



**Section on Pediatrics  
Membership Meeting  
Friday, June 10, 2005  
Sheraton: Hampton  
7:00 to 8:30 pm**

Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm

Welcome: Barbara Connolly

Adopted the rules of the house

Counting of the house: 30 Revised at time of voting count: 44

Introduction of Guest:

Babbette Sanders: APTA liaison and Secretary of BOD of APTA.

Minutes approved from Membership Meeting of AC 2004

- **President's Report**
- **Completed activities:**
  - **Physical Therapy Clinical Management for Children with Cerebral Palsy - Spastic Diplegia**
    - Approved by EC.
    - Task force has submitted manuscript to editor of PPT for review
    - First to be published in PPT then eventually may be bound as a single document that could be sold and profits put in Memorial Fund.
    - Task force disbanded.
  - **Tests and measure list completed** and put on web
  - **Online catalogue** now updated
  - **Workshop on School based physical therapy practice.**
    - Scheduled for 1/14 and 1/15 2006 in Denver Colo. (see website)

- **Procedure to review/revise and monitor publications of SOP including policies and procedures and position statements is now in place.**
  - Policy/procedure/statement will go back to committee where it is most appropriately reviewed. Review will happen every 3 to 5 years depending on type of statement (Policies and procedures will be reviewed every 3 years).
- **New liaisons:**
  - National Joint Committee on the Communication of Needs of Persons with Severe Disabilities: Irene McEwen
  - National Easter Seal Society: Barbara Connolly
- **Adults with Developmental Disabilities SIG; Name change:**
  - Adolescence and Adults with Developmental Disabilities.
- **Position statement presented by SOP to HOD passed.**
  - Identify core knowledge and skills for transition of an individual with life long disabilities from adolescent to adult care
  - Putting in context of educational model
  - Develop educational materials.
- **New activities:**
  - **Develop of educational materials describing pediatric services and equipment.**
    - Charged to Practice Committee and GA Committee
  - **Develop of educational materials on advocacy for members and families**
  - **Continued advocacy for physical therapy services within IDEA**
    - Karen Stavengard: New materials on IDEA released today
    - Public meetings have been scheduled but probably will change
    - This information will be reviewed and SOP will attend meetings
    - Legislative staffing is Karen Stavengard
  - **Medicaid Advocacy**

- Sylvia Brown is working with SOP on Medicaid. Ms. Brown is from the APTA GA Committee with a specialty is Medicaid issues
- Ms. Sylvia Brown: provided update on Medicaid legislation.
- APTA put forward Elizabeth Colson to be Medicaid Commission.
- The future of the Medicaid Commission is unclear because of congressional concerns.
- Purpose of Medicaid Commission is to:
  - Provide reform procedures to reduced debt
- **Home Study Course :**
  - New home study course: Meg Barry Michaels is editor
  - Expected to be published by end of this year.
- **Advanced Clinical Practice Course**
  - Exploring avenues for distributing information from advanced clinical practice course.
  - Cindy Sliwa has explored this issue and presented some avenues to pursue.
- **“You Can do It Program”**
  - Program through the Surgeon General on promoting fitness
  - APTA may be partnering with Surgeon General on piloting this program for children with disabilities. Three or four sites are necessary. Please contact Barbara Connolly if interested.
- **III Step:**
  - Need volunteers.
  - Information will be published in Physical Therapy
  - Then may be available in other modes for purchase.
  - Continuing education seminars are being planned to disseminate information regionally.
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- **Treasurer’s update: Eunice Shen**
  - Discussed need to focus on building endowment of the Pediatric Fund through the Foundation for Physical Therapy so that we can begin to award grants for pediatric research.
  - Reviewed Treasurer’s report.

- **Awards:**
  - Outstanding Peer Review Journal ( Awarded to SOP3 out of the last 4 years)
  - Legislative activities
  
- **Award ceremony**
  - Catherine Worthingham Fellow: Carolyn Heriza
  - Golden Pen Award: Bob Palisano:
  - Scientific Inquiry Award: Beth Timman:
  
- **Regional Directors Coordinator Report:**
  - Recognized regional directors and state representatives that are present
  - Results of Regional Directors meeting at AC 2005:
    - Issues: video library Karen Haas and Jess Anderson in charge
      - Let people know if any suggestions
    - Issues forum: scheduled to be on re-imbursement at CSM 2006
      - Will be round table format with facilitators and secretaries to be at each table.
    - Volunteers requested to serve in SOP. Once you volunteer with some indication of where you would like to be and then you will be assigned to a committee.
  
- **Section Delegate Report**
  - Change in nomenclature. Will require change in SOP bylaws.
  
- **New business:**
  
- **Motion 3** It is moved that the Section on Pediatrics investigate developing a Pediatric Sub group for the WCPT and initiate the steps necessary if feasible.
- **Justification:** the WCPT currently has 6 subgroups but not one for pediatrics. Children world wide are in need of physical therapy care and the SOP should begin the process.
  
- **Motion presented but not passed:** Proposal of a new special interest group for individuals interested in NICU issues. Jane Sweeny has a petition completed.
  - **Discussion:** Barbara Connolly felt the need to review process of developing a new SIG as those procedures were not readily available. Membership discussion also supported the formation of the NICU SIG because it is a very specialized area of practice and the educational needs are not often met by general programming. A forum or roundtable at CSM 2006 was suggested as a way of addressing those needs if a SIG is not appropriate.

- Jaqueline Mast will review the policy and procedure on formation of a SIG. and Jane Sweeny will continue to develop the petition and present to the EC one month prior to the next meeting of the BOD.
- Motion withdrawn.
- **Motion 4** It is moved that the SOP explore a new topic for the second Research Summit and the feasibility of funding the development of a proposal for this summit.
- **Justification** The first summit was to serve as a model for future collaborative research efforts in areas where pediatric physical therapy has great impact and in which the section has the potential to lead the research. Fitness was only one area and we need to identify other areas and topics. The process takes approximately 2 years.
- Motion presented by Ginny Paleg concerning addressing HIC PIC Codes for standers: Motion withdrawn. Concern will be taken to a group at the APTA who is working on getting additional HIC PIC codes. .
- **Review of PR video tapes.**
  - Will be available on website for members and non-members and available at the SOP booth.
- **Specialty Council**
  - Applications due the end of the July
  - Stephanie Yu will be new person on and Donna Muollo will rotate off
- **Memorial award:** Maria Kaylor.
- **Education Committee:**
  - Compendium is in process.
  - Still areas of need: older children, adolescents, adults with developmental disabilities and/or life long disability, musculoskeletal, cardiopulmonary, integumentary issues, orthotics, prosthetics, interventions.
- **Research Committee:**
  - **Discussion:** PPT will only publish two keynote address so need methods to disseminate. The committee is considering other formations including workshops. There will also be detailed report noting outcomes in more detail.
  - It was suggested that some information be put on the website about outcome and dissemination.

- **Motion 5:** It is moved that the SOP develop and implement, if feasible in 2006, a 2 day conference on fitness for children with disabilities to disseminate the research information presented at the Research Summit on fitness.
- Justification: The section funded the Research Summit and one of the objectives of the Summit was dissemination of research findings to Section members. Also the section will recoup the money and make a small profit to be donated towards research.
  
- Drawings :
  
- Adjourned. 9:00

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary