

ACADEMY OF
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PHYSICAL THERAPY



Special Interest Group Reports
CSM 2022
San Antonio, TX
February, 2022

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC PHYSICAL THERAPY, APTA

Occupational Health SIG (OHSIG)

CSM/2022

Submitted by:
Rick Wickstrom, President
Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy,
APTA

SIG Members and Terms:

President:

Rick Wickstrom 2019-2025

Vice President/Ed Chair:

Steve Allison 2020-2023

Members:

Michelle Despres 2018-2021

Jeff Paddock 2019-2022

David Hoyle 2020-2023

Marc Campo 2020-2023

Cory Blickenstaff 2019-2021

Lorena Payne 2019-2021

Caroline Furtak 2019-2021

Discussion Items for the Board: None

Motions for the Board: None

Membership Statistics: Since 1/2021, OHSIG has 590 PTs (+7), 8 PTAs (+0), 8 Students (+4), and 4 Partners (+0).

Strategic Planning Updates:

1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Increase diversity of members and leaders and engage in efforts to make AOPT a more inclusive organization.

- OHSIG has implemented an expanded member profile to encourage networking among members. There are a few minor issues left to address with this form.
- Tara Fredrickson is assisting with website improvements to support our State Resource Liaison Program that will link to our member profile forms. We expect this program to attract more students, encourage new leaders, and increase OHSIG membership.
- We expect to attract individual partner members, particularly OTs, because of interest in our ISC Courses and occupational health advanced practitioner certification program.

- We are transitioning the OHSIG mentorship program to our nominating committee.

2. Value and Payment: Grow payment for services by demonstrating the value of physical therapy.

- OHSIG drafted a possible AOPT motion to the House of Delegates “Preparticipation Fitness Examinations for Work, School, and Sports and Other Lifestyle Activities.” A task force has been formed by James Spencer (Chief Delegate AOPT).
- OHSIG is continuing to build our State Resource Liaison Program. We plan to transition this initiative to the Practice Committee. We expect this program to provide OHSIG with more engagement and networking by members to support value and payment. We met our goal for year end 2021 to recruit members in 25-50 states to serve in this role. We have about 51 liaisons identified so far and hope to recruit up to two liaisons per state who have experience in the workplace and clinic settings.
- OHSIG continues to prompt APTA Staff to request a new CPT Code for Job Analysis.
- OHSIG is coordinating with APTA Staff to advocate for Physical Therapist inclusion as acceptable medical sources for Social Security Disability applications. Timing is not quite right to make a petition.
- Kentucky has been added as a state that now permits physical therapists to perform DOT Physical Exams of commercial truck drivers. This was the only state that had previously indicated that DOT physicals were not within a PT scope of practice. Currently six states have clarified that DOT Physical Exams are within the PT scope of practice. Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Dakota, Texas, Ohio.
- Helene Fearon from OHSIG is the physical therapist who continues to serve on the AMA Guides Committee.

3. Positioning and Public Awareness: Position members as experts in managing movement and functional performance impairments.

- The Research Committee is proceeding with the OHSIG initiative to design and implement an advanced practice educational certification. Karen Snowden, program manager of the financially successful Pelvic Health CAPP initiative, is providing consultation for this process.
- We met our goal for year end 2021 to complete our first ISC Course for the advanced practice educational certification, “Bridging the Gap Between the Workplace and Therapy Clinic.
- We have three author teams proceeding with development of the next monographs for the second ISC course which will be a prerequisite to apply to be an Occupational Health Advanced Practitioner. This course is on schedule to release in the spring of 2022.
- OHSIG initiated a mid-December survey of all AOPT members to get feedback on our OHAP program.
- OHSIG is working with Tara Fredrickson on website modifications to feature the Occupational Health Advanced Practitioner certification program and the State Resource Liaison Program.

