

animalrehabilitation

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

CSM 2009 – Las Vegas, NV Thursday, February 12, 2009

I. Call to Order - Meeting began 7:05am

II. Welcome

PRACTICE ANALYSIS SURVEY CHALLENGE!!! Amie mentioned that our survey results are low and challenged the membership to fill out a pre-printed survey and return it to us by the end of meeting.

III. Introduction of 2009 Officers & Committee Chairs

- a. Amie Lamoreaux Hesbach – President
- b. Carrie Adamson Adrian – Vice-President
- c. Linda McGonagle – Treasurer/Secretary
- d. Donna Redman-Bentley – Research Committee Chairperson
- e. Charles Evans – Practice Committee Chairperson/State Liaison Coordinator
- f. Cheryl Riegger-Krugh – Nominating Committee Chairperson
- g. Amy Kramer – Nominating Committee Member
- h. Ellen Hamilton – Orthopaedic Section (OS) Liaison/APT-SIG Advisor
- i. Former SIG Officers: David Levine
- j. Guests: Narelle Stubbs

IV. Old Business

- a. Approval of CSM 2008 APT-SIG Business Meeting Minutes
 - i. MOTION – minutes were approved by membership
- b. President's Report
 - i. Strategic Plan 2006-2009 – We are planning to survey the membership so to revise/update our Strategic Plan.
 - ii. Practice Analysis – Tara initially thought we had ~80 responses until further analysis revealed that only ~27 responses were returned. A challenge was issued to the membership to complete pre-printed versions that were handed out on the spot or to access the practice analysis online and be eligible to win an animal ISC. The purpose of the practice analysis was reiterated and emphasized repeatedly throughout the meeting.
 - iii. Communication/Public Relations – We continue to utilize the newsletter, blast emails, the listserve, and the Web site for communication with our members. We would like to get a volunteer to assist with public relations and coordinate efforts with the Orthopaedic Section. Lisa Bedenbaugh has volunteered to coordinate our newsletter in OPTP. She will be recruiting submissions in the near future.
 - iv. Political Liaison Update
 1. The American Association of Rehabilitation Veterinarians (AARV) was introduced and Amie brought forth several concerns related to two letters that were sent by the AARV to individual state Veterinary Medical Associations and Veterinary Schools: 1.) inaccurate description of legislation in CO; 2.) in-

tent of veterinarians to allow physical therapists and veterinary technicians to be involved in treating animals, but under the direct supervision of a vet only (essentially equating the professions of physical therapy and veterinary technology).

a. Amie placed a phone call to Julia Tomlinson, DVM – President of the AARV to discuss these concerns. Dr. Tomlinson insisted that an open collaboration is still their intent, however refused to retract their letter to the veterinary medical associations or correct their inaccuracies, stating that these letters were never meant to be viewed by a physical therapist. A board meeting will be held on Monday by the AARV, concerns will be voiced and a position statement by the AARV will be shared with the Animal SIG liaison, Amie Hesbach.

2. International Association of Veterinary Rehabilitation & Physical Therapy (IAVRPT) – established at the 5th International Symposium on veterinary rehabilitation and physical therapy in 8/08. Their website is a work in progress, but you may join online for a cost of \$50. Information will continue to be updated on the web. The next international Symposium will be in August 2010 in Auburn, Alabama.
3. American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation (DACVSMR) – Diplomate status for a boarded specialty in animal sports medicine and rehabilitation has been accepted by the American Veterinary Medical Association. This specialty certification is for veterinarians only and may be equated with a similar role as a human physiatrist.
4. WCPT – 10 countries have recognized animal physical therapy groups. There are four other countries who are interested, but not yet recognized. Steve Strunk is spearheading the WCPT effort and application will be made at the 2010 meeting.
- c. Vice-President/Education Committee Report
 - i. Educational Opportunities – Independent study courses are available online and topics for future ISCs are welcome and ideas can be directed to the board. Discussions with the OS and Occupational Health and Performing Arts SIG will begin to better define a model for membership to pursue specialized education within their respective fields, potentially focusing on residencies and fellowships.
 - ii. CSM 2010 Programming Ideas – a few ideas have been mentioned for 2010 programming including:
 1. State Liaison Forum/Roundtable
 2. Animal Rehabilitation Case Review
 3. Stifle Focus (Jennifer Brooks)
 4. Sports Medicine (Dr. Rob Gillette)
 - iii. Clipboards – the canine clipboard is finished and sells for \$25 +\$7 shipping. Jennifer Brooks has offered to put together an equine version in the near future.
 - iv. FAQ/State Liaison Resources – legislative resources will be submitted to Tara and upon approval from the OS board, will be available online as a membership benefit. Resources may include the scope of practice for those pursuing legislative efforts in their respective states, CE lectures, educational handouts for clients, and frequent-

ly asked questions for those interested in getting started in this field.

v. Other Education Issues

1. Resources for ACCE's – Cheryl Riegger-Krugh will put together a resource manual for ACCEE2s and for PT students who are interested in a career in animal rehabilitation.
2. Task Force for the Definition of Standards of Education for Non-Physical Therapists – Cheryl will also head this Task Force.
- d. Treasurer/Secretary Report – The SIG budget is maintained/controlled by the Section but we do have access to encumbered funds which will help us with special future projects as well as potential continuing education offerings.
- e. Practice/State Liaison Committee Report
 - i. Lisa Bedenbaugh (Georgia), Beth Williams/Robyn Roth (Nevada), Amie Hesbach (Maryland), Carrie Adrian (Colorado) updated us with regards to legislative happenings in their respective states.
 - ii. Kirk Peck (Nebraska) was unable to attend but, through Amie Hesbach, gave an update as well.
- f. State Government Affairs Forum 2007 (Lisa Bedenbaugh) – A report was posted in the last newsletter.
- g. Research Committee Report – No report.
- h. Nominating Committee Report – No report.
- i. Orthopaedic Section Liaison Report – No report.

V. New Business.

- a. APTA Residency/Fellowship Credentialing Committee – We will continue conversations with the Orthopaedic Section and other SIGs. There is a preconference course at APTA 2009 in Baltimore which we hope a member of our board might attend.
- b. Call for Nominations & Committee Chairs/Members – We need volunteers to assist us with special projects and to serve on committees.
- c. Veterinary Insurance Reimbursement Issues – We would like to have a volunteer to further investigate this.
- d. Other New Business

VI. Open Forum

- a. Robyn Roth suggested that programming next year focus on neurology/neurorehabilitation.

VII. Adjournment

VIII. Following the educational session, Jennifer Brooks presented information regarding the new legislation in New Hampshire. This bill calls for a separate designation of physical therapists that practice on animals, with appropriate additional training, that will be referred to as 'animal physical therapists'.
