



**Oregon Physical Therapy Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

MINUTES

October 18, 2008

Crowne Plaza Portland/Lake Oswego – Lake Oswego, OR

Attendance: Karen Walz, Joyce Wheeler, Andrea Hughbanks, Jeff Cox, Bob Thomas, Chris Murphy, Ricci Susick, Dylan Hogan, Anne Carlin Ripley, Jerry Cain, Stacy Mosbrucker, Dode Jackson, Heather Goodell, and Sandra Fisher.

Guests: Adam Stadlander, research committee; Christina Howard, Lane Community College PTA program; and Jeff Blanchard, OPTA liaison to APTA Orthopedic Section.

Approval of Agenda: Andrea Hughbanks moved to approve the agenda as presented. Chris Murphy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

June and September Minutes: The board reviewed the June 26, 2008 board of directors meeting minutes and the September 16, 2008 executive committee meeting minutes. Ricci Susick moved to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Chris Murphy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Financials: Jerry Cain reviewed the September 30, 2008 financial statement with the board. He reported that we still are doing somewhat better than projected from our budget for the year. The investment accounts are suffering losses due to the current economic climate. Cain will bring suggestions from our financial advisor on our investment accounts to the November 8 board retreat. Chris Murphy moved to approve the September 30, 2008 financial statement as presented. Andrea Hughbanks seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Cain reported that he will be working with staff to develop a draft 2009 budget to present at the board retreat on November 8. He will also be reviewing the budgeting process at the retreat. The board will approve a 2009 budget at our first board meeting in 2009.

Sandra Fisher reviewed the new IRS 990 tax form requirements for 2008 and future filings. OPTA will be adopting three new policies to be in compliance with the new form: conflict of interest, whistleblower, and records retention. In addition, there are many other changes to the form that may change what types of information we need to collect and report on board and committee work. Fisher will bring draft policies to the November board retreat for approval.

APTA Monthly Dues Payment Proposal: Sandra Fisher reported on the recent HoD motion that requires APTA to offer some type of monthly dues payment option. Fisher and Stacey Comstock attended a conference call meeting on the impact of the motion financially and otherwise. If the motion comes to fruition, there will be a time lag on the collection of dues that will impact cash flow for all states. There are also costs involved to APTA in running the program which they are figuring out how to pay for. More information will be relayed when it becomes available.

Lane Community College PTA Program: Christina Howard, who is the program coordination for the new Lane Community College PTA program came and presented on the program and how it is getting started. It will take two years for them to develop the program. They anticipate sending in the CAPTE application at this year end. In January of 2009 they anticipate a CAPTE visit to determine their candidacy for accreditation. They hope to start classes in the fall of 2009. They would like to work with OPTA to develop their curriculum and to recommend instructors. Some of the program will be done via distance learning.

APTA Orthopedic Section Update: Jeff Blanchard, orthopedic liaison from OPTA to APTA, reported on current topics going on in the orthopedic section. He reported on the status of lawsuit between NATA and APTA—the lawsuit has been dismissed due to no grounds for the lawsuit. The lawsuit originated out of animosity between the two groups in particular with scope of practice issues and instruction via workshops, etc.

Public Relations: Heather Goodell gave a presentation on a public relations campaign targeted to defeat the chiropractor's ballot measure initiative. The scope of the program is to have lots of website advertising (either via APTA or a media outlet ie: Fox), print advertising and posters advertising the website, work on search engines to move up "PT", "Move Forward" etc. up on search engines, possibly or radio television advertising. Jerry Cain reported on a similar experience that Kentucky did with television advertising.

Chris Murphy reported on a newspaper advertising consortium. Karen Walz asked Goodell to see if she could get competitive bids from media sources to compare to Fox's proposal. The board will consider the proposal further at the November 8 board retreat.

