaders for 2020:
  Kevin Hern – 1st District  Dr. Lindsay Smith
  Markwayne Mullin – 2nd District  Dr. Doug Auld
  Frank Lucas – 3rd District  Dr. Tamara Berg
  Tom Cole – 4th District  Dr. Juan Lopez
  Kendra Horn – 5th District  Dr. Matt Cohlmia
  Senator James Lankford  Dr. Krista Jones
  Senator James Inhofe  Dr. Rieger Wood