4. Evidence to Best Practice: Promote development and implementation of evidence for best practice.

- The OHSIG Clinical Practice Guideline to optimize work participation after injury or illness was published in the August edition of JOSPT. This was a marathon accomplishment that will inform our Independent Study Courses for our Advanced

Practice Credential initiative.

- Our Practice Committee is developing presentation and handout materials for CPG implementation. These materials will be distributed to State Chapters and PT Education Programs through our OHSIG State Resource Liaisons.
- OHSIG's featured CSM session OR-10588 *Return to Work- It Does Not Happen by Accident* on Thursday, February 3rd from 3-5pm by speakers Lorena Payne, PT, MPA, OCS and Dee Daley, PT, DPT.



FOOT & ANKLE

ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC PHYSICAL THERAPY, APTA

**Foot and Ankle SIG (FASIG) Report
CSM 2022**

**Submitted by:
Christopher Neville, President, FASIG
Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy**

SIG Members and Terms:

President:

Christopher Neville 2019-2022

Vice President/Ed Chair:

Jeff Houck 2020-2023

Members:

Abbis Jaffri – Research Chair	
Frank DiLiberto – Nominating Chair	2019-2022
Ed Jones - Nominating	
Robert Sigler - Nominating	
Jennifer Zellers – Student Membership	
Vacant – Clinical Practice	

Update on SIG Activities since July 2021:

President Update - The updates below are submitted to provide an overview of the work completed by the FASIG since the July 2021 Board Update. The report of activities is organized using the FASIG strategic plan which was finalized in February 2018 and updated to be consistent with the revised AOPT strategic plan in January of 2020.

Goal 1: Research will ensure foot and ankle rehabilitation practice is current and evidence based.

(AOPT: Evidence to Best Practice and Positioning Members as Experts)

- Abbis Jaffri has completed a series of author spotlights during 2021 highlighted the work of a few research studies completed in 2021.
- Strategic Goal 1.1.a: CSM Educational submissions were provided to the Programming Committee from FA SIG for CSM 2022.
- Strategic Goal 1.3.a. FASIG continues to work with AOFAS (American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society) to develop education and disseminate evidence-based research. This occurs via webinars and attendance at annual meetings.

Goal 2: Develop and distribute resources that promote the optimal utilization of foot and ankle content in PT practice. (AOPT: Evidence to Best Practice and Positioning Members as Experts)

- Strategic Goal 2.2.b,c. Fellowship in Foot and Ankle PT: Our practice analysis survey has been accepted by ABPTRFE and the full survey was distributed in the summer of 2021. Analysis and final reporting is underway and expected for the first quarter of 2022.
- The FA SIG Practice Committee has been developing “info-graphics” for use by clinicians and patients but the Chair had to step away for other commitments. We are currently seeking a replacement Chair for the committee. The APTA via the ChoosePT platform is requesting narrative write-ups for the PTTD infographic to be posted along with the infographic on their website. Authors are currently being sought.

Goal 3: FASIG will support relationships to meet strategic objectives. (AOPT Value and Payment, Positioning and Public Awareness)

- Strategic Goal 3.1.b: the FASIG lifetime achievement award will again be given in 2022 – currently reviewing potential awardees.
- Co-branding of continuing education is ongoing with AOFAS and the FA SIG.

Discussion Items for the Board:

Our ongoing work with AOFAS supports the dissemination of research (Goal 1) and best practice (Goal 2). Funding to support members that attend and present at the AOFAS annual meeting and other meetings is being considered from our SIG encumbered funds.

