

**Section on Pediatric  
Membership Meeting  
Annual Meeting  
June 28, 2007  
Hyatt – Agate B  
Denver, CO**

**Began at 9:15 AM & ended at 10:34 AM**

1. Welcome/call to order.
2. Adopt Rules of the House. Rules adopted
3. Counting the House: 31
4. Introduction of the members: Sheree York, President, John Wallace (APTA rep), Cindy Sliwa, Officers, Attendees
5. Approve Minutes from Business Meeting of CSM 2007: Approved
6. President's update: Sheree York
  - a. WCPT – Barbara Connolly, Pediatrics Subgroup – International Organization of Pediatric Physical Therapists – Barb Connolly President, Sheree York Secretary, other officers -Norway, Netherlands, New Zealand; you can link to WCPT from our website
  - b. IDEA – regulations were reviewed – speakers and SOP document being written
  - c. April School based therapy course; will be held yearly; SIG Chair – Susan Effgen
  - d. IIIStep course held regionally; next one Oct 5-6, 2007 in Oregon; There also will be a 2-day pre-con course related to IIIStep (with neuro section)
  - e. Practice Committee has produced fact sheets: latest head molding in infancy, AT, IEP; phys act preschoolers, torticollis – on website and at booth
  - f. Guidelines for exercise physiology being created (Cindy Miles ), includes valid outcome tools, to be done July 20, 2007; then will be put into fact sheet or other mediums (Just includes children with typical development right now)
  - g. NICU competencies being (Jane Sweeney) updated; will complete next year, in Fall or Spring 2008/2009; includes an evidence-base piece
  - h. Position statement on working in EI setting; have drafted statement and sent to APTA for approval
  - i. Leadership retreat was presented by Janet Bezner; idea was to make SOP make more efficient; worked on revising vision and mission closer to APTA 2020 vision; a task force will review and tweak and will be reviewed at the strategic planning meeting and presented to membership at CSM
  - j. A survey has been developed on use of the GUIDE to help with further revisions; remember to respond if you are one of the ones surveyed!

- k. Delegate report (Toby Long): amended motion regarding fitness for all ages; all individuals should have an annual assessment by PT (WCPT had a similar motion)
  - l. Continuum of Care task force: to meet between Aug and Oct, 2007 – with other sections representatives; idea is to prepare other “adult treating” PTs to treat adults with DD
  - m. Bylaw revisions in Fall newsletter: New changes to SOP bylaws related to making match APTA bylaws; min # ballots for elections; new membership dues for post-prof students, term of office for officer, discontinuing the Treasure-Elect position
  - n. Congratulations: 1.) to Janet Downing who won a position on the APTA Nominating Committee; 2.) to Irene McEwen won Lucy Blair award; 3.) to Holly Cintas Fellowship; 4.) to PR Committee for APTA Award for Ambucks project – Donna Metzgar – explained bike fitting project – Ambucks interested in continuing the effort (PT fitted, Ambucks provided bikes at no cost) – call your local reps – Oct in NE, want to expand to MidWest – go to booth and ask about it.
  - o. PT Month this next year (08) – obesity APTA national theme – awareness, and activities – stay tuned!!
  - p. Speaker’s Bureau – PR Committee is setting up how to get names on the list; calls for speakers/specialty areas, general speakers and advocates for SOP and APTA (need training) APTA media opportunities – many. John – almost 400 contacts in the last year – effort to have experts on the list (internet and magazine posting) Public service announcements (from opening session Penelope Royale, PT) – to get fitness – available – smallsteps.com
7. Treasurer’s report: Finances and investments will be printed in newsletter: total assets, revenues, conference registration CSM; spent 50% of what brought in. Investments: work with APTA finance – Money in funds, checking, and money market. Question: Is there a limit for SOP to have related to tax exempt status (non-profit)? It is not the total amount you have but how you are making it. Unrelated business income is where you can get in trouble and this is not a problem for us. We are keeping about \$300,000 in investments to keep solvent; interested in suggestions from members.
  8. Regional Directors: Mary Jane Rapport reported that RDs met yesterday; changed allocation to be eligible to attend national meetings –each rep receives \$500 each year; At next strategic planning meeting the regional education fund line item will be deleted. A different mechanisms for state or regional courses will be developed so the money will be spent. Regional meetings will be held in later 2007, 2008 for sharing information with state reps. Also to help with communication, the focus of the member breakfast will be member appreciation with intent to serve and how one can serve, give members time to interact; no forum at CSM directed by regional directors; help state reps better interact with state chapter – pediatric SIGs, etc.
  9. Government Affairs: Sheryl Low reported on the Medicaid Task Force – (Toby Long, Sheryl, Mary Lou Gerrick) – trying to get a picture on Medicaid state by

