**ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC PHYSICAL THERAPY, APTA, INC.**

**CSM 2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**VIRTUAL**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2021**

# CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

A. Joe Donnelly, PT, DHSc, FAPTA, OCS, FAAOMPT (Hon) – President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM EST and stated the meeting is being recorded and will be available on the AOPT website.

B. The following introductions were made –

* Past AOPT Presidents
* Academy Board of Directors and staff
* Newly certified orthopaedic specialists and all certified orthopaedic specialists
* AOPT mentors

## A moment of silence was held for those AOPT members who have passed away in the last year.

D. Bob Rowe, PT, DPT, DMT, MHS, FAAOMPT, was recognized as the parliamentarian consultant for the meeting.

E. Agenda and Reports can be found at <https://www.orthopt.org/content/education/csm-2021>

F. The agenda was approved as written.

F. The Annual Membership Meeting minutes from CSM in Denver, CO on February 14, 2020 were approved as written.

G. Highlighted below are some of the initiatives employed by staff and AOPT leadership in response to the hardships COVID-19 created and continues to cause.

1. Assisted 79 AOPT Members experiencing financial hardships with their dues or offering them a free ISC.
2. Slashed prices of archived ISCs early in COVID
3. Made select resources available for no cost, i.e. Ortho Residency and Fellowship reading list
4. APTA COVID response was led by collaboration among the Sections, AOPT contributed across the board, but specifically:
   1. Development of PACER project course Out-patient PT for COVID-19
   2. Development of a letter advocating PTs working in acute care with active-COVID patients be allowed use of N-95 masks (PTs were being denied PPE by their employers)

H. The Brightside of COVID-19

1. Virtual Board of Director meetings - Thursday - Saturday format saving the AOPT approximately $25,000
2. Successful Strategic Framework and AOPT leadership alignment
3. Advancement of AOPT leadership development through coaching from Bill Dickinson of C3 Leadership

**II. FINANCE REPORT – Kim Wellborn, PT, MBA – Treasurer**

1. The year-end 2019 audited income and expenses resulted in a profit of $335,766. The total amount in the AOPT investment funds as of December 31, 2020 was $6,487,307. $400,000 was dedicated to funding implementation of the strategic framework in the Research, Practice, Education fund.
2. 2020 membership dues were down 8% compared to 2019. This decline occurred between April and June. It started to recover in July but we are still not up to where we were pre-COVID-19.

**III. AOPT INITIATIVES**

1. 2020 – 2024 Strategic Framework
2. **Vision Statement:** The Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy will be a World leader in optimizing movement and musculoskeletal health
3. **Mission Statement:** The Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy empowers members to excel in orthopaedic physical therapy
4. **Values**
5. **Engagement:** A two‐way inclusive communication stream demonstrating emotional intelligence, communication, and non‐verbal responses in all interactions with others.
6. **Excellence:** To represent and serve all members with the highest quality resources, thought leadership, and professional support.
7. **Innovation:** We will continuously strive to actualize the current and future member needs in the field of orthopaedic physical therapy to improve efficiency, effectiveness and competitive advantage.
8. **Respect:** We will strive to have due regard for the feelings, wishes, rights or traditions of others into the AOPT culture.
9. Payment and Value Workgroup
10. Members assembled in October
11. Marcia Spoto (Chair), Craig Johnson (PPS Board Member), Julie Fritz, Gwen Simons, Trevor Lentz
12. Initiatives under development for 2021 and beyond
13. Define and create AOPT Position Statement on “Value in PT”
14. Gathering/Developing Web resources – “Payment Toolkit”
15. Exploring PT Payment stakeholder Summit for 2022/2023
16. Collaborating with APTA and AOPT SIGs/Committees to support additional new and existing efforts
17. The APTA Centennial Scholars program was launched in October 2020 and the AOPT Board of Directors agreed to sponsor 3 scholars. They are each working on projects that are in alignment with the AOPT strategic framework. The scholars and their project titles are
18. Mary Beth Geiser, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT

The Advocacy Resource Bank for Individuals with Complex Orthopaedic Conditions

1. Yusra Iftikhar, PT, DPT

AOPT Mentorship Program Expansion and Diversification

1. Zach Walston, PT, DPT, OCS

Increasing the Volume and Improving the Consistency of Patient Facing Content

**IV. REPORTS**

1. The following reports are posted on the AOPT’s web site
2. Membership – Megan Poll, Chair
3. Education – Nancy Bloom, Chair
4. OPTP – John Heick, Editor
5. Research – Dan White, Chair
6. Orthopaedic Specialty Council – Hilary Greenberger, Chair
7. Practice – James Spencer, Chair
8. ISC – Guy Simoneau, Editor
9. Public Relations – AOPT Staff
10. Awards – Marie Corkery, Chair
11. Clinical Practice Guidelines – Christine McDonough/Guy Simoneau/Robroy Martin, Co-Editors
12. Occupational Health SIG – Rick Wickstrom, President
13. Foot and Ankle SIG – Chris Neville, President
14. Performing Arts SIG – Laurel Abbruzzese, President
15. Pain SIG – Nancy Durban, President
16. Animal Physical Therapy SIG – Francisco Maia, President
17. Imaging SIG – Chuck Hazle, President
18. Residency and Fellowship SIG – Matt Haberl, President