Motions for the Board:

NONE



ANIMAL REHABILITATION
ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC PHYSICAL THERAPY, APTA

**Animal Physical Therapy SIG Report
CSM 2022**

**Submitted by:
Francisco Maia, President
Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, APTA**

SIG Members and Terms:

President:

Francisco Maia 2020-2022

Vice President:

Jenny Jones 2020-2020

Members:

Byron Russel, Nominating Chair 2021-2022

Financial Update:

2021 Encumbered Funds	
Beginning Balance	\$ 17,603.05
Current Balance	\$ 17,603.05
2021 Budget: \$3,750	
Expense	Amount
IAPTAP Annual Membership	\$282.88
S Foster CSM	\$150.00
Postage	\$194.79
Contribution to CAAPT	\$2750
Total Expenses	\$3,377.67
Under Budget	\$372.33

Update on APTSIG Activities since July 2021:

1. Used portion of the budget to support the California Association of Animal Physical Therapists (CAAPT), which has had to spend a lot of money in legal and lobbying fees due to the California Veterinary Medical Board's attempt to significantly restrict our ability to work with animals in that state.
2. Accomplishments by Standing Committees
 - a. Legislation
 - i. Almost finalized with re-establishing list of state liaisons
 - ii. Conducted monthly review of [legislative updates from the American Veterinary Medical Association](#) to ensure that we were up to date on any potential changes
 - iii. Continued to work with CAAPT to provide support as any legislative changes in California could eventually have consequences in other states, thus making this a very important issue to address
 - b. Research
 - i. Launched the research article database on our website, which is accessible to members only
 - c. Communication
 - i. Continued to work alongside the social media team for AOPT to publish regular content educating the public and our profession about the role physical therapists can play in the field of animal rehabilitation
 - d. Membership
 - i. Working on reviewing the data from the survey sent to our members earlier in 2020 so we can better understand their needs and better support them

Discussion items for the board:

N/A

Motions for the Board:

N/A



IMAGING

ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC PHYSICAL THERAPY, APTA

**Imaging SIG (ISIG) Report
CSM 2022**

Submitted by:

**Charles Hazle, President-Imaging SIG
Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, APTA**

SIG Members and Terms:

President:

Charles Hazle 2016-2022

Vice President/Ed Chair:

Brian Young 2021-2024

Nominating Committee Members:

Kimiko Yamada, Chair 2019-2022

Lynn McKinnis 2020-2023

Lance Mabry 2021-2024

Update on SIG Activities since July 2021:

1. The Imaging SIG was directly involved with the webinar conducted by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy on July 14 entitled, “Imaging Referral by Physical Therapists: Progression of PT Education, Advocacy, Practice and Regulation.” The speakers were Jeanne DeKrey (President, North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy), Daniel Markels (APTA Manager of State Affairs), and Charles Hazle (President, Imaging SIG, AOPT). A similarly structured webinar was repeated by APTA State Affairs for component/state association leaders on August 18. The speakers were the same except Cindy Flom-Meland (President of APTA-North Dakota) substituted for Jeanne DeKrey in representing the North Dakota perspective.
2. The Imaging SIG sponsored a webinar on October 12 entitled “Experiences of the First Four--Achieving Imaging Referral Privileges.” This featured Michelle Collie (RI), Marcus “Kip” Schick (WI), Cindy Flom-Meland (ND), and Lance Dougher (UT). These chapter presidents, present and past, shared their stories of how they achieved imaging referral privileges through the legislative process, including addressing concerns and interests of a variety of stakeholders. The recording of this webinar is available on the AOPT Imaging SIG web page and contains critical information for any state leaders contemplating an initiative toward imaging referral privileges for their jurisdictions.
3. The Imaging SIG will sponsor an educational session for CSM 2022 in San Antonio entitled, “Demonstrating Competencies in Physical Therapist Referral for Imaging”, focused on education within physical therapy curricula, but also residencies and education of practitioners. This educational session will be in conjunction with a revision of our previously published, “Imaging Education Manual” (2015). The initial steps for

the revision of this manual are now underway with the goal of publishing the manual in 2022.

