

**Orthopaedic Section APTA**  
**Occupational Health Special Interest Group**  
**General Business Meeting Minutes/APTA CSM Nashville**

**Feb 8, 2008**

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1. Call to Order by Margot Miller. Margot introduced BOD members to meeting attendees.
2. Nominating Committee Election results by Margot Miller:
  - a. New Vice President introduction: Steve Allison
  - b. Research chair: Kathy Rockefeller
  - c. Nominating Committee Member: motion was made and approved to accept Mr. John Lowe, PT as new nominating committee member. John was present and accepted nomination.
3. Awards for service and contributions were presented by Margot Miller to OH SIG members Kathy Rockefeller and David Miller. Congratulations and thank you both.
4. President's report presented by Margot Miller:
  - a. Media opportunities for orthopaedic section media opportunities. If you are interested in participating in these media opportunities, please contact Margot.
  - b. Need articles on topics of occupational health. If anyone has any articles or would like to write one, please contact Margot. Articles can be case study of unique case or clinical findings. Need article for Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> publication.
5. Manuscript/petition for certification update presented by David Miller:
  - a. David gave us an update on the manuscript/petition for certification. Is in progress.
6. OSHA Alliance presented by Kathy Rockefeller:
  - a. The initial attempt for a national alliance between APTA and OSHA has faded and is currently on hold. However there is progress in moving forward with regional and state alliances with OSHA. The first region to evaluate an alliance is region 5, which includes the Midwestern states. This is seen as a terrific opportunity to work on an alliance with OSHA on state or regional level. This will allow for the development of a template and process.
  - b. Kathy mentioned the possibility to work on a national alliance with NIOSH. She is working with a few key members of NIOSH currently.
7. Patient Safe Lifting presented by Kathy Rockefeller:
  - a. Kathy presented the update on the patient safe lifting rules and mentioned that it is gaining acceptance and support. Several nursing programs have now incorporated the lifting rules as part of their curriculum. Additionally, Washington state has now mandated lifting rules in hospitals. The move towards national legislation on safe lifting practices is being evaluated.

- b. Kathy is involved with the “Annual Safe Patient Handling Conference” in Tampa, FL, March, 10-14, 2008. Please come, contact Kathy for more information.
  
- 8. Education- OH Guidelines presented by Dee Daley:
  - a. Goal is to update 3 of the APTA OH clinical practice guidelines, these guidelines are 10 years old and will be deleted if not updated. The plan is to have 3 guidelines done this year and three next year. This year, the 3 guidelines that are being updated are, and in order: FCE, Work hardening/Work conditioning and the role of the therapist in occupational health.
    - i. The FCE task force had a very productive meeting this week at CSM and will present the proposed revisions to the FCE task force for approval prior to submitting to APTA.
    - ii. Next, the work hardening and work conditioning guidelines may be revised to focus more on the worker rehab in general, from acute care to RTW. These guidelines may be modified to include work transition programs, as they trend for onsite continues and there currently are no guidelines on the provision of work transition programs.
    - iii. Role of therapist in occupational health will be reviewed and modified as needed.
  
- 9. PPS program content needed, by Dee Daley:
  - a. PPS program content is needed, if anyone has any ideas, please contact Dee.
  
- 10. New Business presented by Margot Miller:
  - a. Margot relayed an update about a meeting and discussion of SIGs becoming educational groups. There are more responsibilities and requirements for SIGs, although the SIGs receive more financial support. It appears as if OH SIG will remain a SIG at this time, this is not expected to affect membership.