



**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Friday, February 8, 2008**  
**7:00-8:30 PM**  
Bayou A & B

### **MINUTES**

APTA Board of Directors Liaison to the Neurology Section, Dionne Jewel, welcomed members and encouraged interactions between our Section and the APTA Board. She described John Barnes' efforts to strategically plan for the entire APTA. Each member will receive an email with a link to a survey about how the organization can serve members more effectively.

Lisa Saladin, a Section member, is running for the APTA Board of Directors.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from CSM 2007 were approved.

Karen McCulloch

#### **Political Action Committee Representative**

Last year the PAC raised 950K in an off election year. The goal this year is to raise more than a million to support Congress members who advocate for physical therapy. Jeanine encouraged members to write letters related to repeal of the Medicare cap. The PAC has a goal to have all Section members attending CSM donate to the PAC. Last year participation was 28.5%. Members who have participated as donors were recognized.

Jeanine Gunn

#### **Membership Update**

Robbie described our membership growth over the past year and efforts to reach new members at student and PTA levels. She encourages everyone to join a Find a PT. The drawing for an iPod went to Bryn Malcolm.

Robbie O'Shea

#### **State of the Section**

Kathy reviewed the major accomplishments for 2008.

February – celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

March – JNPT transitioned to Lippincott

May – RC 26 passed in HOD "PTs are the practitioners of choice in the evaluation and treatment of vestibular-related balance disorder.

Oct – Educational Strategic Planning

Nov – Launched new website

December – Realized a 9% growth in membership

Kathy Sullivan

#### **Plan for restructuring the Board of Directors**

Kathy reviewed the issues related to proposed expansion of the Board. The proposed addition of Director of Communication, Director of Education, and Director of Research was presented.

Rationale: The work of the Section has been active and ongoing with one of the smallest Boards of similarly sized APTA Sections. Priorities developed through the Section Strategic Plan have been addressed, but not as fully as possible because of the limited size of Board leadership. This expanded Board will allow for additional priorities to be addressed in important areas that will improve service to Section members.

Kathy Sullivan

### **Financial implications of restructuring**

Edee Field-Fote

Edee described the primary expenses related to the Board expansion as travel expenses for CSM and the summer strategic planning meeting. These expenses will be largely covered by our increased membership dues approved last CSM and recent growth in membership.

### **Proposed Bylaws Change**

Sue Perry

Amendment to bylaws as distributed: The Program Chair shall be responsible for the Section's programming at CSM ~~and regional courses~~.

Rationale: Programming for CSM has become an extensive job. For this person to also be responsible for regional programming is not reasonable for a volunteer position. Appointment of a regional programming chair will allow for greater development in this area to serve the needs of our members.

Amendment was accepted.

A bylaws change previously proposed and circulated to the membership in advance of CSM requests a restructuring of the Board of Directors to include three new positions: Director of Communications, Director of Education and Director of Research. Since these positions are new and we are formulating roles and responsibilities, we request that three acting directors be appointed by the Board in June for a one-year term. In 2009, each Director will be elected – DOE for 3 years, DOC for 2 years, DOR for 1 year. Differing terms allows the Directors to not all rotate off the Board at the same time for the first election period. Subsequent elections for these positions would be for 3 year terms. The bylaws change was accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Edee Field-Fote

#### ***Review of Year End 2007 Budget.***

Dues income was ahead of projections by approximately 6%. However, the income from JNPT royalties that was budgeted for 2007 will not be received until March of 2008, and a number of invoices related to JNPT for services rendered in 2006 were not billed for until 2007. These factors resulted in a budget deficit for 2007, but the budget balance is projected to be restored when the expected income is received. We currently have reserves of approximately 70% of our annual operating budget - this amount is well above the recommended 50% level.

