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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

GREETINGS OHSIG MEMBERS:

Combined Sections Meeting February 14-17 in Boston was energizing and full of networking and educational opportunities! OHSIG educational programming took place, the OHSIG Board of Directors met, and OHSIG general business meeting was held. A few updates for you include:

Task Force Updates:

- 1) OSHA Alliance – Ken Harwood and Mary Fran Delaune from APTA's Practice Committee, attended the OHSIG Board Meeting and provided an update of their meetings with OSHA. During their last meeting, OSHA announced that they are no longer interested in alliances related to ergonomics. There is opportunity to work with specific regions, and this avenue will be pursued. Kathy Rockefeller and Drew Bossen, OHSIG Task Force Co-Chairs, will continue to work with APTA. Stay tuned.
- 2) Occupational Health Specialization Certification – The Summary Practice Analysis manuscript is in process of final review, with plans to proceed with publication. OHSIG officers are in process of completing the petition to ABPTS (American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists) to develop a specialization certification in Occupational Health PT. Stay tuned!

OHSIG thanks Dee Daley, OHSIG Education Chair, for great programming. We also thank the following speakers for sharing their expertise: Dee Daley, Drew Bossen, Kathy Rockefeller, Deborah Lechner, and Helene Fearon.

The OHSIG welcomes new board members:
Secretary—Joe Kleinkort
Nominating Committee Member—Steve Allison

OHSIG thanks Barb McKelvy, outgoing secretary, for her years of service to OHSIG serving as secretary. Barb will continue to be active with OHSIG. She is involved in the Practice Analysis manuscript and on the Specialization Certification Task Force.

OHSIG thanks Frank Fearon, outgoing Nominating Committee member and past Research Committee Chair, for his years of service to OHSIG. Our many thoughts are with Frank and his family.

OHSIG members consider attending APTA National Conference in Denver, June 27-30. [Safe Patient Handling: Strategies for Integrating Safety Into the Rehabilitation Setting](#). Speakers: Ken J Harwood, PT, PhD, CIE, APTA, Alexandria VA; Audrey Nelson, PhD, RN, FAAN, Patient Safety Center of Inquiry,

Tampa FL; Kathleen Rockefeller, PT, ScD, MPH, University of South Florida, Tampa FL.

*Sincerely,
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