

PTA Educators Special Interest Group of the Education Section

Meeting at PT '03, June 21, 2003

Attendance: W. Bircher, A. Dittmar, T. Hester (Chair of the PTA Educators SIG), I Larson, P. Lescher, E. Repetto, J. Shelts, J. Smith (Secretary), T. Sternheimer, L. Zuber

1. President's report

- a. The committee (Suzanne Brown, Peggy Newman, & Sharon Yap) prepared and submitted the SIG's mission statement.
 - i. MOTION by Sternheimer that the Physical Therapist Assistant Educators – Special Interest Group (PTAE–SIG) fosters the development of faculty and resources necessary to support quality physical therapist assistant education, and advocates for the continued role of the physical therapist assistant in providing patient/client care.
 1. SECOND by Dittmar
 2. APPROVED unanimously
- b. Request for recommendations on what resources the SIG can provide to its members, continuing education (related to PTA education) that is desired, and goals that the SIG should accomplish over the next 2 years.
 - i. CHARGE to a Committee to gather member feedback through a survey based on the SIG's web site. Volunteers for this committee are T. Sternheimer and A. Dittmar.
- c. Discussed the licensure exam and dialogue between the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Examiners (FSBPTE) and the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) on the threshold for passing.
 - i. The FSBPTE's web site provides information at <http://www.fsbpt.org/>.
- d. Request that recommendations for CSM / SIG programming be submitted to Barbara Bradford at bbradford@bscc.cc.al.us or 251-405-4441.
- e. Announcement: the Department of Accreditation will continue its series of presentations addressing evaluative criteria that have an increased incidence of deficiency. At CSM it is anticipated that they will present on faculty development.
- f. J. Smith has been elected as the SIG's secretary. T. Hester will provide him with the SIG's files.

2. Old Business

- a. None.

3. New Business

- a. Request for volunteers to present at CSM and at the clinical educators conference.
 - i. Discussion on the benefits of generational differences in learning and learning styles. Recommendation received to nominate Peggy Gleeson (Texas Women's University), who has presented successfully on this topic in the past.

- b. Request to clarify with the Education Section on the renewal of faculty development workshops.
- c. Congratulations to Linda Blumenstark Scheuer, PT, 2003 recipient of the APTA's *FA Davis Outstanding PTA Educator Award*.
- d. Recommendation that it is time to begin nominations for awards in 2004. Honors and Awards Program information is available at http://www.apta.org/governance/honors_awards_program .
 - i. Consider your colleagues when you look at the Signe Brunnström Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching, Margaret L Moore Award for Outstanding New Academic Faculty Member, FA Davis Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator, Minority Initiatives Award, Minority Achievement Award, Mary McMillan Scholarship Award and the awards for service.

A. Dittmar and P. Lescher volunteered to review and correct the meeting minutes prior to the posting of the minutes on the SIG's web page.

Recorder: J. Smith