

PASC Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2021

Call to order

President Bobbi Manges called the meeting to order at 9:15am on October 7, 2020. This was a virtual meeting in person and via Zoom.

Attendance

Tami Boylan, Renee Cunningham, Bridget Dennison, Joyce Hardman, Judy Holden, Rachel Kiwak, Becky Klepadlo, Lisa Krout, Pat MacKenzie, Bobbi Manges, Toni Mathis, Tammy Miller, Anita O'Connor, Rose Pennavaria, Bill Pierce, Rose Richardson, Linda Thompson, Melissa Weigle. Roy Afflerbach and Hank Annoni also attended.

Welcome and Announcements

Lisa K. brought ground hog cookies in honor of PASCatawney Pat.

Minutes

Anita O'Connor motioned; Becky Klepadlo seconded. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Anita is serving as interim treasurer. She is working with Mike Dunn to receive the banking files and forms. Need to sign new signature cards at the bank. The accountant has filed for an extension of our tax forms. Anita will submit reports at the next Board Meeting.

Anita's report is attached.

NISC Report

Rose reported that there is a meeting at 2pm today. She will have a report for the next PASC Board meeting in January.

President's Report

Bobbi shared a spreadsheet listing term dates for Board Members. She asked the officers if they would like to continue in their role. Joyce Hardman will step down as Secretary. Bobbi will get in touch with Kim Rollinson.

Linda shared that her agency extended current terms till the pandemic is over. Terms were extended by one year.

Bridget and Tammy said that it feels like we've lost one year of a two-year term already. Tammy stated that there should be a plan for succession. The vice president should be prepared to step into the President's role, when the term ends. Renee offered to draft an amendment to the PASC By-Laws.

If everyone who's term expires this year would leave the Board, some committees would lose half their committee. Tammy said that Committee chairs should also have someone in line to step into the chairperson's role.

Bill suggesting extending the terms till 2023, that is less than two years away at this point.

Melissa suggested emailing a list of open positions. Anyone interested can respond by email; it is less intimidating.

Amendment to the PASC Bylaws

This amendment was prepared by Renee Cunningham.

On this date, October 7, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Senior Centers (PASC) hereby amends its Bylaws to provide that, in an emergency declared by the Board, the Board as the power to extend the term limits of both Board members and officers for a stated time.

Furthermore, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the operations of senior centers across the Commonwealth, the Board of Directors declares such an emergency. As such it was moved, properly seconded and unanimously approved that PASC will suspend the term limits of its current Board members and officers.

As such, those officers and members whose terms end in December 2021 will have their terms extended to December 2023. If any members or officers wish to end their term at its natural end date in December 2021, those positions will be appointed/elected according to the Bylaws.

Tami Boylan motioned to approve the amendment, Bridget Dennison seconded. The motion to extend Board terms was approved unanimously. All terms will be adjusted to end December 2023.

Advocacy Report

Roy shared status on several House bills. No movement on the CARS program.

AAA's are in constant discussion. His understanding is that AAA's make decisions for openings and masking rules.

Bill asked if there was any movement from the state to allow centers to mandate vaccinations for at least staff and volunteers. Roy said that senior centers cannot mandate vaccinations for clients. It would violate Medicaid and federal funding rules to deny services to anyone.

Is there a clarification for "congregate settings in a health care field" Does that include Senior Centers? Melissa shared that her center recently mandated vaccinations or negative test. It has been overwhelmingly successful. Bill added that in his area more seniors want a vaccine mandate than not. Many seniors won't return to center activities.

Becky asked if there is a staffing issue at the state level, because many seniors have not received their rent rebate, yet. Roy replied that there is a staffing issue.

Linda asked if the \$2 million for senior center grants will be distributed like last year and will it include satellite sites? Roy shared that as of yesterday, he is not sure if centers that have been closed and remain closed will receive grant money. Lisa K. added that BJ will be doing a PASC presents about the grant process for the coming year.

Roy's complete report is included.

Regional Reports

NE- welcomed Rachel Kiwak. Rachel will join the Conference Committee. Becky has 3 sponsors for next year's conference.

NW- no report

SE- Pat Mac. shared that they have held virtual happy hours. They are working on a survey to send out. Tammy suggested that they send it out to everyone.

SW- hosting a virtual event on November 9 on gratitude; Roy will also present a legislative update.

Central- no report.

