

**Animal Rehabilitation SIG (ARSIG) Report  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 23-26, 2019**

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**SIG Members and Terms:**

Kirk Peck, President	2013- 2019
Stevan Allen, Vice President/Ed Chair	2017- 2020
Ashley Manoogian, Nominating Chair	2018- 2019
Lisa Bedenbaugh, Newsletter Coordinator	2009- Present
Cheryl L. Riegger-Krugh, State Liaison Coordinator	2014- Present

**Update on ARSIG Activities since October 2018:**

1. ARSIG Officer Voting Results for 2019:
  - a. New ARSIG President - Jenna Encheff, PT, PhD, CMPT.
  - b. Nominating Committee Member – No nominations received in 2018
2. Kirk Peck PT, PhD, CSCS, CCRT, CERP- Will be completing his second term as President, ARSIG. Term Expires at the end of APTA, CSM, 2019.
3. **Key Accomplishment:** Completion of the first ever Animal Rehabilitation SIG Practice Analysis, and Description of Practice with corresponding Standards. Documents to be submitted to the AOPT Board for review in January, 2019.
4. ARSIG programming for 2019 CSM, Washington, DC: Two-hour session is entitled, “*Manual Therapy for Equine and Canine Clients: Different Species, Same Concepts*”. Kirk Peck, Sharon Classen, and Karen Atlas will co-present. Programming scheduled for January 25, 8:00- 10:00 a.m., 2019.
5. The proposed ARSIG CE course, “Introduction to Animal Rehabilitation”, schedule for November 3-4, 2018 at the University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, GA was cancelled.

**Discussion Items for the Board:**

The ARSIG will be submitting two documents to the Board for review, either for the meeting at CSM or the following Board meeting in February. The two documents include: 1) ARSIG Practice Analysis, and Description of Practice; and 2) Standards of Practice for Animal Rehabilitation.

**Motions for the Board:**

The ARSIG will be seeking a motion from the Board to approve the official Practice Analysis, Description of Practice, and Standards of Practice for animal rehabilitation.

**Strategic Planning Updates:**

The SIG remains intentional about integrating all action plans as part of achieving its current strategic goals. Activities include: conducting CE courses, engage in state political advocacy to encourage a change in laws & regulations related to PTs treating animals, exploring mechanisms to enhance the evidence of animal rehab through collaborative research, and promoting the treatment of animals by physical therapists in both national and international venues.

Challenges for 2019:

- 1) ARSIG leadership transition in the role of President
- 2) Engaging licensed PTs to take political action to change state laws and regulations.
- 3) Recruiting additional SIG members to sustain long-term strategic action plans
- 4) Encouraging SIG members to run for elected positions.
- 5) Actively engaging the ARSIG in its role with the International Association of Physical Therapists in Animal Practice (IAPTAP), WCPT.