4. The SIG also has a joint sponsored pre-conference course with the Performing Arts SIG entitled, “Musculoskeletal Ultrasonography of Upper Extremity with Special Focus in Sport and Performing Arts.” The speakers are Jon Umlauf, Colin Rigney, and Dirk Hartog. The registration threshold has been met and the course will occur as planned.
5. We have continued to work with the American Institute for Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) and Inteleos on the collaborative effort for ultrasound imaging in PT practice. These are monthly meetings in which we strategize about helping each other with the collective goal of expanding ultrasound in practice by facilitating education, work toward individual credentialing, and reimbursement.
6. We are continuing to work on follow-up with the ultrasound reimbursement issue. Currently, supportive data is being edited to present to APTA to substantiate the value of ultrasound by PTs in value with patient care and potential cost savings. This is a cooperative effort with the Payment staff at APTA.
7. We have continued with our webinars with AIUM. In August, Ted Croy and Jon Umlauf presented, “Point-of-care Ultrasound: Improve Your Lateral Ankle Injury Management.” In November, we will have a two-part webinar by multiple presenters on how ultrasound imaging can enhance physical therapist practice in a variety of practice settings. The first is by Meg Sions and Bruno Steiner on November 1 and is entitled, “MSKUS in the Hands of the Physical Therapist – Its Current and Expanding Utility: Part 1.”
8. We have created two infographics in support of PTs having imaging referral privileges. These have now been published and are available for download on the Imaging SIG web pages. We are working on two additional infographics with ultrasound imaging as the focus. These are undergoing revision from the initial drafts at this stage. The first two infographics were derived from the contest we launched in late January 2021 and for which we received several submissions. The two contest winners were featured in the July 2021 issue of OPTP.
9. The Research Committee is progressing on their undertaking of researching the best pedagogical approach for PTs learning ultrasound. They have received grant funding from one source and have aligned their efforts with AIUM and Inteleos with the potential to receive additional funding. The Research Committee is also working with AIUM at analyzing some of AIUM’s collected data to determine if publications may potentially result from their collected case data.
10. We had a very productive meeting with Namrita Sidhu, CPG Managing Editor, about the Imaging SIG’s role in providing input to Clinical Practice Guideline development. This has been a struggle over the past two years because of the lack of consistency in the Managing Editor position for the Clinical Practice Guidelines. At last, we finally appear to be establishing procedures that can be standardized and provide valuable input to the process to assure the topic of imaging is appropriately represented within the guidelines.
11. We have launched our first “microlearning” contribution, which will complement the publication of the Clinical Practice Guidelines. Specifically, recent and newly published Clinical Practice Guidelines will have an implementation enhancement contribution from the Imaging SIG, which will explain imaging within the diagnostic process of the guidelines. These are intended to be concise learning modules to assist practitioners in decision-making of whether imaging is indicated or not and what type of imaging is likely most informative.
12. The Imaging SIG has worked with APTA State Affairs in developing a “toolkit” of resources for those state leaders who want to investigate seeking imaging referral

privileges for PTs in their jurisdictions. This toolkit will likely be available in the very near future.

13. The Imaging SIG has elected Bruno Steiner as President to begin his term immediately after CSM along with Colin Rigney as Nominating Chair member.
14. West Virginia has become the 9th jurisdiction to formally recognize imaging referral as being within the purview of Physical Therapist practice based on a regulatory Board opinion issued December 22. Another state is very likely to follow soon.

Discussion Items for the Board:

Letter sent to Joe & Derek about ultrasound sales directly to Physical Therapists and the position of some manufacturers/distributors---uncertain as to whether this would necessitate any Board action. This is an advocacy initiative by the SIG, but action may need to occur from APTA.

Motions for the Board:

None

Strategic Planning Updates:

The list above would suggest we are on an appropriate trajectory with our strategic plan.



