

**PA History Society  
Finance Committee  
Conference Call Minutes  
October 16, 2023**

*Committee Members Participating:*

Bill Kohlhepp, DHSc, PA-C, DFAAPA, *Committee Chair*  
Robin Hunter-Buskey, DHSc, CPHP, CCHP, CDCES, PA-C, Captain USPHS  
Robert Smith, PA-C, MS, DHSc, DFAAPA, *President Elect*  
Rich Vause, Jr., DHSc, MPAS, PA-C  
Steve Wilson, PA-C, *President*

*Staff Participating:* Lori Konopka-Sauer, *Managing Director*

Finance Committee Chair Bill Kohlhepp called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m. and welcomed everyone to the call.

Chair Kohlhepp shared the recent news about the health and financial struggles by Ken Ferrell (one of the original three PAs). Treasurer Kohlhepp confirmed that the Executive Committee had also discussed Mr. Ferrell's current health and financial concerns. Managing Director Konopka-Sauer shared that she had asked Dr. Reginald Carter to personally speak with Ken Ferrell about his situation - which he did - to confirm the financial difficulties. She also spoke with NCCPA CEO Dawn Morton-Rias to confirm that legally the PAHx as a 501c3 could donate money to an individual. Trustee Hunter-Buskey suggested that the Executive Committee encourage each Trustee to contribute to the GoFundMe account that John Bielinski had posted on FaceBook. As the last living PAs from the original three PAs, the Finance Committee members were in favor of the PA History Society donating \$500 to help with his financial matters. They participated in a lengthy discussion regarding setting a precedence in providing financial assistance to an individual. The committee members agreed to make a recommendation to the PAHx Board during the November board meeting in support of sending a one-time check to Ken Ferrell for \$500.

Treasurer Kohlhepp asked Managing Director Konopka-Sauer to review the 2024 draft budget and 2023 year-end projections. During this overview the committee members engaged in a thorough discussion about the funding for projects that could arise next year that are not part of the Strategic Plan. Trustee Vause and President Wilson mentioned AAPA's efforts to engage pre-PA programs and the types of involvement that the PA History Society could participate in to promote the history of the profession to these students. Trustee Hunter-Buskey added that the pre-PAs are the fastest growing groups within the AAPA, and that the Academy was currently trying to corral the various efforts of these groups into one entity to represent the entire pre-PA population. President-Elect Smith inquired about funding for future projects next year to take the Society to the next level. Chair Kohlhepp noted that the 2024 budget reflects the funding for the Board approved "next big project" of re-designing and updating the Educational Learning Modules in 2024. President Wilson suggested that during the April Board workshop sessions that Trustees bring their new ideas with estimated project costs for the Board to discuss. Trustee Hunter-Buskey encouraged future Board discussions about new projects for the Society to develop. She added that specific projects need to be identified before a budget can be developed for future new proposals. Trustee Vause inquired if the 2024 budget includes the funds for the new Society's new board weekend schedule of having some Trustees arrive on Friday. Ms.

Konopka-Sauer confirmed that these additional hotel nights and meeting space had been budgeted for in 2024.

Chair Kohlhepp recommended that the “Marketing” line title on the PAHx Statement of Activities be changed to “Program Initiatives” and that Educational Learning Modules be added to the description with book advertising, conferences, Stead Center, etc.).

Treasurer Kohlhepp asked the committee members if they would like to share the estimated 2023 year-end projections during the Finance presentation at the November Board meeting. The committee members agreed that the projections were better suited for internal committee work and discussions. Other conversations included Trustee Vause’s inquiry about the Society’s budget keeping up with the 7% inflation each year and the use of color coding the numbers on the Statement of Activities to correspond with budget increases, decreases and line items that remain the same on the “explanatory notes”. Trustee Smith mentioned that he would like to increase the Society’s annual revenue and suggested reaching out to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation or other similar organizations. Treasurer Kohlhepp reminded committee members that the NCCPA has mandated a no fundraising policies for its two supporting organizations and when an unbudgeted or new project arises, that the PAHx Trustees ask the NCCPA Board of Directors for additional funding if necessary.

President Wilson said that he would draft an outline to engage the members of each Board committee to create a list of future PAHx programs and projects.

**Closing Comments**

With no further business, Chair Kohlhepp adjourned the meeting at 8:35p.m.

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