Committee Reports

Legislative- will be meeting later this morning via Zoom. Renee shared that AAA's are required to hold a public meeting for budget. You are allowed to attend and comment with requests or positive comments.

Membership- met via zoom Oct. 4. Currently \$3,050 in dues have been received. Judy will continue to process dues and will send out reminders in November for outstanding dues. Tammy asked for a list of PASC members; some refunds will have to be made for the conference registration.

Public Relations- met via zoom Oct. 1. Need to continue to find a way to drive people to the website. Keep in mind to send the link to the website to complete membership form online. Melissa asked if it was redundant to have both Facebook and a website. Tammy explained that you almost have to have both. A new goal for the committee is to work on personal growth podcasts.

Renee has talked with Penn State to inquire about revising the certificate program. She would like to include APD information. It would cost \$38,000 for 32 hours. Roy will put together a summary of the program and cost and have a conversation with P4A.

Becky asked if we could record PASC Present programs and put them on the website. Bobbi said they would be deleted after a time.

IMPORTANT: the new password for the members only section of the PASC Pulse website is: Sammy.

Professional Development- Thanks to Tammy and Judy for all their help to get the conference registration and membership form online. There will be a PASC Presents program on October 29 at 2pm. It will be an overview of PASC and the basket raffle winners will be drawn. The committee is planning an in person conference for April 13,14 at the Penn Stater in State College. Bobbi will prepare a PASC Presents flyer with all scheduled programs.

Discussion

Food Service- York county is having a few issues with food service. They don't seem to be following the menu that they provide. Bobbi shared that Mom's meals seem to be following the requirements. Everyone is having staffing issues, but most are following the menu.

Old Business

Statregic Plan- Renee, Anita, and Tammy offered to lead strategic planning. Bobbi suggested planning for April 12, 2022. It is the day before the spring conference. They will begin at 9am and work till finished.

New Business

2022 Meeting Dates- Jan 19,20

April 12 (day before the conference April 13,14)

June 8,9 (in Phila. area)

October 4 (before the conference October 5,6)

Note for 2023: would like to have the June meeting in Hershey at Melissa's new center.

Adjournment

Judy motioned; Lisa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Hardman
PASC Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

1. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Acting Treasurer
2. The Officers, Bridget, and I have been working with Mike Dunn to get all the Treasurer's records from him so that I can assume the role.
 - a. As soon as we do, we will get signature cards completed, which will allow me to sign checks and pay bills.
 - b. If you have unpaid bills to submit, please feel free to give them to me, I will handle them immediately, that is, as soon as I have access to the checking account.
 - c. I will email everyone my home address so that you can forward bills to me.
3. Our accountant has already filed with the IRS for an extension, so our income tax return will be filed within the allowable timeframe.
4. I will submit an amended report at our next Board meeting, along with the then-current report. It will contain the activities of this past quarter, that is, for the period from July 2021 to October 2021.
5. Thank you, that's all I can report at this time.

Harrisburg Notes

As stated in my July report, the Legislature has passed a \$40.8 Billion budget including the annual \$2 million line for senior centers, although the Department has not decided how to release the funds. As also noted, the Department of Aging received approximately \$59 million in additional Older Americans Act (OAA) funds. It has notified the AAAs of how much each will receive, although the funds have yet to be released. For eighteen AAAs the funds are intended to offset loss suffered under the implementation of a new Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF).

Since returning for the Fall session, the Legislature has passed or begun to place in position for passage legislation of importance to seniors. The most important piece was HB 1861 (now Act 73) which extended the pandemic health and human services emergency waivers through March 31, 2022. These waivers are needed to continue to access federal emergency funds and to utilize them with flexibility.

In addition to Act 73, HB1774 (now Act 72) the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions program was extended to December 31, 2028. It was to expire June 30, 2022.

The House has placed into position for passage:

HB 291 Extending the PACE/PACENET COLA moratorium to Dec 31, 2023 has been passed and sent to the Senate.

HB1260 Expanding PACENET eligibility and removing the "claw back" provision associated with PACENET recipients not enrolled in Medicare Part D is on the House Calendar.

Interestingly, the Senate previously passed similar bills (SB323 and SB668) which the House could consider and send to the Governor. It appears we are witnessing a pride of authorship battle.

When the Senate returns to session the week of October 18th it is in position to pass and send to the Governor HB1802 establishing an education program for medical professionals to encourage early detection of Alzheimer's and related conditions.