RESIDENCY/FELLOWSHIP
ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC PHYSICAL THERAPY, APTA

**Orthopaedic Residency/Fellowship SIG (ORFSIG)
CSM 2022**

**Submitted by:
Matt Haberl, President
Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, APTA**

SIG Members and Terms:

President:

Matt Haberl 2018-2022

Vice President:

Kirk Bentzen 2021-2024

Members:

Bob Schroedter 2020-2022

Update on SIG Activities since July 2021:

Financial Update:

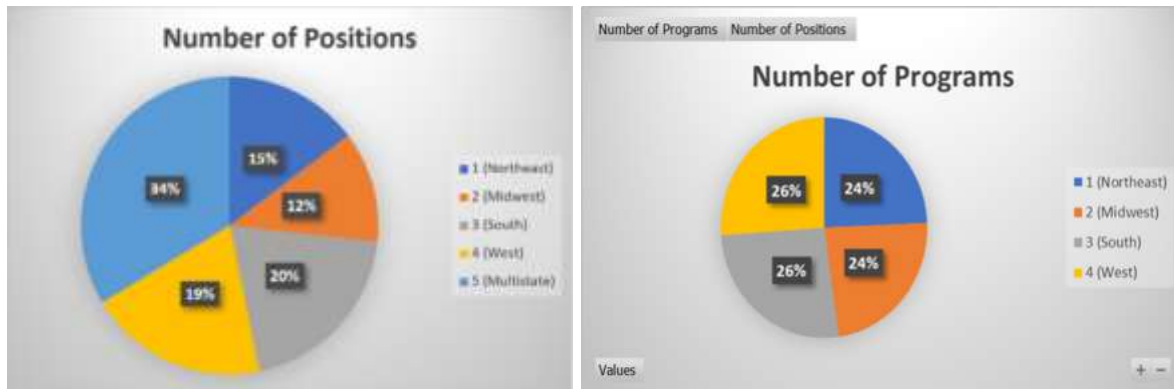
2021 Encumbered Funds	
Beginning Balance	\$7,738.00
2021 CSM Post-Conf	\$11,922.50
Current Balance	\$19,660.50
2021 Budget: \$3,750	
Expense	Amount
Postage	\$11.70
Total Expenses	\$11.70

Under Budget	\$3,738.30
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PRESIDENT UPDATE:

NEW INFORMATION:

- **ORF-SIG Newly Elected Officials:**
 - President- Molly Malloy
 - Nominating Committee - Alex Bonhomme
 - Nominating Committee – Steven Kareha
- **ORF-SIG Appointed Leaders:**
 - AOPT ORF-SIG Mentor- Mary Derick-Manis
- **ORF-SIG Website:** Since the AOPT website has been moved over- Steve Kareha, Bob Schroedter and Matt Haberl have reviewed the transition and recommend modified changes to Tara Fredrickson for updating. The new website is now easier to navigate as well as built with Member Only content areas. We are trying to also better understand both our social media and email marketing effects on website use.
 - **Looking to also develop a Resident / Fellowship video Q & A to attract more website traffic while enhancing visibility of the value in R/F Education on patient care, leadership and professional growth.**
- **CSM Events:**
 - **CSM ORF-SIG Business Meeting:** Held January 26th- 12pm-1pm CST
 - ORF-SIG will be hosting a **Residency Fellowship Career Reception** Thursday February 3rd from 9-10:30 PM in the Marriott Rivercenter –Salon A. Attendees will be put into a raffle to win a copy of the AOPT Current Concepts. Currently 23 programs have signed up.
 - **CSM SIG Meet and Greet:** The ORF-SIG will be raffling a one year subscription to the AOPT Residency Curriculum to encourage attendance. This is being Co-Sponsored by AAOMPT.
- **Infographic Contest:** To assist with the AOPT Strategy 3: Positioning and Public Awareness the ORF-SIG has put together a contest to encourage submissions for an infographic highlighting the benefits of residency and fellowship education. There will be 2 winners with a \$250 monetary award.
- **Program Spotlight:** Members of the ORF-SIG will now be able to highlight their Res/Fellowship Program, Faculty or Mentors via our Monthly Spotlight hosted on the ORF-SIG Website. Bob Schroedter has organized a Selection Committee to review and streamline the process to apply and submit information highlighting respective programs.
 - How to apply and to view the growing list of Spotlitged programs please go here: <https://www.orthopt.org/content/special-interest-groups/residency-fellowship/orf-sig-program-spotlight>.
- **Program / Applicant Demographics:** Recently, ABPTRFE released their aggregate data where the ORF-SIG evaluated the number of programs as well as positions based on demographic location of orthopedic residency programs. This information was provided to its members to analyze the impacts this may or may not have on applicants etc. Below are the findings:



