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In the Regulatory Industry

Inaugural Meeting of the Physical Therapy Compact Commission Rules & Bylaws Task Forces

The inaugural meetings of the Physical Therapy Compact Commission's Bylaws and Rules Task Forces took place in late July 2017.

- At the July 19 meeting of the **Bylaws Task Force**, representatives from Arizona, Montana, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, and Washington reviewed an initial draft of the Bylaws and identified needed modifications. The revised draft Bylaws will be reviewed by the Task Force again in August before sending the document to the full Commission membership for review, prior to adoption at the Compact Commission meeting on November 5, 2017.
- On July 22 and 23, the Commission's **Rules Task Force** met to identify the rules needed to implement the Compact. Representatives from Kentucky, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Texas served on this Task Force. Compact staff will develop the actual rule language based on the work of the Task Force. The Task Force will meet again in August to review the draft of the Compact's rules. After that, the draft rules will be shared with the full Commission membership and other stakeholders, prior to the adoption of the rules at the Compact Commission meeting on November 5, 2017.
- On July 24, the Commission's **Executive Board** met and reviewed initial financial modeling to start work on the development of the 2018 budget for the Compact Commission. The Executive

Board also identified the need for the development of training and orientation resources as new states join the Compact. The timelines associated with the development of the new ptcompact.org website and the system that will be used to purchase Compact Privileges were reviewed. As has been previously discussed, the goal is for Compact Privileges to be ready to be issued in the first half of 2018. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Executive Board voted to recommend a \$45 commission fee for the purchase of a Compact Privilege.

Bylaws Task Force

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Mindy Richardson (AZ)
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Rules Task Force

Harvey Aikman (TX)
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Jeanne DeKrey (ND)
Scott Majors (KY)
Joe Shanley (NH)
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Executive Board

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Michael Sobowale (TN)
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Angela Shuman (APTA)

The minutes of both Task Forces meetings, as well as the minutes for the first meeting of the Compact's Executive Board, will be posted at: <http://www.ptcompact.org>, when available.

INPTRA Biennial Meeting held in conjunction with 2017 World Confederation Physical Therapy (WCPT) Biennial Meeting

The International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA) held its 2017 Biennial Meeting June 30 and July 1 in Cape Town, South Africa. The 50+ attendees represented Australia, Canada, Croatia, France, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, and the United States.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- Educational programming curated by the Program Committee: Charles Flynn and Jillian Humphreys (Australia); Michael Guthrie (United Kingdom); Dianne Millette (Canada); and Sanjeewa Tunpattu (Sri Lanka).
- Mark Lane (United States) serving as facilitator for the conference.
- WCPT CEO, Jonathon Kruger, members of the WCPT Executive Committee: Emma Stokes, President; Margot Skinner, Vice President; and Regional members Stacy de Gale, North America Caribbean and John Xerri de Caro, from Europe, and others joining the INPTRA reception.
- Representatives of several physiotherapy accrediting organizations participating in a luncheon discussion. This was the first time individuals from these organizations were able to engage and explore similarities and differences in their work. It is likely this meeting was just the beginning of an ongoing dialogue with the international accrediting bodies.

Program sponsors (Yardstick, Prometric, Physiotherapy Alberta College + Association, Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators, Clarke & Sampson, FCCPT, FSBPT, and two anonymous donors) supported the meeting with contributions totaling \$26,500.

Healthcare Regulatory Organizations initiate discussions on the potential for collaborative Regulatory Research initiative

On July 19, 2017, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Federation of State Medical Boards, Association State and Provincial State Psychology

Boards, Association of Social Work Boards, and the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy met in Washington, D.C. with staff members representing the organizations' research efforts. The meeting offered attendees the chance to share past research initiatives and to begin a dialogue to identify the potential for future collaborative efforts. A second meeting is tentatively scheduled for late 2017/early 2018.

