

**Physical Therapist Assistant Educators
Special Interest Group of the Education Section of the APTA**

Meeting, February 24, 2005

New Orleans, LA (during the APTA's Combined Sections Meeting)

1. Tom Hester, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Report from the Chair, Tom Hester:
 - a. The Chair has participated in meetings with the Section's Board of Directors and reported that the Section has amended its policy and any member of the Section will automatically be considered a member of the four Special Interest Groups (SIGs).
 - b. Announced a forum scheduled for this conference, on Saturday, February 26, for discussion on "The Evaluative Criteria That Address the Relationship Between Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants".
 - c. Recognized the attendance of MaryJane Harris from the APTA's Department of Accreditation. Members had no questions for Ms. Harris.
 - d. Discussed a survey completed by the Academic Faculty SIG and the benefit of completing a similar survey of PTA educators re: teaching content areas. A list was circulated.
 - e. Recognized Janet Crosier from the APTA's Department of Education, who presented:
 - i. Information and brochures promoting the APTA's "Recognition of Advanced Proficiency for the Physical Therapist Assistant". More information is available at <http://www.apta.org/Education/ptarecognition>
 - ii. Information on the "PTA Resource Page" which is now available on the APTA's web site at http://www.apta.org/Education/PTA_resource
 - iii. Announced that the "Normative Model of PTA Education" is under revision with the goal of collecting feedback from the community this year and having it available for distribution at CSM '06.
 - f. Recognized Jody Cormack, Vice President of the Section, who welcomed input from SIG members. Discussions:
 - i. CSM scheduling, including the period of overlap between the Academic Administrator and PTA Educator SIGs.
 - ii. Strategies for reconciling the positions and/or expectations on the role/responsibilities of the PTA. While the positions and scope of responsibilities for the PTA that have been established by the APTA, FSBPT, CAPTE and various state licensing boards tend to agree, there are domains that appear to be in conflict.
 - g. Recognized Jody Gandy from the APTA's Department of Education, who presented:
 - i. The PT CPI is under revision, and as soon as that is complete revisions to the PTA CPI will be initiated.
 - ii. An APTA Task Force on Professionalism is developing an instructional model on core values, and as a component of that they will develop content and cases appropriate for the PTA.
3. Report from the Vice Chair, Barbara Bradford:
 - a. Reviewed the programs of interest to PTA Educators that will be offered at this conference.
 - b. Requested that programming requests for CSM 2006 be submitted to her at bbradford@bishop.edu
 - c. Discussed distance learning and the development of on-line and other hybrid options in educating PTAs. It was reported that when more than 25% of a curriculum is

- offered through an on-line format it is considered a substantive change that must be reported to CAPTE.
- d. Reported that a taxonomy for PTA behaviors is under development.
4. Report from the Secretary, Jim Smith
 - a. Meeting minutes will be posted on the PTA Educators SIG's web site http://www.aptaeducation.org/pta_educator_sig.htm
 - b. The PTA Educator SIG has a listserv that was used for strategic planning discussions. This may be a forum for discussion on reconciling the positions and/or expectations on the role of the PTA. Attendees desiring to be added to the listserv submitted e-mail addresses and additions to the listserv can be submitted to jsmith@nvcc.comnet.edu
 5. Report from the Nominating Committee, Tom Glumac and Becky McKnight
 - a. Accepted nominations for SIG Chair
 - i. Nominee: Peggy Newman
 - b. Accepted nominations for SIG Secretary
 - i. Nominee: Kitty Krieg
 - c. Accepted nominations for Nominating Committee
 - i. Nominee: Candy Bahner
 6. Announcements
 - a. A Faculty Development Workshop for New Faculty will be sponsored by the Section and offered this summer in Miami.
 - b. Tom Hester encouraged that PTA educators should be represented and contributing to Section activities. The following committees are soliciting members: Membership, Finance and Faculty Development. Elections will be held for the following Section offices: Secretary, Treasurer and Nominating Committee. If interested in serving in any of these positions please contact Tom at twhester@iccms.edu
 - c. Recognition of authors in attendance:
 - i. Peggy Newman, author of THE PTA HANDBOOK: KEYS TO SUCCESS IN SCHOOL AND CAREER FOR THE PTA (Slack)
 - ii. Becky McKnight, author of DOCUMENTATION BASICS FOR THE PTA (Slack)
 - iii. Lynn Lippert, author of CLINICAL KINESIOLOGY FOR PTAs (FA Davis) reported that next year the new edition will be published under a new name, but it will remain a PTA focused text
 7. Meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.

Recorder: Jim Smith
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The PTA Educators SIG has not reviewed and approved these minutes.