**V. GUEST SUBMISSIONS – Presented by Joe Donnelly, President**

A. JOSPT – Clare Ardern, PT, PhD – Editor-in-Chief

1. Articles published: 80 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 1 focused issue on training load, 1 CPG (concussion), 1 international framework (red flags for potential serious spinal pathologies)
2. Impact factor: 3.839 (5-year: 4.053); ranked 3 of 71 journals in rehabilitation, 10 of 82 in orthopedics, and 11 of 85 in sport sciences
3. Reader survey (n=909): JOSPT top-rated among 16 journals at 4.27 (where 5 is extremely useful)
4. Website traffic: 160,128 monthly visits from 113,386 users
5. Introduced “JOSPT Asks” on Facebook Live (24 interviews from April through September), “JOSPT Insights” podcast (16 episodes from July through December), and the JOSPT Blog

B. PTPAC – Eileen Carter, PT, DPT, MBA – Trustee Chair

1. Donate to the PTPAC today and help our efforts in congress to ensure patient access and payment for our services.

C. Foundation for Physical Therapy Research – Paul Rockar, Jr., PT, DPT, MS, FAPTA, President

1. In 2008 the AOPT established an endowment fund to support orthopaedic physical therapy research. That fund has supported 9 PT researchers and has a total today of $800,000 available. This will support a grant in the amount of $40,000 every 2 years through 2030.

D. APTA Nominating Committee – Leiselle Pilgrim, PT, DPT, MPH

1. Open positions for APTA national office in 2021:
2. President
3. Vice President
4. 3 Directors
5. 1 Nominating Committee member
6. Recommendations can be submitted until March 1, 2021.

**VI. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

1. Kim Wellborn, PT, MBA – Treasurer
2. Kim was Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee from 2015 – 2021 and a member of the Finance Committee since 2009.
3. As treasurer, Kim was the governance oversight of the AOPT operating budget and investment portfolio and was instrumental in the development of the DeFlorian Report and reformatting of the AOPT budget.
4. Aimee Klein, PT, DPT, DSc, OCS – Director
5. Aimee served as a Director on the Board of Directors from 2015 – 2021.
6. As a Director, Aimee served as a Board Liaison to the Performing Arts SIG, Foot and Ankle SIG, Imaging SIG, Orthopaedic Residency and Fellowship SIG, and ISCs and OPTP.
7. Aimee served on the Executive Committee from 2020 – 2021.
8. Aimee was on the editor search committees for ISCs and OPTP and was the AOPT representative to the Edge Task Force.
9. Under Aimee’s leadership we have established partnerships with other organizations and advanced important SIG initiatives.
10. Michael Bade, PT, DPT, PhD, COMT, OCS< FAAOMPT – Nominating Committee Chair
11. Michael served as Chair of the Nominating Committee from 2020 – 2021 and was a member of the committee from 2018 – 2020.
12. Michael was an integral part of the transformation of the nominating committee roles and responsibilities and was involved in forming and refining a calendar of operating procedures for the committee to ensure a strong slate of candidates for AOPT leadership.

**V. ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC PHYSICAL THERAPY ELECTION RESULTS** **presented by Michael Bade, PT, DPT, PhD, COMT, OCS, FAAOMPT - Nominating Committee Chair**

1. Judy Hess, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT – Treasurer
2. Beth Collier, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, Director
3. Derrick Sueki, PT, DPT, PhD – Director
4. Jason Tonley, PT,DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT – Nominating Committee Member

E. Judy Hess, Beth Collier, and Derrick Sueki took the oath of office and were sworn in. Jason Tonley was not present.

F. A call for nominations was taken from the floor for the 2022 election for the offices of President, Director, and Nominating Committee Member.

1. Bob Rowe was nominated for President
2. Lorena Payne was nominated for Director
3. Steph DiStasi was nominated for Nominating Committee Member

**VI. ANNUAL ORTHOPAEDIC MEETING FINANCIAL HISTORY**

A. Out of the 8 years the AOM was offered only 1 made a profit.

B. The AOPT Board of Directors took 2021 as a bye year and AOM was not offered. The meeting will be held again in 2022. The AOM planning committee is taking a look at how to keep expenses down and increase attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT** **6:12 PM EST**