

ORFSIG Members,

I hope everyone has had a delightful summer enjoying some time with family and friends. As summer winds to an end, it reminds us how quickly our annual Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) in Washington, DC will be here. As CSM schedules begin to fill up we want to make sure everyone puts our preconference course on their calendar. **Please save the date January 22nd, 2019, for**

### Clinical Excellence and Quality Standards in Residency/ Fellowship Education

We are excited to have Kirk Bentzen, Kathleen Geist, Tara Jo Manal, Eric Robertson, Aimee Klein, and our ORFSIG officers assist programs in understanding the new Quality Standards that will go in effect in 2020. This will be a highly interactive session with breakout sessions so all current and developing programs can work toward creating further excellence in their residency and fellowship education.

Additionally, mark your calendar for **Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.** for our annual business meeting. Here we will be unveiling our new Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives for the ORFSIG. The location is yet to be determined so be sure to review the CSM programming schedule for details.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Washington, DC. Take a look below at some of the other current updates on some ongoing projects.

*Thank you,  
Matt Haberl,  
President, ORFSIG*

### Strategic Planning

The ORFSIG received a \$1000 grant from the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy to undergo a strategic planning initiative. To help facilitate planning, Janet Bezner, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA, was hired to direct the members of our strategic planning group. So far, the group has met on 3 different occasions with a goal to reveal our new strategic plan at CSM 2019.

We want to send a special thank you to those members who have devoted their time and talents

**Board Liaison:** Aimee Klein

**Practice Committee Chair:** Kathy Cieslak

**Residency and Fellowship:** Molly Malloy

**Section Office Staff:** Tara Fredrickson

**ORFSIG Leadership/VP/Education Chair:** Kathleen Geist

**Nominating Committee:** Chair—Matt Stark; Members—Mary Derrick, Melissa Dreger

### Strategic Planning:

Members—Chris Gaines, Chrysta Lloyd, Darren Calley, Megan Frazee, Kirk Bentzen, Kris Porter, Matthew Thomason, Mary Kate McDonnell, Sarah Nonaka, Stephen Kareha

### Free Webinars

We recently co-hosted a free webinar regarding “Mentoring to Mentor.” Thank you to Kris Porter, Arlene McCarthy, Carol Jo Tichenor, and Kathleen Geist for their tremendous work and time in presenting to a record number 72 attendees. Recordings and

materials from these webinars can be found on our website at:

- <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/residency-fellowship/communication-whats-happening>

Do not miss our follow-up webinar reviewing case examples of the annual mentor observation and mentor growth plan on **November 15, 2018 at 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. CST.**

### Free Membership SWAG

Mary Derrick and Matt Stark have been developing some great promotional items for our members to represent the ORFSIG. Make sure to come to the ORFSIG business meeting at CSM or swing by the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy’s booth to check out these great items.

### Orthopaedic Residency & Fellowship SIG Chair Committee

The second meeting of the APTA Sections’ Residency & Fellowship SIG Chairs occurred on August 2. Each Section representative provided updates regarding that group’s recent activities related to residency and fellowship education and accreditation. APTA Residency/Fellowship staff reviewed information from the recently published June 2018 ABPTRFE Newsletter.

### Residency/Fellowship Education HUB Community

One key element for all programs to be aware of is the transition of information to the Residency/Fellowship Education HUB Community. All APTA members now have access to this community and the community is no longer limited to program directors. The goal of the HUB community is to improve communication and decrease some of the clutter on the ABPTRFE webpage.

Therefore, reference information such as the ABPTRFE newsletters, historical ABPTRFE Annual Aggregate Data Reports (the current year report will be on the website with a reference to access previous reports on the HUB), the Annual Continuous Improvement Report Template (programs will now complete their annual report using the Accreditation Management System (AMS), the template is simply provided for convenience so programs know its content before accessing the AMS), and the Substantive Change Forms (again, like the program annual report, these are simply templates as the substantive change forms will be completed within the AMS) will be located on the HUB community within organized file folders.

All other materials will continue to stay on the ABPTRFE website.

### Accreditation Management System (AMS)

The APTA launched the updated residency and fellowship program directory pages (<https://accreditation.abptrfe.org/#/directory>) on the ABPTRFE website. Since February, programs have been using the AMS for submission of accreditation and re-accreditation documentation. Beginning in January 2019, all programs will use the AMS for submission of all accreditation documentation (eg, Annual Continuous Improvement Report [formerly known as the Annual Report], Substantive Changes, etc). Copies of all documentation templates are located on either the ABPTRFE website or the Residency/Fellowship Education HUB Community site.

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