

AASIG Business meeting CSM 2007
Boston, MA
February 15, 2007

- I. President Mary Rodgers called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
- II. The minutes of the October 2006 meeting were approved as written.
- III. Announcements:
 - A. Laurie Kontney announced that beginning this year, CSM is going to an educational session submission process similar to that used for annual conference. You will submit through Scholar I at no cost. Use of this system will help to get all information needed to get CEU certification. The deadline for submissions for CSM is April 9th. There will be a link on APTA's website that will allow you to submit.
 - B. Handouts about database access were sent out.
- IV. Report from CAPTE (Mary Jane Harris)
 - A. reported that as of Jan. 31, 2007 members should have received the latest accreditation update. The update is now on CAPTE's webpage. Mary Jane reported that IPED has changed the degree categories and there is no longer a category of first professional degree. Categories now include: Doctoral degrees research (PhD), doctoral degree entry –level (MD, DPT), and doctoral degrees other (no research component required. This category would include the t-DPT). This new system of categories will be implemented in 2008. Mary Jane requested all members to let their institutional research people know this for their data collection needs.
 - B. Mary Jane also reported that CAPTE has successfully negotiated the USDE accreditation process.
 - C. CAPTE decided to investigate the feasibility and advisability of accrediting t-DPT programs. She reported there will be a forum tomorrow (2/17/07) on what that accreditation should look like for these programs. She stated that a task force will write a concept paper to be circulated to the community for comment. The report will include information about cost. If favorable, CAPTE will follow-up on this. If implemented, the process would be voluntary. This would allow for many differences from entry-level accreditation. If this works, CPATE will look at accrediting other post-professional degrees.
 - D. Mary Jane reported that fact sheets for 2005-2006 data have been posted on the website for PT and PTAs.
 - E. CAPTE is celebrating its 30th anniversary as an accrediting agency. The celebration will be held tomorrow night at the Section Business meeting at 6pm February 17.
 - F. AAR will be due October 1, 2007. Schools will have access to the report on CAPTE's website sometime in August. It will be done on-line and left on-line. Each program will receive a password protected space. Last year's data will be available so will only need to update. For PT programs in 2008, will ask questions about compliance with criteria.
- V. Report from Education Division (Janet Bezner, Jody Gandy)

Janet reported on updates from the division. Working on strategic plan; Janet provided bookmarks with plan on it

 - A. Centralized Application System update – Janet will provide a lengthy report at the Section Business meeting tomorrow. 2 surveys have been completed since our last meeting to collect information about admissions and applications processes.

The task force met Tuesday with the vendor to see the service and how it operates. The next step is to send a report to the March BOD meeting. The Task Force will recommend that the Division develop a centralized service. Feedback from both surveys was very positive in favor of centralized application. There are 25 freshman admit programs.

- B. An Educational Outcomes committee will meet in March to develop uniform outcome measures for physical therapist education programs. The results are expected to be ready in 12-24 months. The group will determine what outcomes to evaluate and what systems/tools can be used to measure them. This data will be used for benchmarking. Janet reported that there will be numerous opportunities for community to give input. A new PTA normative model will be available about three weeks after CSM.
- C. The Education Division is involved in numerous technology projects. “Envisioning” is in its first phase; they met with vendor and are looking at rolling out the Learning Management System (LMS) in the summer. The LMS will allow all APTA components to provide continuing education and provide CEU’s through this system. Future opportunities will include electronic portfolio for monitoring professional development throughout career. Janet asked for patience of all during the development of this infrastructure.
- D. APTA BoD Liaison Report – JB presented this report for Babette Sanders who is recovering from illness. JB presented an update on DPT as regulatory designation and continued competence. Recommendations based on feedback will go to the Board and the House of Delegates. Education Division asked for feedback on defensible documentation resource recently posted on the APTA web site.
- E. Jody Gandy also spoke about a report going to BOD in March re: guidelines for use in selecting an employer and employee contracts. This document has evolved with input from several sources. The document provides key questions that will allow people to think about concerns related to employment. It is based on a hallmark document from nursing and is intended to help physical therapists and physical therapist assistants make better decisions about potential employment
- E.. Education Leadership Institute – The Division is looking for people to put on a consultant group across PT/PTA programs with experience at all levels. Business, leadership, entrepreneurship in education etc. Before group meets Janet and Jody will meet with other similar groups to see how it is done. New text Outcomes in Educational Leadership being reviewed.
- D. CPI – will be linked to LMS on-line training will be linked with on=line CPI. Negotiating with vendors. Subscription for programs.
- E. Marylyn Phillips, Director of Professional Development, stated several motions to HOD related to professional development. Marylyn provided updates on motions.
- F. By March hopes to have 1st phase of websites of professional development resources. Will include downloadable CV. All info related to professional development will be in one place. Tools used in job searches, etc. will be available.
- G. Will be one motion going to BOD in March and then to HOD will include a more extensive definition of professional development and lifelong learning.
- H. Goal 12 – of plan is related to clinical residency and fellowship plans. 40 colleagues developed strategic plan related to credentialing and expansion of these programs. M. asked all to consider their role in being able to develop a residency or fellowship plan. Eager to have many in place. Many possible

