

Orthopaedic Section – Occupational Health Special Interest Group
Board of Directors meeting- 2/3/14 5:00pm – 7:45pm

Members present: Lorena Payne, Fran Kistner, John Lowe, Nicole Matoushek, Jill Galper; Chris Studebaker (by phone); guest- Reuben Escorpizo

Meeting discussion included:

1. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's report- unencumbered funds. Lorena will find out current balance.
3. Officer Reports
 - President's report - discussed strategic plan for 2014, topics for Ortho Journal (see below). The occupational health independent study course will be available in the next 2 months.
 - Vice President- Discussion about education programs: Education task force will explore options available for continuing education series. Other groups have produced this model. We will look at the process to see if this can serve as a model for us as we emphasize advanced education offerings. This will help address the requests from membership and from stakeholders (payers, employers) for advanced education and provide some proof of advanced competency.
 - Communication & Membership- discussion of ways to increase participation, will request review of using different platforms to encourage sharing of special interest information
 - Nominating Committee - discussion of upcoming elections
4. Discussion of topic for CSM 2015- a preconference course will be submitted in addition to regular programming. Programming for 2015 is changed to include 1 – 2 hour session with business meetings at 7am.
5. Worker's Comp Advocacy Agenda- The OHSIG will have a representative to participate in a meeting on April 12 to develop strategies for work comp advocacy with APTA.
6. Reuben Escorpizo discussed Occupational Health Clinical Practice Guidelines: OHSIG will request that the Orthopaedic section sponsor this CPG. A grant application to APTA will be submitted once sponsorship is identified. Reuben will put together teams of interested volunteers to work on a Work Rehab guideline. This guideline will identify evidence in practice related to returning an individual to productivity.

Respectfully submitted by Jill Galper and Lorena Payne