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### **Motions for the delegate assembly**

The Resolutions Committee received two motions this year, both from the Board of Directors. These motions will be presented to the delegate assembly during the FSBPT annual meeting September 18-20, 2014 in San Francisco.

The first motion endorses the Areas of Focus and the second motion is on the use of the Coursework Tool. Click the links below to read the motions.

[DEL-14-01 Areas of Focus](#)

[DEL-14-02 Coursework Tool](#)

### **Interpretive Guidelines for FSBPT Coursework Tool updated**

In March, the Board of Directors passed a motion to modify the Interpretive Guidelines for the FSBPT Coursework Tool to eliminate the distinction between General Education and Professional Education. The Coursework Tool (CWT) is accepted by all member boards to evaluate whether a foreign educated PT or PTA's education is substantially equivalent to a US PT or PTA education. This change will be implemented November 1, 2014.

The Board of Directors did not approve this change lightly. They have been discussing the issue for several years and it was a topic at the 2012 and 2013 Leadership Issues Forums. In addition, it came forward as a formal recommendation from FSBPT's Foreign Educated Standards Committee.

View complete rationale.

### **Delegate update for the 2014 annual meeting**

The following jurisdictions have not yet credentialed their delegates for the delegate assembly at the FSBPT annual meeting. This is our best turnout in years thanks to our members and administrators!

- Illinois
- New York

### **2015 Board Member & Administrator Training scheduled**

We know that some states need to plan ahead so that their members can attend Federation meetings, even if FSBPT pays for their attendance. So we have already scheduled the 2015 Board Member & Administrator training.

The training covers topics such as roles and responsibilities of licensing boards and their members, the different functions of licensing boards and professional associations, disciplinary actions, board immunity, board conflict of interest and specific information about Federation services.

**Date:** June 12-14, 2015

**Location:** Alexandria, Virginia

**Funding:** FSBPT funds attendance to this training.

**Who can attend:** Current board members and administrators; new and experienced individuals welcome.

**Learn more:** Log on to the FSBPT member's site and view Meetings & Events. View the 2014 agenda, presentations and speaker bios to see what will be covered in 2015.

### **Oregon Board of Dentistry makes details of new discipline cases harder to find**

On July 11, 2014, Nick Budnick, wrote in OREGONLIVE, "Details of new dentist disciplinary cases in Oregon will soon be harder to find.

"The Oregon Board of Dentistry recently voted to remove the names of dentists it has disciplined from the board's official newsletter, and only narrowly pulled back from removing their names from official state meeting minutes, too.

“While disciplinary information on an individual dentist can still be looked up online, to find out those recently disciplined will now take significantly more effort by the public. It requires entering license numbers from the newsletter into the board's online search function.

“Board members who supported the change just want to make it harder to find out who has discipline against them,’ said former board president Norman Magnuson, a Eugene dentist. ‘Those who have been disciplined don't want their names out in the community.’”

To read article, go to:

[http://www.oregonlive.com/health/index.ssf/2014/07/oregon\\_board\\_of\\_dentistry\\_make.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/health/index.ssf/2014/07/oregon_board_of_dentistry_make.html)

### **Physicians develop licensure compact**

On June 29, 2014, Robert Pear reported in the New York Times, “Officials representing state medical boards across the country have drafted a model law that would make it much easier for doctors licensed in one state to treat patients in other states, whether in person, by videoconference or online.

“The plan, representing the biggest change in medical licensing in decades, opens the door to greater use of telemedicine and could alleviate the doctor shortage, a growing problem as millions of people gain insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act.”

[View article.](#)

### **Should state medical boards be allowed to set scope-of-practice? Supreme Court will decide**

On July 15, 2014, Joe Carson wrote in Modern Healthcare, “A critical question in medicine will be before the U.S. Supreme Court this fall: How much power should doctors wield over their peers when the power to regulate also potentially could tamp down competition that benefits consumers?

“The court announced Monday that on Oct. 8 the justices will hear oral arguments in the case of North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners v. the Federal Trade Commission.

“The title might make it seem like a narrow controversy, but the case will give the court a chance to weigh in on a topic that could affect healthcare pricing, shortages of clinicians and the presumption that medical professionals provide safe care.”

[View article.](#)

### **Court okays restricted license where ADA test accommodation used**

In the July 16, 2014 Professional Licensing Report, it was reported that “Licensing boards have power to limit the licenses obtained through testing accommodations for disabilities, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit affirmed in an April 2 decision (*Turner v. National Council of State Boards of Nursing*).”

**CAUTIONARY NOTE TO READERS:** This article is for your information only. Courts around the country continue to make decisions regarding ADA accommodations which are not always in accord with each

other. Therefore, it is prudent to get your board attorney's input before changing your ADA accommodation rules, guidelines and procedures.

[View article.](#)

### **ProCert continuing competence activity certification by the numbers**

As **ProCert** approaches its second birthday next month, we'd like to share an accounting of this busy and rapidly growing program:

- 1,000+ activities certified from 68 vendors
- 500+ activities currently in the process of becoming certified
- 50+ trained ProCert reviewers

Member boards can learn more about **ProCert** by contacting us at [CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org](mailto:CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org). FSBPT staff can travel to your jurisdiction to share information about using **ProCert** to evaluate continuing competence activities (CE courses and conferences). FSBPT funds all expenses associated with bringing this and any other continuing competence information to your board meeting. For more information about **ProCert** visit [www.continuingcompetence.org](http://www.continuingcompetence.org).

### **INPTRA news**

Below is news from the International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA).

