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FSBPT exam program is re-accredited by Buros

In August 2014, the Buros Center for Testing evaluated our exam program for re-accreditation. Here is what they said about the program.

“With this letter, I am pleased to confer Stage One Accreditation for both of these [PT and PTA NPTE] testing programs. This accreditation status will hold until August 1, 2019.

“Once again, we not only find that you meet our standards for Stage One Accreditation, but we also find that you are thoroughly, competently, and appropriately meeting the mission of the Federation of State

Boards of Physical Therapy, and therefore, the needs of the public, who require protection from the hands of individuals not appropriately qualified to practice.

“We believe that you had a fine set of testing programs five years ago; however, over the past five years, we believe that you have advanced to a new level of excellence.”

“The primary purpose of the two tests you develop, administer, and use in the protection of the public is clear and implicit in all the work that you are doing, especially in your recent emphasis on a variety of test security matters.

“This conclusion is true regarding both testing programs, and we believe that the regulatory services (e.g., states and other political entities) that employ the NPTE are being very well served.”

Membership survey

Be on the lookout for FSBPT 2014/15 Membership Survey that will be conducted electronically this fall by Polaris. The board of directors will use this document as one of the foundational documents in their 2015 strategic planning process in setting the course for the next three to five years.

2015 committee appointments

If you'd like to be considered for one of FSBPT's committees (and you didn't fill out the FSBPT Committee Appointments form at the August LIF meeting or September Annual Meeting):

1. Go to www.fsbpt.org About Us | Our Organization | Committees and Task Forces to read a quick overview of the committees.
2. Email communications@fsbpt.org with your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices. (You don't have to have more than one choice, but if you do, please prioritize.)
3. **DUE DATE to SUBMIT YOUR CHOICES: OCTOBER 17**
4. After the due date, we will send you an email asking you to fill out and return a mini-CV about yourself.
5. The board will make appointments in early December and we will notify folks of the appointments before the holiday season begins.

***Exam Committees (EDC & IBRC):** If you're interested in being on an exam committee, you should apply to become an item writer. Go to our website and click Volunteers | Volunteer Opportunities for more information. When you have successfully completed your item writing assignment, you can be considered for a position on the exam committees.

INPTRA meets April 29 - 30, 2015 in Singapore

The International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities, housed at FSBPT, will hold their face-to-face meeting the two days preceding the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) Congress 2015, in Singapore.

“We look forward to the opportunities to collaborate with physical therapy regulators from across the globe facing issues of developing regulations and addressing public protection; focusing on issues of

mobility and common standards; continuous professional development; and ethics, enforcement and compliance, “ said Mark Lane, FSBPT Staff Vice President.

Registration is open to all FSBPT members for a registration fee of \$650. Rooms have been blocked for the conference at the Marina Bay Sands Hotel.

For more information or to register, go to <http://www.inpra.org/Home/INPTRA2015.aspx>.

NPTE fee increase January 1, 2015

Although this was announced in the March 2014 News Brief, we wanted to remind you of the NPTE fee increase to \$400 effective January 1, 2015.

Individuals who register and pay FSBPT for an exam in 2014 will pay FSBPT \$370. Individuals who register and pay FSBPT for an exam on or after January 1, 2015, will pay FSBPT \$400. Prometric fees will not change.

APTA: Preventing Fraud, Abuse and Waste: A Primer for PTs

APTA has recently developed a Primer for PTs addressing fraud and abuse. This resource addresses fraud and abuse laws, relationships with payers, referral sources, patients, and compliance programs.

We encourage you to take a look at their website <http://integrity.apta.org/ChoosingWisely/> to learn more.

Licensure Compact update

FSBPT is moving forward with the development of a licensure compact to help increase access to physical therapy services. Several presentations on the topic were well received by the attendees of the annual meeting in San Francisco.

The Board has appointed a “Drafting Team” who will begin the process of drafting the language for the compact. They have two meetings schedule in late 2014 and another will be scheduled in early 2015.

For information on the compact, please visit FSBPT’s website at <https://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/PhysicalTherapyLicensureCompact.aspx>.

Credentials review agencies meet

In early September, four of the five agencies that do credentialing for physical therapy jurisdiction licensing boards met for their annual meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues and challenges with the hopes of creating consistency in decision making related to evaluating the educational equivalence of the candidates who graduated from non-CAPTE accredited programs.

This year, the group discussed, among other things, challenges with obtaining documents from some programs, assuring the validity of some distance learning programs, the new 2016/2017 NPTE eligibility

requirements and the changes to the Coursework Tool Guidelines for Interpretation that will go into effect November 1, 2014.

Delegate Assembly report

Fifty-two (52) of 53 jurisdictions were represented at this year's delegate assembly, which we think is a first! Thanks to all the board members and administrators who pushed through the necessary paperwork to enable your delegates to come to the meeting.

Election results

Congratulations to **Charles Brown** of Arizona, who is the newest director on the FSBPT board of directors and to **Jim Heider** of Oregon, who was re-elected as director. And congratulations to the newest member of the FSBPT Nominating Committee, **Ray Bilecky** of Ohio.

A special thank you to those who also ran for office: **Ellen Donald** of Florida, **Ben Massey, Jr.**, of North Carolina and **Jessica Sapp** of Florida. We appreciate their commitment and willingness to run.

