



## **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

### **Myelin Melter: Leading the Way in Neurologic Physical Therapy**

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

6:00-7:00 PM Myelin Melter Reception

7:00-9:00 PM Section Business Meeting

Mandalay Bay Hotel, Islander B Room

#### **Opened Meeting 6:55 pm**

**Kathy Sullivan**

Introduced BOD.

**Dionne Jewel**, Board liaison. Dionne discussed the roll-out of the new APTA brand campaign “Move forward, Physical Therapy brings motion to life”. New consumer website up and running on the APTA website. Board developed new strategic plan in 2008. In 2009, they are focusing on governance.

**Gail Lee** from APTA Government Affairs and Payment Policy – Legislation on canalith repositioning CPT code for treatment of BPPV. The new CPT code was assigned a bundled status, meaning there is no separate payment for this code. This means PTs can no longer bill and get paid for this service. APTA is working with CMS to hopefully change and reverse this policy.

**Mark Anderson** from PT PAC. Please contribute to the PT PAC. 92% of candidates supported by PT PAC won in the recent election.

#### **Presentation and Approval of Minutes**

**Jody Cormack**

CSM 2008 Business meeting minutes - Moved, seconded, and approved

#### **President's Report – Highlights of 2009**

**Kathy Sullivan**

Board restructuring as a result of strategic plan and bylaws change in 2008. Kmac has been serving as Director of Education, Bob Wellmon as Director of Communications, and Pat Pohl as Director of Research. All positions will be on the ballot this year – Education for terms of 3 years, Communication for 2 years, and Research for 1 year.

Edee Field Fote has replaced Judy Deutsch as the Editor of JNPT. Dennis Fell has replaced Edee as Treasurer. Jody Cormack was elected as the new Secretary. Kate Kitka has replaced Janice Ford as the Executive officer.

Reviewed new organizational chart and reporting structure.

#### **Director of Education**

**Karen McCulloch**

CSM programming - Dorian Rose (Kari Dunning starting June 2009). Nancy Fell is the new regional program director. Working with APTA learning center – they can host programming, such as the III STEP Regional course, Topics in Neurology Revision, and Print Features (JNPT articles) with post-tests and CEU's.

Functional toolbox course has been a successful regional and CSM pre-conference course. The developers are: Bill Andrews, Richard Bohannon, George Fulk, Desiree Lanzino, Aimee Perron, Kristen Potter, Peggy Roller, Yasser Salem, Teresa Steffen, and Jane Sullivan. Other regional courses in planning for 2009-10: Advanced Practice course in decision making, Neuroplasticity, and Intermediate Vestibular courses.

**Director of Communications****Bob Wellmon**

Key Goals and Responsibilities: Member services and outreach, resources to connect and inform members, outreach to other professionals and consumers, promoting the section, advocacy. Work with the Telecommunications, Advocacy and Consumer Affairs, and Membership and Public Relations committees.

**Membership Update****Tina Stoeckmann**

Membership down this year, but PTA membership was up slightly. This is largely due to the economy. M&PR committee is working to increase member benefits

**Treasurer's Report****Dennis Fell**

Review of 2008 finances: End of the year checking account balance \$165,815.31 with year-end liabilities of \$17,490. Budget for 2008 was \$290,863.00, and the actual amount spent was \$287,726.93, which left us with a \$2,758.53 surplus for 2008. Plan to have a peer review by 2009 Finance Committee Members (Edee Field-Fote, Linda Csiza, Beth St. Laurent, Diane Nicholson) of 2008 finances. 2007 IRS return filed, working on 2008 return currently.

Presentation of the 2009 Budget: Symmetry investment account down by \$51,076.84. Commitment to Foundation for PT Capitol Campaign - \$10,000 from investment account in 2008. Scheduled for \$15,000 payment in 2009. Will wait to make payment – not in current budget.