models to consider: University only; partnerships with clinics, etc. Is the next step in our doctoring profession. Please contact M. for assistance.

- VI. Report from Board of Directors Liaison (Janet Bezner reported for Babette Sanders)
- A. Update on DPT as regulatory designation -- Over 20 presentations have been made and survey has been on the APTA website. Survey will end Monday at midnight. Data will be reviewed and sent to March BOD meeting. Their job is to send report to HOD. Excellent response on survey. HOD to debate issue in MAY
- B. Defensible documentation – product being developed. Parts of it are on APTA website. Will permanently reside under professional resources. Is a self-paced guidelines on what we can do to better document so we can get reimbursed. Will eventually become a distance education module. Janet hopes it will be used in programs to instruct students. Janet is asking for feedback re: the usefulness of this module. Involvement of programs is essential. Please look at module and make sure what you are teaching is consistent with module. Information on website is currently not restricted to members only. When it becomes a distance module it will be restricted. Janet will put a message on listserv when it is up and ready.
- Member asked about progress on centralized application process for freshman admit programs. Janet reported they have options for these programs. Task force is sending 2 recommendations to the BOD. First is to develop Centralized application process and the second is to develop an advisory group. Janet would like representatives from freshman admit programs on that group. Advisory group will make all decisions re: what applications will look like, etc.
- Member asked if various start dates were considered in centralized process. Janet stated that this was discussed and the system can accommodate this.
- VII. Report from Nominating Committee (Mark Wiegand) and Lisa Ann Stephno-Bittel have been soliciting individuals for Vice Chair and Nominating committee. Jim Ferris from Arkansas and Tom Mayhew from Virginia have agreed to run for Nominating Committee. There were no other nominations from the floor. Mark also presented Sharon Shaw (University of Alabama) and Mike Sheldon (University of New England) as candidates for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations from the floor. These individuals will constitute the slate for this year's elections.
- VIII. Meeting Planning for 2007 will be in Minneapolis, MN Oct. 5-7
- A. Future AASIG meetings:
1. 2008: October 3, 4, 5, Phoenix, AZ
 2. 2009: October 2, 3, 4, Chapel Hill or Louisville
 3. 2010: October 1,2,3, Portland,
- The October 5-7, 2007 meeting will be held in conjunction with clinical education SIG. Mary reported people were happy with past meeting and joint programming. Is working with CESIG on joint programming portion. Thanked members for topic contributions for joint programming. Asked for recommendations for presenters. Scholarship of teaching and education research is a popular topic – suggestions for presenters included Deb Sellheim, College of Saint Catherine.
- IX. Will be time on Sat. for small group discussions around topics; reporting on initiatives from CAPTE and Division of Education. Locations for 2008 AASIG will

be in Phoenix, AZ. Considerations for 2009 include Chapel Hill or Louisville. For 2010 Portland OR.

X. Sponsorship opportunities are available for future leadership conferences. Flyers available at the meeting.

XI. Rich Shields, President of Foundation of PT provided an update. The Foundation is looking to launch foundation into new entity. Proud of what it's been and what it's been involved with. Contributions from members rose from 2-38%. 12 Million dollars has been leveraged into 80million in NIH support for research. Foundation is important part of pushing new knowledge in our profession. Looking to see where foundation will be in 15-20 years from now. Launching new campaigns to get on firmer ground to be able to fund research from endowments.

