

**Occupational Health Special Interest Group
Orthopaedic Section APTA
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 15, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Margot at 10:35 am.

BOD Members participating in the call: Margot, Rick, Jen, Kathy, John, Steve, Joe

Those unable to participate in the call: David, Dee, Nicole

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from CSM Feb 2008 BOD meeting as is.

President's Report - Margot Miller

a. Update - Region 5 OSHA

Margot represents OHSIG and MN in the Region V/APTA Alliance. More details under Kathy's update.

b. Update - Executive Summary of Practice Analysis and Petition

The Executive Summary of OHSIG Practice Analysis is nearly complete and will be submitted to OPTP for publication May 30. David Miller has taken the lead on this.

A motion was made and approved to allocate \$500 for an outside clerical resource to assist with putting the Petition together for OHPT certification for ABPTS. The motion was approved with a four week timeline in place for the work to be completed. David is taking the lead on this.

c. Update - SIG/EIG Policies

Margot sent the new policy from Ortho Section on SIG/EIGs. OHSIG will remain a SIG.

d. Update - FCE Guidelines

The first draft is near completion. To be sent to the FCE Task Force and CSM working group for feedback by end of May. Rick and Gwen Simmons have taken the lead on compiling feedback.

e. Request from Joe Godges of the Clinical Specialty Council

Margot was contacted by Joe Godges regarding establishing post professional clinical residency or fellowship curriculum in Occupational Health Physical Therapy. Joe requested a synopsis of or the current version of the Occ Health Practice Analysis in order to get the ball rolling on creating the curriculum for this program. This was approved by the Board as long as the Education Chair of OHSIG is involved.

Vice President Report - Steve Allison

Steve will be working on OHSIG Strategic Plan.

Secretary Report - Joe Kleinkort

Gary Schroeder is providing a paper for May 30 OPTP deadline. Additional authors are needed more for future OPTP issues. The next critical deadline after May 30th is August 29th.

Treasurer Report - Nicole Matoushek

2008 YTD Budget report:

Annual Budget: \$4295.00

Year to Date Actual: \$541.09

Current Budget: \$1431.68

Variance (under budget): \$890.59

Remaining funds for 2008: \$3753.91

Research Chair - Kathy Rockefeller

a. APTA Alliance with OSHA Region V

This initiative followed the initial effort to develop on National Alliance between APTA and OSHA which laid some of the groundwork. The efforts of Dana Root, PT, CPE of OSHA were critical to the Region V project and are greatly appreciated.

States involved: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin

Key representatives and subject matter experts for the states were identified and have been involved with the project. Conference calls have been held and priorities were discussed. Small teams have been formed to work on specific strategies to move the initiative forward.

The focus of the Alliance is on ergonomics and the protection of healthcare workers from musculoskeletal disorders, with an initial emphasis on disorders associated with patient handling and movement activities, such as tasks involving transferring, repositioning, and gait. Another goal is to share information with OSHA about the profession of physical therapy and how our knowledge and expertise might assist OSHA's mission and goals.

b. Conference News

Conference on "Safe Patient Handling for Functional Independence" will be held in Milwaukee on May 30, 2008. The conference is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and OSHA Region V. The conference will present a full day on content related to safe patient handling and movement in rehabilitation settings. The target audience includes physical therapists, occupational therapists, and rehabilitation nurses. There will be opportunities for participants to interact with manufacturers of patient handling equipment, and to work in small groups on case settings relevant to rehabilitation settings. Kathleen Rockefeller, PT, ScD, MPH was involved with developing the conference and is one of the speakers.

Practice Chair - Drew Bossen

Drew is participating in the Region V OSHA/APTA initiative as an external expert.

Education Chair - Dee Daley

Two programs were selected for CSM, plus our precon. The two programs are “Beyond the Hoyer Lift” (ortho), and “Body Mechanics are not enough” (acute is primary/ortho is secondary).

It has been requested that our precon start mid afternoon so the expensive weekend hotel rate won't be a problem. The schedule will be reworked so that it will be 1.5 days.

Beth Jones noted that there was another precon submission that the ortho review group rated higher than OHSIG's submission. Beth asked if we might want to change our program. The program was a job analysis of risk factors proposal by Miriam Joffee. Since this topic was similar to 2006 1 day precon, it was decided we would not change this year. This would be a good offering for next year.

Dee plans to resign as Ed Chair. The BOD is to get names of potential names to Margot for consideration. Dee is willing to work with the new Ed Chair from now until next CSM. This will assure that we have continuity in program planning.

Membership Chair - Rick Wickstrom

Rick will present ideas for attracting new members at the next BOD meeting. For now, he is focused on the FCE Guidelines.

Nominating Chair - Jen Pollack

Jen will contact Tara to determine what positions are up for election. Jen will take the lead on getting the OHSIG Membership newsletter out in the next couple of weeks.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned 11:45am.

Submitted,

**Joe Kleinkort
Secretary, OHSIG
Orthopedic Section, APTA**