

APTA Education Section  
Clinical Education Special Interest Group  
Business Meeting - Combined Sections Meeting  
February 15, 2007  
Boston, MA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alecia Theile, Academic Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

- A. Alecia Theile, Academic Co-Chair
- B. Heidi Dunfee, Clinical Co-Chair
- C. Lynn English, Recording Secretary
- D. Corrie Odom, Nominating Committee
- E. Kelly Sass, Nominating Committee
- F. Alecia Theile, Programming Chair
- G. Laurie Kontney, Education Section Program Chair
- H. Absent: Marianne Janssen, Membership Committee

The attendance records were signed by 81 attendees.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2006 MINUTES

Approval motion by Lori Bordenave and seconded by Corrie Odom.  
Minutes will be posted on the web site.

IV. CLINICAL EDUCATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (CESIG)  
OVERVIEW

1. The CESIG shall serve as a resource and forum for individuals who share professional interest in clinical education.
2. Member services are offered to mentor new members. Please contact officers via the web site.

V. WEB SITE UPDATES

There are new benefits and updates at [www.aptaeducation.org](http://www.aptaeducation.org). Members may review past meeting minutes, and there are links to email addresses for Heidi Dunfee and Alecia Theile.

## VI. REPORTS

### **A. Education Section Board of Directors - Heidi Dunfee**

1. The Foundation for Physical Therapy proposed an endowment of \$100,000 for education research to be earmarked as such. The Education Section would be charged with raising 20,000/yr for 5 years. Creative ideas were solicited. (Marquette challenge, 100 give 100). One member suggested providing options to members to specify Foundation donations for this purpose.

### **B. APTA Education Department Report - Jody Gandy**

Significant efforts:

1. Education Strategic Plan
2. Development of a Clinical Education continuum
  - Residencies, fellowships, specialist certifications
3. PT Clinical Performance Instrument (CPI) revision has been completed but not released. An article has been submitted to *Physical Therapy* and authors are awaiting response from the reviewers and editors. The article documents the validity of the new tool.
4. Contract negotiations are underway between APTA and a company that will assist in building a web-based version of the PT CPI that will link with a PT CPI training module as part of an LMS online education system. This may be ready by late fall for use in the US and Canada. Everyone must complete the online PT CPI training before using the new electronic CPI. Approximately 1 hour training time will be required. Each person will take an assessment to verify their ability to apply the knowledge. Training has been shown to improve the consistency in how the PT CPI was used during the field test. Field testing produced valuable information and revealed that the new tool is valid.
5. Physical Therapist Assistant CPI revision began in December 2006. A Consultant Group on the Revision of the PTA CPI is requesting names of CIs, CCCEs, programs, and students willing to provide feedback on the PTA CPI: Version 1998.
6. Estimates of fees to be assessed to educational programs for use of the electronic CPI will be provided by APTA for budgeting purposes once the contract is in place with the vendor.
7. There will be access to pdf version of the new PT CPI for those who CIs, and CCCEs without any access to the Internet. Programs are encouraged to be creative in opening doors for all clinicians to use the tool online in an electronic version.

8. Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Program

- 146 active trainers
- 17, 000 credentialed Clinical Instructors

9. Advanced Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Program

- Field testing of the program was conducted in January 2007. The outcomes of this program are to address best clinical teaching and best clinical practice. There are two components of this program, pre-course assignments, readings and the two-day program with Assessment Component that is largely case based.

10. Establishment of Standards in Clinical Education

- A consensus conference will convene, probably in December 2007, and will include Program Directors, ACCEs/DCEs, clinicians, clinical managers, student, and employers. The conference will systematically address difficult issues in clinical education. For example, What are the competencies for CIs? Do they have to be APTA members or credentialed CIs? Can other health professionals serve as CIs in areas of practice where there are limited numbers of PT CIs in practice? What is in the best interest of our profession? How can we move in that direction? How long are optimal clinical education experiences? An e-mail will be sent to ACCEs requesting nominations for this conference.