Pittsburgh- Marquette challenge has been a mainstay of support for the foundation.

Asked for all to encourage students to participate in this challenge.

Stated NIH and others have noted the importance of Foundation in getting investigators started.

Thanked all for their support.

XII Mark Lane – available for questions re: Federation.

Member asked about plan given the security breach. NPTE discovered review center in Philippines was collecting questions from exam and providing them to students. Raid was conducted and Federation is now in process of conducting investigation. Can't provide details because are in process of investigation. In past 4 years, the Federation has made efforts to prepare for breaches. The overall impact of most recent breach to exam is minimal. The Federation will continue to carefully monitor for world-wide breaches.

Mary Rodgers asked about faculty consortiums. Federation does a 4 hour workshop with faculty consortiums to have interactive dialog. These are done in NC, Ohio, and NY.

XIII Mary encouraged all to attend the meeting tomorrow at 6pm

XIV. New Business: Laurie Hack asked for donations from PAC. This is a campaign to get members to contribute so Section can be among the top contributors.

XV. Questions from Members.

Elizabeth Rogers asked if there was an increase in applicant pools. The overall response from the group was yes.

Elizabeth Rogers also asked about program development. Mary Jane Harris reported that 1 DPT program is in development; 13 PTA and 1 extension program. PT in Wisconsin; extension program in California; PTA spread across country.

XVI. Other Business

Jim Carey raised a concern about the role of AASIG relative to APTA and the importance of maintaining a discussion that reflects the concerns and interests of the AASIG members. He emphasized that inclusiveness and involvement in the process and initiatives being conducted by the other groups that reported by AASIG is important. Informal format to encourage discussion and networking would be good. Facilitate intermingling. Jim Gordon supported these comments and suggested that we need to be more active as members. Mary Rodgers commented that AASIG members were solicited for agenda items and topics for the next Education Leadership conference. Input is welcome from members as well as involvement in the AASIG leadership.

The difficulty in identifying candidates for open positions highlights the need for more active involvement by AASIG members. A member “needs” survey was suggested.

A member recommended that there be time at the Educational leadership meeting to discuss scholarship and problems that may exist in programs.

Cecilia Graham, editorial board of J. of Physical Therapy Education reminded members there will be a meeting Sat. morning describing Boyer’s model of scholarship and encouraged attendance.

Mary Rodgers indicated current plans for the October Educational Leadership Meeting will include a panel discussion with funders of research as well as active researchers to help address this issue.

A member stated people need to address their concerns with encouraging faculty to participate in research, categorizing themselves into one of Boyer’s domains, etc.

A member stated one possible reason we have difficulty getting scholarship from faculty is because we don’t demand scholarship from faculty.

A member stated that due to the newness of so many department chairs a discussion of what is scholarship is needed.

A member indicated we had talked about break out sessions at the last meeting. It was recommended that these topics be part of break out sessions at the fall meeting or possibly be expanded at this meeting.

Mary indicated that Sat. afternoon is being planned for small group discussions.

Member recommended a need for unstructured discussions at the meetings; another member stated these discussions typically take place at bars; wondered if there could be more informal discussions in future.

Rose Myers stated Oct. meeting started because of these kinds of discussions.

Member suggested a round table format with forced intermingling with experienced and less experienced people together.

Leslie Portney stated that what she heard is that there are some very big issues that we are not addressing: faculty shortages for example. Another concern is post-professional education – what about advanced clinical degrees? Advanced masters degrees? Other options beyond residencies and fellowships? Dr. Portney feels this group needs to take responsibilities to continue the development of our faculty and programs. Need to address concerns and prioritize them.

Member recommended that themes that were discussed could be summarized and disseminated to all.

Member stated have had faculty shortages for years – need to address this.

Member noted there is also a shortage of well qualified program directors. Need strategy for further development.

Diane Jette recommended developing a group to help re-organize this group so we have mechanism for making recommendations and follow-through.

Mary Rodgers Adjourned meeting at 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted

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