#### ***Proposed 2008 Budget***

The 2008 dues increase is projected to return revenues of approximately \$25k in additional dues income for the coming year. There are 3 atypical expenditures proposed for the 2008 budget. The first item is the Consensus Conference on entry-level neurologic content in physical therapy education having an anticipated expense of approximately \$17.5k, and the second item is the increased board of directors travel cost associated with the 3 additional board members, projected to be approximately \$4k.

Expenses for these two budget items are likely to be covered by the increased dues revenue.

The third item is the opening installment of a proposed \$100,000 donation to the Foundation for Physical Therapy Capital Campaign to be paid in increments: \$10k (2008), \$15k (2009), \$20k (2010), \$25k (2011), \$30k (2012). Given that the Section's financial reserves are well over the recommended 50% of annual operating expenses, it is feasible that this donation could come from reserves rather than the operating budget. In addition, record turnout at Nashville, which may make CSM income greater than anticipated.

Review of financials was completed at this meeting by Diane Nicholson and Linda Czisa.

#### ***Foundation Drive***

The Section Board has been negotiating with the Foundation about a donation of \$100K over a 5 year period. The budget for 2008 reflects the first of these installments that will increase each year up to 30K in the final year of the donation. (Yearly donations of 10, 15, 20, 25, and then 30K). The Board is free to direct these donations to our Endowment or to have discretion to control how these funds are used.

The membership approved this planned donation. Edee proposes that we use reserve funds if needed to maintain this donation schedule, since we have ~200K in investments.

Becky Craik offered thanks on behalf of the Foundation. This donation adds to other Section donations that are currently being publicized with the Destination: Research Excellence campaign.

This capital campaign has raised 3.3 million dollars toward a goal of 4 million dollars. Members can pledge over years as individuals as well, you can give to infrastructure or to Neurology.

## **JNPT Editor's Report**

Judy Deutsch

Judy highlighted accomplishments over the past year including:

Successful transition of the journal to Lippincott Williams and Wilkins

Special Topic issue on Cognition.

Transfer of the Journal website to LWW

Creation of an additional website to support innovations – JNPT extra – audio, video, journal club, meet the editors series, videos, extras

Judy also described the success of the JNPT podcast feature: more people are listening to podcasts, and people are still listening to older podcasts. As an example, over 800 people listened to podcasts for the Cognition issue

A new feature that members should be aware of is the Clinical Point of View – this will be housed on the JNPT extra website. Translation of research to clinical practice is a goal of this feature, so in a recorded journal club therapists will discuss how information from a JNPT article affects clinical practice. In 2008 members can also expect a Special Issue on Systematic Reviews that will be edited by Edee Field-Fote.

All the Editorial Board members of JNPT were recognized.

After nine years of exemplary service as the Editor in Chief of the journal, Judy announced that she will step down as Editor for the JNPT.

## **Mentorship Initiative**

Sue Perry

A collaborative effort with APTA's Members Mentoring Members (MMM) has been launched. Additional keywords related to neurology were added to the MMM database. APTA will also provide Sue Perry with periodic reports of members who seek Neurology related mentorship, so that we can facilitate follow-up from SIGs in the content area(s) searched. All NCS members were charged to enter themselves in the MMM database. A connection from the Section website to the MMM website will be made operational. We will be following up with people who have sought mentors through this service.

## **Special Interest Group Chair and Officer Recognition**

Sue Perry

Balance & Falls	Kristine Legters
Brain Injury:	Michele Peterson
Degenerative Diseases:	Herb Karpatkin
Spinal Cord Injury:	Joy Bruce
Stroke:	Lara Boyd
Vestibular Rehabilitation:	Denise Gobert

## **Committee Chair and Member Recognition**

Karen McCulloch

Awards:	Sue Whitney
Historian:	Britta Smith
Member & Public Relations:	Robbie O'Shea
Nominating:	Kathleen Ganley
Practice:	Jody Cormack
Research:	Gammon Earhart (Chair), Carolynn Patten (Co-chair)
Telecommunications:	Bob Wellmon

## **Program Chair's Report**

Dorian Rose

Dorian recognized her committee members including regional program vice-chair, Shari McDowell and the rest of her committee.