2009 Budget: \$289,209 income expected, \$289,141.00 expenses expected. Level budget was approved by the board.

**Awards Presentations****Kathy Sullivan**

- Award for Service to the Section: *Judy Deutsch PT PhD*
- Award for Clinical Excellence in Neurology: *Diane Nichols PT NCS*
- Award for Clinical Excellence in Education: *Terry Ellis PT PhD NCS*

**Research Award Presentations****Gammon Earhart**

- Section Post-Professional Level Research Award: *Jeanne Lojovich PT NCS for the presentation "Cortical Activation Patterns in Neurologically Intact Subjects During an N-Back Working Memory Task: An fMRI Study"*
- Section PT Professional Student Research Award: *Lesley Hlad, Rachel Breslin, Alex Lanton, and Jamie St. John for the presentation "Non-paretic leg muscle activity influences paretic leg activity post-stroke"*.
- Mary Lou Barnes PODS II Scholarship Award: *Justin Beebe PT MSPT.*

**Golden Synapse Award:****Judith Deutsch**

*Theresa Jacobson Kimberly, Scott Lewis, Carolyn Strand, Brook Rice, Stephanie Hall, and Patricia Slivnik for "Neural Substrate of Cognitive Load Changes During a Motor Task in Subjects with Stroke"*

**JNPT****Edelle Field-Fote**

Associate Editors: Lara Boyd, Rick Clendaniel, Pat Pohl, Mark Rogers, Lee Dibble, Kathy Gill-Body (Abstracts Editor), Jim Cavanaugh (Electronic media Editor), Judy Deutsch (International Outreach Liason).

New manuscript category – systematic review. There will be a special issue on systematic reviews in preparation for March 2009. *JNPT* reviewers will be asked to update their profiles with identification of content areas of specialization. Electronic media is currently in migration to the LWW site. There is a possibility of becoming the official journal of the International Neurologic Physiotherapist Assoc (INPA).

**Call for Nominations****Terry Ellis**

Section positions: Vice President, Nominating Committee, Director of Education, Director of Communications, Director of Research. SIGs electing Secretary and Nominating committee. Balance and Falls also electing Vice Chair

**Neurologic Specialty Council Update****Diane Wrisley**

79 new certifications, 15 re-certifications, total of 669 neurologic specialists. Applications for next NCS exam are due at the end of July.

**Program Committee Update****Dorian Rose**

CSM 2009 record attendance of over 8,000 people. Programming committee: Nancy Fell, Kari Dunning, Matt Ford, Kathleen Ganley, Caroline Goulet, Bart Hanson. CSM 2010 will be February 17-20 in San Diego. Proposal Deadline Apr 2, Abstract due June 3, 2009. Online submissions open now.

Regional Programming: *Neurologic Practice Essentials: A Measurement Toolbox* will be held October 3-4, 2009 in University of Alabama – Birmingham, and November 7-8, 2009 at Moss Rehabilitation in Philadelphia, PA. A new course, *Advanced Clinical Decision - Making: The Cornerstone of Expert Practice* should be offered in Fall 2009/Spring 2010.

**Secretary's Report****Jody Cormack**

P & P will soon be on-line in pdf format, with individual sections bookmarked.

Guidelines for neurologic entry-level curriculum content: 15 Conference participants selected via rubric. Consensus conference was held Oct 10-12, 2008, with Jody Gandy and Janet Crosier facilitating. We are now soliciting feedback on draft document via the Practice Issues Forum (Thurs 1-3) and future forums/webinars.

**Committee Chair Recognition****Jody Cormack**

Awards: *Kristin Parlman*  
Historian: *Britta Smith*  
Member and Public Relations: *Tina Stoeckmann*  
Neurologic Clinical Specialist: *Cindy Zabloutney*  
Neurology Specialty Council: *Diane Wrisley*  
Nominating: *Terry Ellis*  
Practice: *Genevieve Pinto-Zipp*  
Program: *Dorian Rose*  
Research: *Gammon Earhart*  
Telecommunications: *George Fulk*

**Recognition of Outgoing Committee Members****Jody Cormack**

Awards Committee: *Chair Kristin Parlman*  
Finance Committee: *Diane Nicholson, Elizabeth Frances St Laurent*  
Nominating Committee: *Chair Terry D. Ellis*  
Neurologic Clinical Specialist Committee: *Robbin Howard, Mathew Elrod*

**Special Interest Groups: Recognition of Chairs****Sue Perry**

Balance and Falls: *Kathy Brown (acting)*  
Brain Injury: *Michelle Peterson*  
Degenerative Diseases: *Anne Kloos*  
Spinal Cord Injury: *Jennifer Hastings*  
Stroke: *Susanne Tinsely*  
Vestibular Rehabilitation: *Susan Whitney*

**New Business**

No new business

**Kathy Sullivan**

**Recognition of Retiring Section Officers**

Edee Field Fote - Treasurer

Dorian Rose – Program Chair

Judy Deutsch – *JNPT* Editor

**Kathy Sullivan**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jody Cormack, Secretary, February 18, 2009