- There were 5 multi-state programs where region could not be established. These sites did account however for 34% of the available positions. It is however unknown if these are filled every year.

COMMITTEE Updates:

Research: Kathleen Geist, Mary Kate McDonnell

- **2022 CSM Programming:**
 - **Pre-Conference course CANCELLED:** *Innovative Strategies in Residency Fellowship Implementation: Creating Adaptability While Maintaining Accreditation in an Evolving Landscape* was cancelled due to concerns of not breaking even given the growing pandemic.
 - **AOPT Offering:** The ORF-SIG plans to host this still however on the AOPT platform this coming spring/summer.
- **2022 CSM Poster Presentations awards to be published in OP:** Members of the ORF-SIG may submit their poster abstracts on the SIG website for consideration for a \$250 monetary award for first and second place upon written submission of their poster to OPTP. Current submissions have been reviewed and will be graded at CSM.

Practice/Reimbursement: Darren Calley

- **Mentorship Survey:** Survey is complete with 32 Program Director responses. This is now being evaluated. Preliminary results have highlighted some commonalities among programs which will help us better understand the current mentorship processes and potential for future education.
 - **NO UPDATES**
- **Validation survey of current ABPTRFE Mentor Observation research:** Dr Kirk Bentzen is currently reviewing his analysis of the ABPTRFE mentor Observation form used by ABPTRFE site visits. He is currently wrapping up his thesis results for future publication.
 - **Thesis complete- Waiting journal acceptance for publication**

Membership: Bob Schroedter

- **Member Recruitment:** The ORF-SIG is seeking to get >90% of Program Directors to be members of the ORF-SIG where we are working on emailing all current Program Directors to highlight the benefits of membership. Additionally, we will be reaching out

to programs who seek candidacy to highlight our Grant Program.

- **Continue to reach out to programs for engagement in ORF-SIG**
- **Membership Survey:** Continue to try and capture all our member demographics with routing use of QR-Codes.

Communications: Kirk Bentzen, Kris Porter, Kathleen Geist, Matt Haberl

- **Utilization of Microsoft TEAMS for Committee and Sub-Committee work:**
 - Currently all communication and SIG files are easily shared and stored within the AOPT Microsoft 365 account which will assist in simplistic handoff to future leadership.
 - **Will be transitioning new Committee and Subcommittee leads into the new system.**

SUBCOMMITTEES:

Curriculum: Molly Malloy, Dave Morrisette, Linda Dundon, Kathleen Geist

- No Updates-

RFPTCAS: Steve Kareha, Kirk Bentzen

- ORF-SIG continues to provide updates to the membership regarding RF-PTCAS timelines and expectation to maximize applicants.

LIAISON Updates:

ABPTRFE:

- **ABPTRFE Updates:** Full details found here: [The Hub : Forums : Residency/Fellowship Updates \(apta.org\)](#)
 - **COVID guidelines remain in effect.**
 - **Annual Continuous Reports due end of January**

Academy of Education Residency and Fellowship SIG: Christina Gomez

- No Updates-

AAOMPT: Bob Schroedter-

- Interested in continued collaboration for highlighting programs. They too are considering webinars with featured programs to spread the word and value of res/fellowship education
- Interested in developing webinars specific to OMPT to be available to programs.