

AASIG Meeting Feb. 8, 2008  
Nashville TN

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Rodgers at 7:40pm
  - II. The minutes of the October 2008 meeting are posted on the web and were approved as posted.
  - III. Announcements
    - A. Professional Development announcement – Kathy Hall stated that there will be a New faculty development meeting 6/26-29 in Chicago at Midwestern
    - B. AASIG nominations for upcoming openings were announced by Mark Weigand
      - a. Chair – Leslie Portney, Sandy Quillen
      - b. Secretary – Bob Sandstrom, Lisa Riolo
      - c. Nominating Barb Sanders , Russell Carter
    - C. Margaret Plack announced the development of an Educational Leadership Institute. A consultant group was developed from all educational SIGS and representatives from different types of institutions from a variety of settings were convened to develop the Institute. This institute will work toward new faculty development and program development initiatives and will be an adjunct to the AASIG. In process of doing needs assessment. Group met and spent 2 days together brainstorming. They developed an overall mission, and raised more questions than were answered. The mission will be to develop innovative and influential leaders in PT who can function in a changing environment. The Institute will be designed to meet leadership needs of all educational programs and is targeted toward higher educational culture; to think strategically and creatively.

Goals of the Institute include:

      - Develop core faculty and program directors who can lead profession in 21<sup>st</sup> century.
      - Address needs of profession and educational community based on results of needs assessment.

Other aspects of the Institute were discussed.  
Margaret requested the support of the group in completing the needs assessment which will go to PT/PTA educators electronically.
  - C. Mary Rogers talked about planning for next ELC conference to be held October 3-5, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ at same time as Clinical Educators group. Programming will be completely separate. A brochure was passed through the group describing the conference and programming. Mary asked for those with suggestions for change/ additions to contact her. The 2009 conference will be Oct. 2-4 North Carolina. The 2010 conference will be held in Portland Oregon.
- IV. Reports
  - A. CAPTE – Mary Jane Harris stated all should have read accreditation news letter which provides details on highlights listed below.

- i. Based on feedback from AASIG re: timing of the AAR, the deadline will be pushed back to Dec. 1. Dues will be due at the same time.
  - ii. House of Representatives is discussing higher education authorization act. An amendment was added to this bill to include PT in loan forgiveness for those who work at the Public Health Service. The bill will have to go to the senate for changes in language.
- B. Ken Harwood from Practice and Education Division, APTA, informed the group of the re-organization occurring at APTA. All units are looking at everything being done – initiatives and tasks as well as processes used to get them done. Ken thanked all staff and department heads. One change discussed was bringing Practice and Education together – this joining has brought robust discussions. Ken feels people are looking at practice through eyes of education and vice versa. Ken also spoke about the splitting of practice and research. He stated APTA is formalizing functional work groups. He spoke of the example of outcome assessments in practice. Collaborative efforts of all interested parties are brought together to address the issue that is of concern to all. The Education strategic plan was updated and is on the website. Ken will be going over a detailed description of it on Sat and he invited all interested parties to attend. Ken described a number of initiatives currently underway:  
Initiatives:
  - Student loan forgiveness to a maximum of \$2,000 per year up to 5 years if they work for Public Health Service. This amendment still needs to be added to senate bill.
  - APTA is looking at new ways to relieve student indebtedness. This has a huge effect on practice. It impacts where they can practice, limits ability to start private practice and to move on to get advanced degrees.
  - Clinical Education – being addressed in number of ways. Two issues: 1) clinical educator qualifications. Currently there are 20,000 credentialed instructors. The process has been enhanced and there is now an advanced credentialing program. 2) Clinical Education consensus conference. This initiative was to look at CE to see where we need to be at year 2020. APTA brought together a consensus group in December and formulated a document that is in draft form. It looked at performance expectations of student and CI, infrastructure to allow it to occur and innovative ways of funding it. Once document is completed, it will be discussed by all stakeholders.
- C. Mary Rodgers announced to the group that there was membership information available at the back of the room.
- D. Scott Minor provided an update on the US News and World Report ranking of PT programs. Scott did the preliminary work on identifying ways to

get information to potential students about PT programs without ranking them. He asked for 3-5 volunteers to work on this with him. The role of the task force will be to put together data points for students so they will know different things about the programs they will be looking at including: degree offered, environment, types of degrees held by faculty, graduation rate, employment rate, pass rate for programs, etc. The task force will prepare a report for the October Educational Leadership Conference. A member suggested that there be a variety of members on the task force representing different types of programs.