CSM 2009 will be in Las Vegas, Feb 9-12, 2009 (note: meeting is not on the usual days of the week).

Proposal deadline for CSM 2009: April 1, 2008

Abstract deadline for CSM: (site opens March 18, 2008) June 18, 2008

## **Regional Program Plans**

Implementing a Neurology Assessment Toolbox in your Clinic:  
Atlanta, September 20-21, 2008  
Chicago Oct/Nov 2008  
Advanced Competency Course - 2009

### Neurologic Specialty Council Update

Diane Wrisley

Recertified 21 NCS, which is a 40% increase in last 2 years (total of 98)  
Certified 58 NCS for a total 593 (39% increase in last 2 years)  
All NCS members in attendance were recognized.

Recertification process is changing to a competence model and will include the following components:

- Tier 1 – clinical hours
- Tier 2 – electronic monitoring of continuing education, scholarship, and service
- Tier 3 – written clinical reflection with references - evidence of clinical decision making
- Tier 4 – low stakes exam – 100 questions, knowledge of general specialty content and professionalism areas.

ABPTS expects that all certified specialists will retain specialist skills and that majority of specialists will recertify.

Diane encouraged interested members to contact her if they would like to serve the Section through Specialty Council/ABPTS activities:

Positions available in 2008/9 include item writers for SACE – applications due May/June 08  
ABPTS Neurology Representative

Diane reports that 120 people will sit for the NCS exam in March/April of 2008.

### Section Awards Presentation

Kathy Sullivan

- Award for Service to the Section
- Award for Clinical Excellence in Neurology
- Award for Excellence in Neurologic Research

Vanina Dal Bello-Haas  
Kay Wing  
John Buford

### Research Awards

Gammon Earhart

Post-professional Student Research Award

Margie Roos of Biomechanics and Movement Science, University of Delaware, for her presentation:  
Systematic increases in walking speed have varied effects on post-stroke walking patterns.

Mark Bowden of Rehabilitation Science Doctoral Program, University of Florida, for his presentation:  
Validation of a speed-based classification system using quantitative measures of walking performance post-stroke.

PT Professional Student Research Award

Margaret Reising, PT, Robert J. Kennedy, PT, Sonia Palmer, PT and Monika Pawar, PT, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, for the presentation: Rapid Release of Step Initiation by Acoustic Startle in People with Parkinson's Disease

Patricia Leahy Doctoral Scholarship Award (Foundation PODS I)

Andrew Littman, works with Rich Shields at University of Iowa

Marylou Barnes Doctoral Scholarship Award (Foundation PODS II)

Antoinette Domingo, PT, works with Dan Ferris at University of Michigan

### Golden Synapse Award

Judy Deutsch

This year there was a tie for this award. The following articles (and their authors) were recognized:

*Randomized Controlled Trial of Effects of a 10-week Inspiratory Muscle Training Program on Measures of Pulmonary Function in Persons with Multiple Sclerosis*

Donna Fry, Lucinda Pfalzer, Anang Chokshi, Michelle Wagner, Emily Jackson

*Counting Repetitions: An Observational Study of Outpatient Therapy for People with Hemiparesis Post-stroke.*  
Catherine Lang, Jillian McDonald, Christopher Gnip

**President's Award**

Kathy Sullivan

Bob Wellmon and Janice Ford were honored by the Section for outstanding service to the Section in the website redesign project that was completed this year.

**Call for Nominations**

Kathleen Ganley

Members interested in running for Section or SIG offices were encouraged to contact Kathleen or SIG nominating committee representatives.

**Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Committee Members**

Kathy Sullivan

Outgoing SIG officers were honored previously in the Section Leadership meeting and SIG meetings.

Outgoing Section Committee Chairs and Officers were honored

Awards

Sue Whitney

Nominating Committee Chair

Kathleen Ganley

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McCulloch,  
Secretary