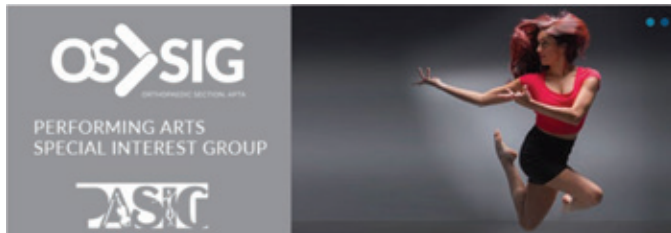


DEAR ORFSIG MEMBERS,

2017 is quickly passing and we are now one step closer to becoming a budgeted Orthopaedic Section Special Interest Group (SIG) in 2018. Now that we are transitioning to a SIG, there are several key items that we need to begin preparing for. These include:

- Elections: Part of the requirement** of a SIGs to elect officers. Positions include President, Vice President, and 3 individuals for the Nominating Committee. Our slate of candidates will be included on the upcoming 2018 Orthopaedic Section and SIG election ballot. Watch for a "Call for Candidates" to come in the July issue of OPTP, as well as via the Orthopaedic Section's electronic "OsteoBlast."
- Strategic Plan, Goals, and Objectives:** It is time to revise our originally developed objectives and goals and put in place our path to carrying out these goals over the next several years. We held a WebEx Meeting to review our previous set objectives and goals and re-evaluated how we want to move forward.
- Budget Proposal:** Our newly formed SIG will be included as a separate program in the 2018 Orthopaedic Section budget. Yes, we will soon have money. We will need to prioritize spending in line with our strategic plan and goals. More to come on this.
- Submissions for an image to serve as the face of the ORFSIG are under review. The winning submission will receive a 3- or 6-monograph (print copy) Independent Study Course of his or her choosing.
- Take a look at these website banner examples from the Performing Arts and Occupational Health SIGs:



Our new logo will be placed within the new SIG-specific banners, and will appear on a side-bar banner (ie, PASIG banner) or a horizontal banner (OHSIG banner), depending on the size of the SIG's logo.

- Website Development, Resources and information:** We are looking for individuals who would be interested in developing content for our SIG website, which will be housed within the Orthopaedic Section's web site. Please email matthaberl@hotmail.com if you are interested.

- Facebook Groups:** After the Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) several noted interests in continuing online communication however not all had access to Facebook Groups. At this time we will still continue with this mode of communication until other means are available. We will also use the Orthopaedic Section's OsteoBlast and *OPTP* quarterly updates to share information. If you are not currently a Facebook member, please request access via the attached link or contact Kris Porter at kporter@thejacksonclinics.com
 ✓ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/741598362644243/>
- OPTP Quarterly Submissions:** We are looking for submissions to highlight residency and fellowship education in the Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice magazine. This can activity can be part of a resident/fellow scholarly project or any outcomes based research. As a SIG we are allowed up to 4 printed pages in each issue of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice every quarter.
 ✓ To find out more regarding the requirements for submitting your articles, contact Sharon Klinski at sklinski@orthopt.org.
- American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE) Update:** The 6-week Call for Comment period on the proposed Quality Standards concluded on March 31, 2017. You can access the weekly review of the survey comments on THE HUB on the APTA website under Residency/Fellowship Education. EducCred will be presenting their findings to ABPTRFE in late May with additional updates thereafter. Please keep an eye open for the ABPTRFE quarterly Newsletter.
- Combined Section Programming Submissions: Thank you to all of those who submitted programming on behalf of the ORFSIG. We were able to submit a preconference course. Please plan to attend.
 ✓ Preconference Course:
 - "TRUST in YOUR THRUST! Implementing High Velocity Techniques into your Practice." Dr. Aaron Hartstein, Dr. Marwan Kublawi, Dr. Abe Shamma, and Ed Schiavone
 As you can see, we have several important and exciting initiatives in process. I look forward to the continued support of our members and want to thank all of those who serve with the intent on making the ORFSIG better.

Sincerely,
 Matt Haberl
 Chair, ORFSIG