11. ACCE/DCE 360 performance assessment

- A Consultant Group on the Development of ACCE/DCE Performance Assessment is developing a 360 degree performance assessment system based on Vision 2020, APTA documents and the literature to provide information that may be used in a variety of ways. Validity testing will be coming before the roll out.

12. There are two House of Delegates proposed motions related to clinical education to address

- Exploring alternate licensing systems (staged, provisional, restricted licensure system) NJ
- Credentialing Clinical Instructors by 2020. (FL)

13. Common application service for all physical therapist professional programs is being explored based on a Board of Directors charge.

14. On line JOPTE manuscript submission being explored.

15. Be aware of the 3 awards: Nominate people beginning about Sept
  - Distinguished Educators
  - Leadership Excellence
  - Adopt-a-Doc
16. New Education Section Booth at CSM has a new look and new features.  
Thanks to Gina Musolino

***C. Membership Committee***

1. On behalf of CESIG membership, Marianne Jensen developed a proposal to add CESIG members/clinicians from other APTA sections to the CESIG. Heidi Dunfee and Alecia Thiele took her proposal to the Education Section board and the board approved a motion to have Marianne work with Katie Harvey, APTA Education Section secretary, and Gina Musolino, Education Section Promotion on the proposal.

***D. Nominating Committee***

Corrie Odom and Kelly Sass presented a full slate of nominees for offices:

Clinical Co-chair	Sandra Falck Louise Jarvis Reva Rauk
Recording secretary	Julie Duvall UT SW Dallas Ellen Lowe Lynn English
Nominating Committee	April Newton Michelle Mulhall Chris Childers

Heidi Dunfee is running for Education Section Secretary.

***E. Program Committee - Laurie Kontney***

1. CESIG: programming committee members stood to be recognized, along with those involved in posters, platforms, other presentations.
2. Education section has coordinated presentations being sent to a coordinator for loading onto a laptop to enable smooth transitions and enable more presentations to happen. This will necessitate presentations being sent 3 weeks prior to the conference. We recognize the need for scholarship, and are receiving lots of submissions.
3. All Education Section submissions are electronic now. These are for the longer program sessions. Each person has the details in the registration folder.

4. Sign up sheet being circulated for support for Alice Salsman, program chair.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Education Leadership conference October 2006 brought the Clinical Education SIG and Academic SIG together in Washington, D.C. Clinical Education programming was well attended. An overview of residencies/fellowships was a joint topic relevant to both groups. Other programming included an educational research funding session, platforms, and roundtables on special topics of interest.
2. Fall 2007 – October – the Leadership conference will be held at the Minneapolis Airport Hilton. Heidi Dunfee and Peggy Gleeson promoted specifics of the Fall Educational Leadership Conference.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Debbie Ingram asked that we contact our representatives to enable our students who work in rural and underserved areas to be a part of the loan forgiveness program. We are the only doctoral program not included in this effort.
2. Members are encouraged to participate in the APTA May program in conjunction with the Board Meeting in which legislative activity will be promoted.
3. Planning for Annual Conference Denver June 27-30, 2007.
4. Insurance companies who are not paying for physical therapy services
5. Possible establishment of a research subcommittee of this group; Kelly Sass encouraged this as a time ripe for this discussion. On the Education web site there are research questions we will link to the CESIG web site. Corrie Odom suggested existing consortia may be able to support the research committee. Linda Eargle, Kelly Sass, JJ Mowder-Tinner from New York/NJ and Reva Rauk will work together to discuss this further.
6. Clinical Education Manuals online - Gwen Straker/Debbie Ingram
7. Kathy Shields (2nd year ACCE) posed the question: are there programs that have policies about physician-owned clinics? Some indicated a policy to follow APTA policy, some indicated keeping existing sites that have proven themselves, not adding new ones. Gwyn Straker expressed the need to engage our students in conversations that will help them understand our profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn English, PT, MSED  
Recording Secretary