



# Committee Reports

## Fall 2007 Business Meeting

### OPTA President's Report

OPTA Executive Committee and Board of Directors continue to be diligent in being accountable and responsive to OPTA members and the Physical Therapy profession. We welcome your comments and feedback. We are faced with many challenges and opportunities including:

- 1) Turning around a proposed deficit budget from last year to a small profitable one while we determine the best use of our funds for the coming year
- 2) Government Affairs- Chiropractic and Referral for Profit challenges
- 3) Government Affairs- Oregon PT- PAC funds challenge to raise \$50,000
- 4) Membership relative growth still representing 1/3 of our state's licensed therapists
- 5) Membership outreach to entire state and special groups
- 6) Mentoring and Leadership Development
- 7) Reimbursement Issues- plan to hold a Insurer's Reimbursement Forum with help of APTA Spring 2008
- 8) Reimbursement proposed Medicare "hard" CAP \$1780 reinstated without exception process unless action taken by Congress before 12-31-07
- 9) Healthcare access, coverage and innovations statewide and federally affecting our practices

Other Highlights from 2007 OPTA Planning retreat:

- 1) Sources of non-dues revenue considered
- 2) PR innovations-
- 3) Private Practice Special Interest Group

Please review the committee reports and financial highlights carefully.  
Thank you for your attendance at today's business meeting!

### Education Committee Report

**Committee:** Dode Jackson, Chair, Trevor Todd Vice Chair, Alison Hayward, Anne Nemec, Beatriz Sunderland-White, Ben Bleazard, Christen Davidson-Juhnke, Cindy Powell, Corinne Dutto, Ellen Fineman, Janelle Janicke, Jennifer Wood, Jim Arnoux, Jodie Majerus, Joyce Wheeler, Leslie Black, Marnie Coutts, Michael Rennick, Sandra Gallagher, Sasha Jackson, and Tom Watson.

Please see the attached Education calendar for upcoming events. We will be performing an assessment of our 2006-2007 activities to determine the best course of action for 2008. Certainly, our evening "Doc Talks" are very popular, not only in Portland but in Bend and Southern Oregon as

well. In 2008, we plan to provide courses that meet the new mandatory pain management education requirement. Tom Watson, PT DPT will present Pain Management and Treatment in Pendleton on November 10, 2007.

The Education Committee has 22 participants from a variety of clinical settings and locations throughout the state. The attached calendar is the combined effort of the best decisions from all of these members, accomplished from many rounds of emails and our committee meetings. Sincere thanks to all on the committee.

## **Finance Committee Report**

**Committee:** Jerry Cain, Laila Deardorff, Kirstin Pauken, Jeff Jones

Happy fall to you all! 2007 is shaping up to be a decent year financially for the OPTA, and, the following is quick performance summary through the end of August. Related to the major categories of general income: (1) our membership dues are about 20% ahead of budget, (2) our income related to web sponsors and publications are 30% and 13% in advance of their budgeted expectations respectively, (3) our investment/interest income is right on track, and, (4) although our income from workshops/evening programs is currently 40% under target, there is still time before the end of the year to attend a few great courses and support the OPTA (please see [www.opta.org](http://www.opta.org) for our continuing education calendar). For all items combined in the general expenses section, including committee projects/activities, publications, legislative and management services, and office supplies (to name a few), we are right on the mark.

Utilizing recent feedback received from the OPTA member survey, your OPTA Board of Directors met in mid-September to strategically plan events, activities, goals, and priorities for 2008.

## **Ethics Committee Report**

**Committee:** Carol Schunk PT, PsyD, Chair, Hilary Garret, Herc Merrifield and Randy Grossman

The focus of the Ethics Committee focus has been on education of members on professionalism and principles of ethical behavior. Thus far this has taken the format of three articles in the OPTA LOG. The committee is investigating additional methods to promote ethics to members. In addition to education, the committee continues to respond to any Chapter ethical cases, and there is currently one case under review. Increased communication between the APTA and Chapter Ethics Committee and with the Oregon Licensing Board has been established. We welcome any member questions or those interested in participating in the committee.

## **Government Affairs Committee Report**

**See attached report**

## Membership Committee Report

**Committee:** Jeff Cox, Chair, Anne Carlin Ripley, Sarah Votrobeck, Ted Ellquist, Stacy Bigham, Dode Jackson, and Tracy Fritts

The membership committee will be meeting on October 18, and on the agenda for our meeting is brainstorming a 2008 membership Drive, and continuing to brainstorm a recognition program for current members with x years of experience. What needs to be decided is pens, plaque, etc to be used for recognition and what years of membership to recognize. We will also be finalizing the PTA membership scholarship with money to be used from last year's membership drive. We will also be brainstorming for ways to promote the APTA Facility Challenge.

## Research Committee Report

**Committee:** Emily Lighthipe

This is a call to action for those of you who are research-minded and passionate about evidence-based practice. The Research Committee's goals for the remainder of the year include reappointing a chair, starting a bimonthly article review to be posted in this newsletter, and scheduling local courses on how to do analytical reviews of research articles. Want to learn more? Want to help spread Vision 2020's goal of all PTs and PTAs utilizing evidence-based practice? We need people just like you! Contact us at [info@opta.org](mailto:info@opta.org).

## PTA Representative Report

**Committee:** Mark Duyck, PTA

It is with mixed emotions that I give my farewell address as the PTA representative on the Oregon Physical Therapy Association board of directors. I assumed this position with enthusiasm for the great profession of physical therapy and I leave this position with that same enthusiasm. I will continue to embrace the role as a physical therapist assistant called to provide excellent care to my clients. I will continue to embrace this role as I begin my Master's degree studies.

This past year on the board has been an engaging and challenging one for me as the PTA Representative. It has been engaging and challenging because we as a board sat together through meetings, conferences and road trips and had conversations about tough issues that directly affect the role of the PT and the PTA. Issues such as where do we as an organization and as individual therapists see the role of the PTA in vision 2020 and in 2007? How will issues such as reimbursement and practice affect the PTA in varying clinic settings? Do we want to limit certain courses to PT's only? Is Oregon ready to support another PTA program? Is the present education model of CAPTE providing new graduate PTA's that meet the demands of clinical practice? Finally, what education model do we see the PTA going to and when?

The above issues absolutely call for PTA's to get involved in the OPTA and APTA. I am convinced more than ever if the PTA is to continue to be a vital part of a team providing care for clients in an effective and clinically relevant way, it will be because of membership in this organization. The utilization and relevancy of the PTA will be because PT's interact with PTA's in various committees of the OPTA such as membership, education, publicity and policy as well as interactions and utilization in practice. The PTA will be utilized too if they take advantage of the many excellent courses offered through the OPTA and assume positions of service in a variety of ways in the OPTA.

A closing thought: an organization reflects the strength and values of its members. I believe that if PTA membership continues to grow in the OPTA, as it has over the past few years, the PTA will continue to not only share in the vitality of the OPTA but also the physical therapy profession. Gandhi had a saying that is now well known: "Be the change you would like to see in the world". I like this saying because it speaks in a very active versus a passive voice and tense. I am spinning this quote to enlist a call to action to my fellow PTA's: be the change and be the organization you are proud to be a member of. Get involved and stay involved in the OPTA!