#### **Modernization of the Directive on Professional Qualifications - The Professional Card (EPC): a tool to improve mobility for physiotherapists in Europe?**

On July 22, 2014, INPTRA hosted a webcast on the European Union's modernization of the directive on professional qualifications. The EPC is one of the most important components of the European Union's professional qualifications modernization process. It will facilitate migration procedures, but it does not affect the recognition process or content in individual countries.

You can view this webcast by becoming a free subscriber of the INPTRA website. Go to [www.inptra.org](http://www.inptra.org) and click on Join Now/Become a Subscriber Now!

#### **Going to WCPT Congress 2015 in Singapore? Join us at INPTRA 2015**

INPTRA will be hosting **INPTRA 2015**, a two-day meeting in Singapore on various topics of regulation from an international perspective. Look for more information next month!

**Date:** April 29-30, 2015

**Times:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM both days plus a reception the evening of April 29th

**Location:** Marina Bay Sands Hotel

**Topics:** Continuous professional development; ethics, enforcement and compliance: mobility and common standards; and multi-professional or cross-professional regulation in addition to other important regulatory topics.

### Attend CAC's annual meeting

Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC)'s annual meeting, *Effective Regulation Through Collaboration*, will be held October 23-24 in Baltimore Maryland. It will be held in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

View the preliminary program at [www.cacenter.org](http://www.cacenter.org).

### Our volunteers hard at work



This month, FSBPT hosted the following hard-working groups at the Alexandria office.

- *PTA Item Bank Review Committee and Exam Development Committees*
- *Licensure Compact Advisory Task Force*

*Barbara Behrens  
Jean Bickal  
Angela Chasteen  
Rhea Cohn  
Troy Costales  
R. Crady deGolian  
Jeanne DeKrey  
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Kathy Fleischaker  
Dia Gainer  
Lisa Hahn  
George (Bo) Hamil  
Annette Iglarsh  
Nancy Kirsch  
Scott Majors  
Dan Manz*

*Ben Massey  
Rick Masters  
Ajay Middha  
Jeffrey Rosa  
Thomas Ryan  
Senora Simpson  
Samuel Sullivan  
Shari Waldie  
Bo Watson*

### Spotlight on member resources: CWT Interpretive Guidelines webinar posted



If you missed the July 28, 2014 webinar on "Coursework Tool: Changes in the Guidelines: What you need to know," you can still view the presentation. Log on to the member's site and go to Webinars under Meetings & Events.

### Cheating in the News: Candidates in India take premed test under strict circumstances

The Times of India reported on July 21, 2014, "Combined Pre Medical Test of the King George's Medical University (KGMU) was conducted across the state on Sunday amidst tight security. The exam held on Sunday was actually supposed to take place on June 22 but was rescheduled following information that the question paper was leaked in Ghaziabad district.

"Extensive checking was conducted at all centres. Team of photographers and forensic experts were brought to the city to confirm identity of the candidates appearing for the examination. The whole examination procedure was videographed and jammers were installed at all the centres.

"The organising team attributed the success to strict measures taken to ensure no unfair means were used. Students were advised not to bring calculators, digital diaries, log table, laptops, pagers, cell phones, blue tooth devices, electronic watches to the exam hall."

[View article.](#)

### Board of Directors Report

Here is the motion from the July 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors minutes.

To approve the following members for the 2014 Academy of Advanced Item Writers Award.

<i>Christine Childers</i>	CA
<i>LaVonne Couch</i>	NJ
<i>Jason Delavan</i>	CO
<i>Zach Frank</i>	KS
<i>Rebecca Galloway</i>	TX
<i>Chad Lairamore</i>	AR
<i>Karma Lapacek</i>	VA
<i>Danette Neikirk</i>	MO
<i>Sue Saliga</i>	MI
<i>Lois Stickley</i>	TX
<i>Bryce Woodfield</i>	ID

*Rationale:* Each year, the Federation awards those members whose individual work merits special recognition. Awards will be given at the Federation’s Annual Meeting, and awardees need to be given advance notice so that they will be able to attend the Annual Meeting.

*Fiscal impact:* None.

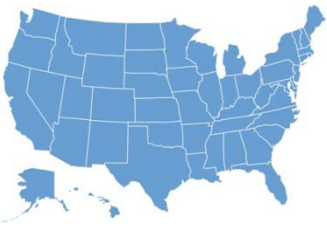
### Logging in







FSBPT members can log in to the Members section of the FSBPT website by clicking on “Members Login” at the top of the page. Look for “Forgot your username or password?” if you have forgotten or don’t know them.

Board minutes can be found under FSBPT Governance.

### Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions

Find out which member of the board of directors is liaison to your jurisdiction.

 <p><b>Jurisdictions</b></p>	<p><b>Your Board Liaisons</b></p>
<p>Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah</p>	<p>Charles Brown (Effective 9/20/2014)</p>

	
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont	Maggie Donohue 
Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee	Natalie Harms 
Alaska, California, Hawaii, Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Washington	Jim Heider 
Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia	Nancy Kirsch 
Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming	David Relling 
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia,	Ron Seymour

Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina,  
South Carolina



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Immigration	Susan K. Lindeblad, Ph.D., FCCPT
Legislation or Model Practice Act	Mark Lane Leslie Adrian
Meeting arrangements	Paul Delaney
Member contact updates	Maribeth C. Decker
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Score transfer & reporting	Christine Sousa
Security issues	Susan Layton
Anything else, including news to share with members	William A. Hatherill Maribeth C. Decker



**Sign off: That's all the news today from the beautiful begonia banks of the Potomac, where the fish are faster, the fishing boats are longer, and the fishermen are still full of stories.**

*- William A. Hatherill, CEO*