Representative Hennessey's HB1681 amending the Older Adult Protective Services Act is expected to be considered before next spring, whether or not Senator Muench reintroduces his version.

Also on the House horizon are guardianship bills providing for an increased Medicaid reimbursement rate from \$100/mo to \$300/mo, with CMS approval, and requiring background checks for guardians.

On the good news side of the ledger, the House Appropriations Committee reported revenue collections through September 30th General Fund revenues are \$628.3 million (7.3%) above estimate for the year, with only three months of the fiscal year completed. If this trend continues for the remaining nine months of the fiscal year it may help to relieve the pressure on Lottery funds.

The Department of Human Services has extended to November 2nd the date for response to the formal protests to the DHS decision to open negotiations with MAXIMUS to assume the clinical assessment function now performed by AAAs. P4a leadership is very grateful of PASC support to have clinical assessments remain with the AAA and TAG is urging legislators to increase pressure upon DHS and the Governor to withdraw from further negotiations with Maximus.

On September 7th Secretary Torres announced the long-awaited proposed regulations to implement the CARS Act (Act 2014-166) would be issued later that month. We are awaiting publication.

WDC Notes

There is unfortunately little to report from Washington. The most important accomplishment to date was to approve a continuing resolution extending the budget and revenue authority of Fiscal year 2021 through December 3rd. (Fiscal year 2022 began on October 1st without a budget.)

As you know from commercial news reports, the Federal debt ceiling allowing the government to borrow money to pay for existing deficits expired on July 31st and has not been reenacted. The Treasury reported during the past week it will be out of funds by October 18th unless the debt ceiling legislation is passed before then. We expect a few more days of haggling over this.

The \$1.2 Trillion bi-partisan hard infrastructure act approved by the Senate and the proposed \$3.5 Trillion human services infrastructure act to accompany it are stalled. Both will eventually pass but the \$3.5 Trillion proposal is expected to be trimmed back substantially. (Senate Democrats reach \$3.5 trillion budget deal. - The Washington Post) This is the proposal that includes \$400 Billion for Home and Community Based Services and \$1.9 Billion in targeted Older Americans Act funds. Tag is working with the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations* in Washington to retain these funding increases.

Finally, as COVID remains with us, we can expect to see more uncertainty of how community senior centers and other congregate settings will be permitted to operate moving forward. The most important element of success will be engagement with local and state officials. CDC will continue to issue guidelines but it will be local and state officials that will interpret and enforce those guidelines. TAG remains ready to assist where and when possible.

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*Presently comprised of sixty-seven national non-profit organizations including n4a, AARP, and the National Council on Aging (NCOA), since 1980 the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCOA) has been the country's preeminent coalition representing older Americans.

PASC SW Regional Meeting

9-23-2021 AND 9-29-2021

In Attendance: Vicki Burgess, Bobbi Manges, Judy Holden, Bridgett Dennison

- Two meetings were held this month as we experienced some technical difficulties during the 9/23 meeting.
- The group began planning a virtual regional meeting scheduled for November 9, 2021. This meeting will be from 1-3 in the afternoon (best time for members with limited staffing to attend).
- We will host a guest speaker to discuss Practicing Gratitude, Roy with a State of the Union update, and open discussion time for all to share what their centers are looking like at this time.
- We are planning on charging \$15 to register for the meeting and will raffle off a basket.
- We are also considering free holiday mixer in December for all interested members. Something a little more laid back just to network and check in with everyone.

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COMMITTEE REPORT FOR: PR COMMITTEE **DATE:** 10/1/2021

Committee Members Present

Tammy Miller, Rose Penavarria
Chair

Anita O'Connor Melissa Weigle

Linda Thompson

Tasks to be completed:

Action item	Due date	Who is responsible
Review with PASC Board – Creation of Networking-based program – quarterly; topics such as fitness trends, fundraising; hosted by a member of the PR committee; free for members; \$20 for non-members; Discussion Outline: How did you come up with the idea? How did you pay for it? How did you recruit a facilitator/instructor? How is it sustainable?	10/7/2021	Committee
Sessions recorded for placement on the Members Page		
Introduce concept of Aging Leadership Institute (ALI) Higher level personal leadership program Create discussion around podcasts, book club, etc. i.e. "Dare to Lead" podcast/book	Kick-off 2022	Collaboration with Conference and PR Committees

