

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP FOR CLINICAL EDUCATION
BUSINESS MEETING - CINCINNATI
June 6, 2002

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Debbie Ingram called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- II. MINUTES: A summary of the minutes of the February 2002 meeting which was held in Boston was printed in the Section Bulletin. Minutes approved. The committee to review the minutes of this meeting includes Karen O'Loughlin and Nancy Peatman.
- III. INTRODUCTIONS: Debbie introduced Co-Chairs Debbie Ingram and Patty Trela (absent), Recording Secretary Norene Clouten, Membership Secretary Cheryl Bainbridge and Nominating Committee members Karen Paschal and Renee Stolove (absent). Debbie asked all who were attending for the first time to introduce themselves and state their affiliation, following which all present continued the introductions. The attendance sheet was signed by 38 persons.

IV. REPORTS

- A. CO-CHAIR. Debbie Ingram thanked all for their involvement in the SIG during her term of office. She reviewed the mission statement and goals that were established and noted the progress that has been made. Debbie referred to an editorial by Jules Rothstein in a recent issue of *Physical Therapy* in which clinicians and educators were challenged to promote clinical education research in order to obtain the evidence to make wise choices. Debbie further challenged all to seek answers to questions and to support each other in research projects.

The next annual conference (June 2003) is to be held in Washington DC. The aim of one educational session is to have one educator from every program in the US attend a workshop to address legislative issues in order to prepare faculty to become political advocates. There will be training sessions in the morning and visits to the Hill in the afternoon.

The Clinical Education SIG is developing a link to the Section for Education web site. Cori Odom is coordinating this effort.

- B. MEMBERSHIP. Cheryl Bainbridge reported a net gain of 35 members of the SIG. The membership list is maintained at the APTA and has been used for email messages from the SIG.
- C. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Karen Pascal reported the following election results:
 - Peggy Gleeson, ACCE Co Chair
 - Jenny Rodriguez, Membership Secretary
 - Teri Stumbo, Nominating Committee

- D. SIG PROGRAM COMMITTEE. Laurie Kontney and her committee have planned extensive programming for the Combined Sections Meeting in February 2003. The Preconference session will be a hybrid model focused on clinical decision-making involving the classroom and the clinic. Additional programming will include: review of qualitative vs. quantitative research methods; tale of 3 universities, infusing technology into education; scholarship of teaching and learning; intergenerational mentoring in the clinic; CAPTE presentation on PT scholarship; hooked on evidence panel; t-DPT update; use of portfolios.

Laurie has taken the position of Program Chair for the Section and Alicia Thiele who has been assisting Laurie on the Committee will become the SIG Program Chair. Laurie requested the name, email address and telephone number of any member willing to volunteer to review abstracts for CSM (must be available during the period of mid July through early August). The Section will no longer provide the option for abstracts not accepted as a platform to be reviewed as a poster.

- E. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. Jody Gandy reported on activities of the Department.
- CCCE Manual. This manual, originally developed by Patty Trela with the assistance of Cheryl Bainbridge has been edited and will be distributed by the APTA. It will be available in a downloadable version for members at no cost through the APTA web site within the next few weeks. Non-members may purchase the manual through the APTA resource center for a fee.
 - Two small consensus conferences are planned. The first, in July, will be on Professionalism and the other a conference to develop questions for a clinical research agenda.
 - Drs Joe Black and Jody Gandy will hold a forum at CSM on the transitional DPT.
 - The Clinical Education SIG Ad Hoc Committee has continued to work on the Physical Therapist Student Clinical Instructor Evaluation Form and is anticipating completion by the end of 2002.
 - Two RFPs have been awarded to investigate alternative models of clinical education.

Mary Knaab from MGH Institute for Health Professions was invited to address their project. MGH implemented a yearlong paid internship model seven years ago. At first 75% and now 95% of the students finish with this model. They will examine the model they currently have in place and look at potential improvements including the curriculum for an internship and the training needs of the clinical preceptors

Shari Rone-Adams from Nova Southeastern University spoke to their grant for a service learning self-contained model that will incorporate a long-term internship and compare the new model with the traditional model.

V. OLD BUSINESS

National Clinical Education Conference sponsored by the three Pennsylvania consortia will be held in Philadelphia April 3-6, 2003. Two pre-conference programs are being planned: 1) novice – expert; 2) conflict resolution. To bring a research component to this conference, posters will be presented.

The 2004 National Clinical Education Conference will be in St Louis, MO, October 3 and 4. This will be the 20-year anniversary of the first national clinical education conference and the 100-year anniversary of the World Fair in St Louis. The possibility of combining the Clinical Education Conference with the AASIG meeting was encouraged.

Discussion on the sponsorship of the national conferences followed. The AASIG meeting is sponsored by the SIG whereas in our model the consortia sponsor these meetings without a formal affiliation with APTA or the SIG. Sponsorship by consortia has become increasingly difficult because of financial logistical issues. In an attempt to resolve these problems, consortia are approaching state chapters or contracting with the APTA to help with the meeting planning and up-front expenses.

Motion by Sue Lindeblad: to explore the feasibility of models to bring the National Clinical Education Conference within the functions, goals and activities of the Clinical Education SIG, and if appropriate propose By-Law amendments at CSM 2003.

Support statement. There could be many ways to attain this or the recommendation may be to not pursue this. The models could include partnerships with consortia, sub-contracting with consortia and combining resources with other SIGs, to explore issues and concerns.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sue Lindeblad: to develop a mechanism for the Clinical Education SIG to have an ongoing process for maintaining, progressing and the dissemination of a research agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

Abstracts for annual conference are published in the journal. For CSM it is up to the sections to publish the abstracts. Elizabeth Mostrom, editor of JOPTE does not expect to be able to publish the abstracts in the short term because of budget constraints. It was suggested that the abstracts for CSM be available on the website.

Uniform mailing date. This was a decision made by the SIG membership. The question was asked of the membership if they were pleased with it and abiding by it. There was consensus from academic and clinical representatives present that clinicians support it. There was additional consensus by the members present that they were abiding by the dates. Concern was expressed that there are programs that

either ignore the dates or are unaware of this policy. This interferes with the effective and fair implementation of the policy. To attempt to alleviate this confusion, the uniform mailing date information can be found on the website.

First come/first served. Some have noted an increase in this type of offer. Clinical sites do not know the impact this has on the schools. They seem to be responding to the issue that they want students and have reserved slots and then have not always received students. In order to guarantee that their slots are filled, they offer the first come/first served option. Other issues that may be impacting on these decisions are lower numbers of students in the programs and that clinical experiences are increasing in length with the change to the DPT.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Debbie Ingram was thanked by all for her excellent service as Co-Chair of the SIG. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Norene Clouten
Recording Secretary