- V. The majority of the meeting focused on the “Report of the task force on the development of an “Association” of Educational Programs in PT” to promote excellence in education. The PowerPoint presentation from the task force is available on the AASIG website. Following the presentation, each task force member shared their thoughts and concerns. Stuart Binder-McLeod was interested in sentiment of the AASIG group, stating this initiative would require a significant effort. Jim Gordon suggested that discussion should be broadened to get more input into the process. He feels there needs to be a push for the academic part of physical therapy. He believes there is untapped leadership potential to move educational programs forward. Neva Greenwald stated it was difficult to hypothesize a structure and logistics of a new group including sustainability. Bob Sandstrom, stated there is a need to move from a passive group to an active group. He also a need to move from minimal to optimal standards. B. Marcoux stated that her biggest questions relate to the structure, concerns related to finances, membership and moving outside of APTA. Leslie Portney stated there is a need to be empowered as an educational community. Jim Carey stated that a doctoring profession should have a foundation of intellectualism and intellectual engagement.

Discussion: Susie Deusinger agreed with several things including need to be proactive. She recommended the Education Section might be merged with Research Section. She also stated there is a need to develop, people to be administrators and be inclusive, include everyone who is interested in academic administration. Don't secede; join education and research to move forward on suggested goals.

L. Portney stated that SIGs aren't governing bodies. She concurred that merging Education and Research sections might have benefits but felt there is a need to have autonomy. All other clinical disciplines have a separate organization of schools, colleges. This organization would communicate with the professional organizations. She stated we may need an organization for a different purpose that can't be served by the section.

Jim Carey feels that an intellectual culture is different from a professional culture and this would be one of the main objectives of this association.

Laurie Hack stated she was not commenting on structure. She feels that the Education Section has been a powerful force, is well-respected and sought out for input, and overall an important force. She feels autonomy is needed in educational programs. Mike Pagliarulo had two reactions. He agreed with the mission, vision and goals and feels we should move in that direction. He felt he needs a better understanding of autonomy and how proposed body might interact with APTA, CAPTE.

J. Gordon responded that within ASIG there is no responsibility. In a new organization there would be a responsibility to carry out the mission. There is a need to demonstrate leadership and take control of an organization that has the power to do that. He asked how would we empower ourselves to take control of the academic enterprise?

B. Sanderstrom stated he has been disappointed in the content of the AASIG meetings in past years. He stated he could have stayed home and gotten the reports by e-mail. He felt a need to be more deliberative and proactive.

Becky Craik stated may be easier to effect change from within APTA than to move outside of it.

B. Marcoux reviewed structures in the APTA. Subsection of the SIG might be an option.

Laurie Hack indicated that due to the re-structuring of APTA, this might be a good time to suggest the development of a new entity within APTA.

Mike Sheldon raised a number of questions regarding the goal statements – how do we know when we are there? What is missing in terms of intellectualism? How would we be taking charge? What would it look like?

J. Carey stated that AASIG has fallen into a passive structure, not engaging in debate about how to expand faculty interested in research doctorates. He raised a number of questions: Should there be one standard of accreditation? Should there be different standards for the masters and doctorates? J. Gordon stated that physicians have strong role because academic medical centers are highly regarded. Winners will be the professions that have a strong academic enterprise. PT programs have not thought of themselves as academic enterprises, programs are considered training programs. Need to go the next step. Elizabeth Rogers raised questions about other professions and their school organizations. J. Gordon stated that some function like the Education Section but answers aren't all known yet.

J. Gordon stated goals and paths seem good, but discussion is around the structure. Why not look at the AASIG trying to move towards the goals? See what structural issues arise. Scott Minor suggested that we move outside the

APTA and not wait until we have had obstacles. He feels we may have a stronger voice if we are group of institutions.

Wayne Perry stated he believes we can achieve goals from within, possibly as a division of the APTA.

Dave Lake stated that through unity there is power. He supports staying in the APTA. A lot of the words are elite words, might be leaving out PTA education, intellectualism is in the academic health centers.

J. Carey stated there is also logic in having a separate organization. J. Gordon stated that academic enterprise includes all programs. Tom Hestor, PTA administrator, asked where PTA education fits into the scheme of what is being discussed and proposed. J. Carey responded that the focus has been on PT education and programs.

Georgeanne Vlad applauded the work of the task force and stated there is a need for more information about the other health profession organizations. She asked how these organizations formed and what have been the pitfalls.

Rick Segal, broaden the discussions. Having a separate group, then there would be two groups, one in APTA and one out of APTA, looking at issues.

J.Gordon stated that a listserv might be a way to communicate with a broader audience. In the meantime, please send e-mails to Jim Carey.

Sandra suggested a strategic planning session for the Education Section. Bring in outside facilitator for the fall meeting to look at the issues and organizations

A member raised a question about the inclusion criteria? Task force members responded that it will be PT education programs to start. Laurie Hack informed the group that there is an education strategic plan. Mike Sheldon, question suggested that there is little public awareness of PT. J.Gordon responded yes, other organizations have stronger public perceptions.

Mary Rodgers adjourned the meeting concluded at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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