Long-term goals

Goals	Due date	Progress
Create programs which create membership value	2022	
Create value for sponsorships	2022	

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COMMITTEE REPORT FOR: MEMBERSHIP DATE: 10/4/21

Committee Members Present

Judy Holden,
Susan McIntyre,
Toni Mathis

Tasks to be completed:

Action item	Due date	Who is responsible
Dues deposited to date - \$3050.00		
Continue to process 2022 dues	Open	Judy
Provide to Joyce a list of new and renewal for basket drawing	10/28/21	Judy
Send out notices to those who have not paid dues	11/21	Judy
Toni and Sue will help to complete (center email, center name, phone #) sr. center info list received from Lisa and B.J.	Open	All

Long-term goals

Goals	Due date	Progress
Work with Conference Committee and Regions to develop flyers, etc for emailing to members/regions	Open	
Add region to the membership card	9/22	
Visit sr. centers when traveling to introduce PASC	Open	

Accomplishments

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Bobbi	Bobbi	Bobbi	Bobbi	Bobbi	Bobbi	Bobbi	Bobbi	Bobbi	Bobbi
Bridget D.	Bridget D.	Bridget D.	Bridget D.	Bridget D.	Bridget D.	Bridget D.	Bridget D.	Bridget D.	Bridget D.
Joyce	Joyce	Joyce	Joyce	Joyce	Joyce	Joyce	Joyce	Joyce	Joyce
Judy H.	Judy H.	Judy H.	Judy H.	Judy H.	Judy H.	Judy H.	Judy H.	Judy H.	Judy H.
Lisa K.	Lisa K.	Lisa K.	Lisa K.	Lisa K.	Lisa K.	Lisa K.	Lisa K.	Lisa K.	Lisa K.
Tammy M.	Tammy M.	Tammy M.	Tammy M.	Tammy M.	Tammy M.	Tammy M.	Tammy M.	Tammy M.	Tammy M.
Bill P.	Bill P.	Bill P.	Bill P.	Bill P.	Bill P.	Bill P.	Bill P.	Bill P.	Bill P.
Kim	Kim	Kim	Kim	Kim	Kim	Kim	Kim	Kim	Kim
Linda T.	Linda T.	Linda T.	Linda T.	Linda T.	Linda T.	Linda T.	Linda T.	Linda T.	Linda T.
Lisa P.	Lisa P.	Lisa P.	Lisa P.	Lisa P.	Lisa P.	Lisa P.	Lisa P.	Lisa P.	Lisa P.
Pat Mac	Pat Mac	Pat Mac	Pat Mac	Pat Mac	Pat Mac	Pat Mac	Pat Mac	Pat Mac	Pat Mac
Samella H.	Samella H.	Samella H.	Samella H.	Samella H.	Samella H.	Samella H.	Samella H.	Samella H.	Samella H.
Sue M.	Sue M.	Sue M.	Sue M.	Sue M.	Sue M.	Sue M.	Sue M.	Sue M.	Sue M.
Toni M.	Toni M.	Toni M.	Toni M.	Toni M.	Toni M.	Toni M.	Toni M.	Toni M.	Toni M.
Rose R.	Rose R.	Rose R.	Rose R.	Rose R.	Rose R.	Rose R.	Rose R.	Rose R.	Rose R.
Vickie B.	Vickie B.	Vickie B.	Vickie B.	Vickie B.	Vickie B.	Vickie B.	Vickie B.	Vickie B.	Vickie B.
Becky K.	Becky K.	Becky K.	Becky K.	Becky K.	Becky K.	Becky K.	Becky K.	Becky K.	Becky K.
Michelle H.	Michelle H.	Michelle H.	Michelle H.	Michelle H.	Michelle H.	Michelle H.	Michelle H.	Michelle H.	Michelle H.
Rose P.	Rose P.	Rose P.	Rose P.	Rose P.	Rose P.	Rose P.	Rose P.	Rose P.	Rose P.
Tami B.	Tami B.	Tami B.	Tami B.	Tami B.	Tami B.	Tami B.	Tami B.	Tami B.	Tami B.
Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa
Erica	Erica	Erica	Erica	Erica	Erica	Erica	Erica	Erica	Erica
Rachel	Rachel	Rachel	Rachel	Rachel	Rachel	Rachel	Rachel	Rachel	Rachel

*All forms in 2020-2021
 applying on 10/15/2021
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