

MINUTES OF THE ORTHOPAEDIC SECTION, APTA, INC.

**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPISTS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL**

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

OHPTSIG BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Lechner, Kathleen Rockefeller, Margot Miller, Dee Daley, Drew Bossen, Frank Fearon, David Miller, Jennifer Steiner, Barb McKelvy

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM Central time by President Deborah Lechner. The board submitted reports prior to the meeting to ensure all important information was shared. The board then focused on brainstorming to improve the function and strength of the OHPTSIG.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Drew made a motion to approve the minutes of the 02.25.05 OHPTSIG Board Meeting. Dee seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Review of OHPTSIG Objectives and Special Projects: Deborah Lechner, President

Deborah reflected on our CSM Board Meeting in February. She stated she was pleased with the amount of enthusiasm and support by the board for this specialty. And she expressed concern regarding the lack of training in occupational health in PT school programming and lack of interest of practicing physical therapists. She briefly reviewed board members' current special projects, many of which address these concerns. She also reviewed accountabilities and all board members agreed they could be handled appropriately as delegated.

Publication of Practice Analysis	Deborah Lechner
Exploration of Certification	Deborah Lechner/Ken Harwood
Membership Survey	Barb McKelvy/Margot Miller
Website Revision	Barb McKelvy/Margot Miller
Website Contact	Barb McKelvy
OSHA Alliance	Drew Bossen
Ergonomic Action Pack	Drew Bossen
PT 2006	Dee Daley
PT Ergo Publication	Dee Daley
Academic Conference Presentation	David Miller
Clinical Educators' Article	David Miller
New Home Study Course	David Miller
OH PT Education Manual	David Miller/Kathy Rockefeller

MEMBERSHIP IDEAS:

The board had a lengthy discussion regarding strategies to increase membership in the OHPTSIG. Drew suggested we address the value membership provides our members. Everyone agreed with this

rationale. Barb and Margo will develop a marketing piece to be sent via email emphasizing how this specialty can assist in growing business, expanding clinical expertise of a mature clinician, providing a profitable revenue source, and differentiating a practice and/or a clinician in the marketplace. It was also suggested that working with the Private Practice Section and/or the Administrative Section would be mutually beneficial. Other ideas for the future included publicizing upcoming education programs, emphasis on wellness and prevention, and using the names of well known members within OHPTSIG in the promotion materials.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dee reviewed the 2006 CSM program, June 2006. She stated that she needs the Practice Analysis course summary and Gwen's information in place by July. Details were outlined in her report.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION MANUAL:

Deborah reviewed the guidelines for the necessity of this tool to justify the expense. The group discussed the ability to effectively utilize the information gained from the Practice Analysis for this project. Ken Hardwood is addressing the Academic Coordinators and presenting the results of the Practice Analysis. He will provide us with their feedback which will assist in our decisions for future action in this area. David discussed the cost of the Manipulation Education Manual, including the cost of mailing to the Academic Coordinators. If we decide not to develop the OH Education Manual, Deb suggested developing articles about occupational health physical therapy in the Academic Coordinators' newsletters. Dee suggested development of a Poster for the Academic Conference in California. The group also discussed the possibility of developing an Occupational Health Resources Home Study.

HOOKED ON EVIDENCE:

David summarized information outlined in his report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:00 PM Central time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb McKelvy,
OHPTSIG Secretary