- state. Want to create a Key contact list: emails to state reps to get resources with experience with Medicaid, private, EI, IDEA; list state by state to have contacts Part C Rules & Regs input happening. Need people on Committee.
10. Programming Committee: Reggie Harboure Pre-con: 2 courses with neuro – Body Electric (stroke, CP, MM); IIIStep (concurrent 2-day courses) Courses submitted via Scholar One – first step in acceptance. At CSM this year we will be competing against ourselves, i.e. we will have concurrent programming. There are also uniform start/stop programs across all sections during CSM. APTA plans AC, Sections plan CSM – challenged with time ; Mary Olsen (AK) did not like that this mtg conflicted with programming (was explained as a one time thing);
  11. Other: annual school based course (~April - east); EI (~July); Advanced course Indiannapolis (Oct); IIIStep ; chapter meetings; coordination and know the future – SIGs, EC, BOD welcome feedback on course times and locations.
  12. Practice Committee: Members are reviewing the APTA’s Defensible Documentation – assisting putting ped content in that and the electronic document CONNECT. The Continuum of Care Task force has formed across several sections – neuro, women health, ortho, etc. – educational modules and will meet soon.
  13. Research Committee: Summit II Oct 26-27 on EI research, participants accepted; report of activities from first Summit; Ongoing grants available to members; conversations are continuing with the Foundation – ways we can recommend experts on SRC, and AdHoc; RFP details; More educ for members; looking for evidence. A suggestion was made by Sue (MD) to have a pool of mentors for someone out in the field to access field researchers; Barb Connolly related that within the resources with APTA you can serve as mentors to members (write in to be a mentor) – member mentor program then meet the mentors at AC, and CSM meeting times; Holly Cintas suggested that we fund a person for an NIH Clinical training program – research interest, in past has been faculty on sabbatical year in past years, but expensive and would help us with improving/increasing researchers: suggest the pediatric specialty fellowship for research at NIH – human genome project – funding for fellowship training; budgeted FTE for a fellowship - \$50,000 min (purchase own equipment out of this money, etc) Research Committee will consider this recommendation and will be discussed at the strategic planning meeting.
  14. IDEA (renewed) book: Irene McEwen is working on the revision with a deadline of sections to Irene by July 15, then on to SOP by Aug 15. In this edition, there are more authors with less to write; This may be in print by CSM 2008.
  15. Next Home Study course – completed and now a variety of formats to make this available are being considered – online, electronic; want to find new ways to get information out to members. Suggestions welcome!
  16. Announcements: Strategic Planning meeting will be at the end of July; send ideas to Cindy Sliwa. We are sending a representative to the APTA diversity event, government affairs, Res Summit in Oct, Student Conclave. We are pleased with our improved links to APTA.

17. Meeting Open for Discussion: Mary (AK) asked why SOP dues were higher than every other Section except private practitioner? Responses: Holly – what do you get for your money? We get more – do you want to grow creatively? Eunice – IIIStep; income – keep student charge lower; Vicki – dues were discussed – give benefit back to members – how can we let the members reap the benefit? Reduce cost for CE a possible benefit; would lowering the dues get more members?; retention – reasons for leaving; primary - change of work status
18. WCPT – Barb Connolly: needs of individuals across world different, large # of countries, can add other founding countries in the next year – if personal contacts let Barb know; members -US, UK, Netherlands, South Africa, Cyprus, Sri Lanka, . . . , Hong Kong, Italy. How about South America? Next programming will occur in 2 years. Website [wcpt.org](http://wcpt.org), pediatric forum, dialogue on pediatric issues around the world, PTs in pediatrics website to occur
19. Openings: If interested, please let Sheree know!
  - Sports SIG Secretary
  - Communications Chair
  - Website update Sub-Committee Chair
  - State rep Sub-Committee member at large
  - Student Assembly liaison
  - Louisiana State Representative
  - Rhode Island State Representative
20. John Wallace: Competencies for EI/School so can cross state lines with your certifications should be discussed at the Strategic Planning meeting; Geriatric Section for fitness are contemplating a certification for geriatric fitness. You could use this as an example. Should also get pediatric information into normative model.
21. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary