

### GREETINGS OHSIG MEMBERS

An OHSIG BOD conference call was held Oct 16, 2007. An email blast will follow to all OHSIG members; the following is a sneak peak of "News from your Board."

The OHSIG petition to ABPTS for certification in OHPT is still underway. The OHSIG BOD members will review the final document. In addition, we are in process of getting data clarification related to the Practice Analysis. We are in the final phase of completing the manuscript for publication.

There is an opportunity to work with OSHA on a regional level. Region 5 is interested. Dennis Isernhagen, who was a member of the OSHA OHSIG Task Force, will represent MN APTA. Margot will represent OHSIG.

Safe Patient Handling & Movement in Rehabilitation was presented at PT 2007 in Denver. Presenters included Dr. Audrey Nelson, Director of the Patient Safety Center at the Tampa VA; Dr. Tom Waters, a biomechanist and researcher at NIOSH; Dr. Ken Harwood from APTA; and Kathy Rockefeller, OHSIG VP. This was the first time this topic had been presented at a national PT meeting.

OSHA Region 5 will be holding a conference on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee with the focus on safe patient handling in rehabilitation settings. Kathy will be presenting the keynote address. In addition there is a potential opportunity to develop an Alliance type relationship with NIOSH. We will keep members informed of this.

It's time to review our Occ Health Guidelines. We will be forming a Task Force to assist this process. The plan is for the Task Force to meet at CSM. More to follow.

Jennifer Pollak agreed to assume Nominating Committee Chair position for Linda Nicoli. Linda's business needs resulted in her need to turn over the chair position. Linda will continue to be an active supporter of the OHSIG. The Board thanks Linda for her work with us, as well as thanks Jennifer for agreeing to the chair position.

And lastly, OHSIG congratulates Drew Bossen, OHSIG Practice Chair. Drew will receive the 2007 Service Award for the Private Practice Section. "It is due to his vision and leadership that many private practices have grown in their services and made new inroads to the business world. Drew tirelessly services the Private Practice Section, having been a past Board member and past Vice President. He is a PAC member and currently the Vice President of the Educational Institute of Private Practice Physical Therapy." In addition to this, Drew is an active member of the OHSIG and a member of OHSIG BOD. Congratulations Drew!

*Sincerely,  
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OHSIG President*