CBA election results

The Council of Board Administrators elected **Jeff Rosa** of Ohio as Vice Chair and **Carrie Gilstrap** of Idaho as the third member of the CBA Nominating Committee. Congratulations Jeff and Carrie!

Annual Meeting educational sessions

Based on the evaluations, we again had a number of excellent educational sessions this year.

Presentations will be posted to the Members Site in October. Additionally, the fall issue of the electronic Federation Forum magazine will include a number of articles developed from the educational sessions.

Citizen Advocacy Center Annual Meeting: Baltimore, October 23 - 24, 2014

CAC and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene are sponsoring the CAC 2014 Annual Meeting entitled "Effective Regulation Through Collaboration."

Learn more by going to www.cacenter.org and clicking 2014 ANNUAL MEETING.

2015 FARB Forum: Tucson, January 22-25, 2015

FARB's 39th Annual FARB Forum will be January 22-25, 2015 at the Westin La Paloma in Tucson, AZ.

The optional session's topic on Thursday afternoon is, "The ABC's of Regulatory Boards and Operations." Friday's topic is, "What do boards need to know about licensure?" Saturday's sessions address top regulatory cases and Sunday's sessions include a discussion of default judgments, technology and practice and new legislation.

For more information go to www.farb.org and click 2015 FARB Forum under Upcoming Events.

Our volunteers hard at work



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

- PT Exam Development Committee
- PTA Exam Development Committee
- PT Item Bank Review Committee

Spotlight on member resources: 2014 Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) report



Members, you are now able to read the 2014 LIF report and view the presentations on the Members Site. After logging on, click Meetings & Events | Leadership Issues Forum.

Next year's meeting is August 1-2, 2015 in Alexandria, Virginia. 2015 Voting Delegates and Funded Administrators will be invited to this meeting along with FSBPT committee chairs and other stakeholders.

The purpose of the annual LIF meeting is to

- Provide information and data on critical regulatory issues that impact the regulation of physical therapy.
- Explore various ways of addressing the critical regulatory issues identified above.
- Establish a plan for addressing the regulatory issues identified.
- Provide an opportunity for delegates or other jurisdiction representatives to understand and discuss issues prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Provide updates on previous LIF initiatives.

Cheating in the News: How we teach our kids to cheat on tests

On February 2, 2014 Valerie Strauss shared an article in her Washington Post blog.

"Here is a piece about a cheating scandal in Wisconsin that speaks to a much larger problem about how and why kids cheat on tests. It was written by Vicki Abeles, a filmmaker, attorney and advocate for students and education. She is the co-director and producer of the education documentary "[Race to Nowhere](#)" and founder of the non-profit End the Race, an organization established to inspire individual and community action to reclaim healthy childhood and transform our education system.

"By Vicki Abeles

"Parents are aghast and students are under heavy scrutiny in Middleton, Wisc., these days, since Middleton High School administrators last month discovered evidence of chronic and widespread cheating. The school forced 250 seniors to retake a calculus test in the wake of the revelations.

"But the calculus test is only the beginning. In the wake of the calculus incident, school investigators at Middleton now suspect that cheating at the high school goes far beyond one test, spinning out of control to affect many courses and multiple departments. While the investigation is still under way,

many in the school community now believe that a large number of students regularly shared and sold photos of tests, strategically planned absences on test days (and then sought test information from those students who showed up) and bartered test questions (as in, “I’ll give you a math question if you give me a science one”).

“The [culture of cheating](#) has become so ascendant at Middleton that its principal, Denise Herrmann, says her administration is now looking to overhaul the very ways in which students are tested.”

[View article.](#)

Board of Directors Report

Here are the motions from the September 21, 2014 Board of Directors minutes.

To appoint the following committee chairs effective January 1, 2015.

Committee	Chair	End of Term
Continuing Competence	Kathy Arney	December 31, 2015
Education	George Maihafer	December 31, 2015
EDC PTA	Betsy Becker	December 31, 2015
IBRC PT	James Creps	December 31, 2017
IBRC PTA	Zach Frank	December 31, 2017

Rationale: Each year, committee chairs are appointed or reappointed as terms expire.

Fiscal Impact: None. Committee meetings are approved separately.

To reappoint the following individual as chair of the FCCPT board of directors effective January 1, 2015.

Chair	End of Term
Ron Barredo, Chair	December 31, 2015

Rationale: Each year, FCCPT members are appointed or reappointed as terms expire.

Fiscal Impact: None. FCCPT meetings are approved separately.

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>Jurisdictions</p>	<p>Your Board Liaisons</p>
<p>Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah</p>	<p>Charles Brown</p> 
<p>Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont</p>	<p>Maggie Donohue</p> 
<p>Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Tennessee</p>	<p>Natalie Harms</p> 
<p>Alaska, California, Hawaii, Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Washington</p>	<p>Jim Heider</p> 
<p>Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia</p>	<p>Nancy Kirsch</p>

	
Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming	David Relling 
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina	Ron Seymour 

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Credentials review	Jaime Nolan, FCCPT Susan K. Lindeblad, Ph.D., FCCPT
Exam registration processing	Christine Sousa

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Immigration	Susan K. Lindeblad, Ph.D., FCCPT
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Score transfer & reporting	Christine Sousa
Security issues	Susan Layton
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Sign off: That's all the news today from the late summer rose blooming 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