Licensing Board Report: Dylan Hogan reported on the proposed administrative rule changes that will have a hearing on November 14. Topics covered in the rule changes are: new rules regarding foreign trained therapists or licensed in other states, PTAs prohibiting high velocity manipulation; PT aides rule clarifications, pain management rules, minimum standards for PT practice records, grounds for discipline for a licensee. Hogan, Susick and Murphy will attend the hearing. Dylan and Walz will develop a written statement from OPTA regarding the proposed rule changes.

The licensing board recently attended the FSPTB conference and there was a lot of discussion regarding ethical issues. The licensing board would like to see more trainings conducted regarding ethical issues for therapists. They are also working developing a peer review documentation committee where licensees could request someone to come and look at documentation records.

Government Affairs Report: Ricci Susick reported that for the 2009 session we will not be presenting any bills that relate to our practice act. WE will work on adding PT's to mandatory child abuse reporters, bill regarding who pays for licensing board mandated evaluations, changing the law so PTs who have a DPT can be called doctor. They are following the discussion on semi-independent board removals.

Susick reported that they have been doing a lot of work with legislators and candidates and the Health Fund Board to keep PT in focus.

Susick noted that at the first of the year Rutten will not be doing lobbying work anymore and that we are searching for a new lobbyist/firm. Currently we are expecting two proposals from potential lobbyists. We hope to have the lobbyist hired by the first of the year.

They will be doing a fundraiser for the PAC on November 8th. PAC funds continue to grow.

Karen Walz reported that AAOMPT is doing a conference on October 30, if people are interested they can look up information at www.aaompt.org.

District Formation: Sandra Fisher reported that the task force has met and has drafted “draft” policies for Districts that will be given to the board at the November 8 board retreat.

Bylaw Amendments: Sandra Fisher reported that she heard back from APTA’s parliamentarian, and we do need to specify the exact dollar amount for dues in our bylaws. The board will need to determine what amount they want to put forward to the membership for the bylaws amendment for vote at the spring 2009 business meeting. The board will determine the amount by the end of January 2009.

Fisher reported that any other bylaw amendments should be discussed by January 2009 if they need to be voted on at the spring 2009 business meeting. Karen Walz recommended that the board look at the past president’s term on the board as it makes the president elect, president and past president term commitment fairly lengthy.

Review of Strategic Planning Objectives & Committee Updates:

CE: Dode Jackson reported that the committee is trying to market the courses more by adding more stuff to make the course appealing.

Nominating Committee: Anne Carlin Ripley reported that there are lots of positions coming up for the spring elections. There are looking at new ideas for ways to approach the elections to stream line them: meet and greet, mail only ballots, etc.

Membership: Jeff Cox reported that we received a request Pacific University to see if we could help fund students to attend CSM. Jeff Cox will develop some ideas and circulate it to the board. Cox reported that APTA would like to use Oregon as a pilot program for a facility membership drive. The membership committee will work with APTA on this project.

Research Committee: Chris Murphy introduced Adam Stadlander who is interested in being the research committee chair.

Chief Delegate Report: Stacey Comstock reported that the HoD report is available on-line. She will call a meeting together of all the delegates between now and Thanksgiving. They are doing a mock house of delegates for Mt. Hood next month.

PTA Representative Report: Stacy Mosbrucker reported that she needs feedback from the board on generating feedback for PTAs. She needs names of PTAs around the state for their feedback. They will be doing a push for a PTA full vote for 2010.

Reimbursement Committee: Bob Thomas is the new chair of the reimbursement committee and he worked to get about six committee members. Their first meeting is October 29 and they will come up with plans and goals for 2009. Nationally, Medicare Part B will only go up about 1% in 2009, and the RAC audits that are occurring. He is working to get up to speed on state issues, ie: worker's comp.

APTA Items: The board was directed to the handout with the APTA awards website page on it to see if any committees or individuals would be interested in applying for awards.

It was reported that the 2009 APTA Leadership workshop, slated for April 4, may be on hold. APTA has not booked the facility yet, and no progress reports have come from them on this event.

A motion was made to approve making a \$150 donation to the APTA Foundation silent auction. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra K. Fisher, CAE
Executive Director