Concerns Regarding Rules Governing Secure Test Copyright Registration

FSBPT joins 23 other organizations (delivering in aggregate more than 875,000 secure tests per year in the U.S. and abroad) in expressing formal written concerns with the new procedures governing the registration of "secure tests," as described in the Federal Register Notice published on June 12, 2017 (82 Fe.Reg.26850)(the "Interim Rule). The Interim Rule implements significant adverse changes to the procedures that have governed the registration of secure tests for almost 40 years. Also troubling, the Interim Rule was adopted without any meaningful consultation with members of the testing industry and without any notice and comment.

Read the letter [here](#).

Final Date to Credential for the 2017 Annual Meeting

Per the [Standing Rules](#), **Monday, August 7, 2017** is the last day to credential your voting delegate, funded alternate delegate and funded administrator to attend this year's Annual Meeting & Delegate Assembly in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. Administrators, if you have questions about the process, please [email us](#) before August 7th.

Summer Database Updates- Help us out!

Members and Jurisdiction Board Administrators, please help us keep your profiles current.

Members:

1. Login to the [Members' Area](#).
2. On the right side of the screen under "My Directory Info", click the link to "Update My Contact Info."
3. Make edits as needed to your profile. (Remember to scroll all the way to the bottom of the screen to see your address, phone and email on file).
4. Scroll back up and hit "Save Changes."
5. You're all done!

Jurisdiction Board Administrators:

1. Login to the [Members' Area](#).
2. On the left side of the screen, click the link to "Membership Directories."
3. Click "Update Board Info."
4. Click the icon to the left of each person's name to open their profile.
5. Click the "Edit Positions" button to view/edit the person's role and term dates.
6. Make edits as needed for all your board members.
Example: If a Member is now your Board Chair,
 - i. Open the Chair's profile. Close out the Chair's term by entering an "Actual End" date. Hit "Save".

- ii. Open the Member's profile. Close out the Member's term as a Member by entering an "Actual End" date. Hit "Save". And then add a position for that member as Chair. Keep the "Actual End" date blank.
7. Remember to hit "Save."
8. You're all done!

Please complete updates **before August 31st**. If you have any questions about the process or trouble logging in, please [email us](#).



Our Gratitude for Volunteers Hard at Work

This month, we thank the generous volunteer members of these groups for their support of our mission with work on-site:

- EDC-PT Committee
- PT Standard Setting Committee



Spotlight on Member Resources: 2018 Non-Exam Committee Sign-up is online!

Are you interested in serving on an FSBPT Non-Exam Committee beginning Jan. 1, 2018? You can now express your interest in 3 quick steps!

1. Login to the [Members' Area](#).
2. Click on "View Board and Committee Job Descriptions" to review the most recent information.
3. Click on "***NEW*** Submit your name for a committee position" to provide your top three interests.

The survey will close November 5, 2017. FSBPT staff will reach out to those who express interest in late Fall 2017 to collect information about their relevant experience. The Board of Directors will make appointments in late 2017.

Board of Directors Report

Information from the late July board of directors meeting will appear in the August *News Briefs*.

In the News

"National Health Care Fraud Takedown Results in Charges against over 412 Individuals Responsible for \$1.3 Billion in Fraud Losses," Press Release appearing July 13, 2017 on *Department of Justice Website*. "Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tom Price, M.D., announced today the largest ever health care fraud enforcement action by the Medicare Fraud Strike Force, involving 412 charged defendants across 41 federal districts, including 115 doctors,

nurses and other licensed medical professionals, for their alleged participation in health care fraud schemes involving approximately \$1.3 billion in false billings. Of those charged, over 120 defendants, including doctors, were charged for their roles in prescribing and distributing opioids and other dangerous narcotics. Thirty state Medicaid Fraud Control Units also participated in today's arrests. In addition, HHS has initiated suspension actions against 295 providers, including doctors, nurses and pharmacists."

Read the full release [here](#).

"Senate Leaves OTPTAT Board Whole; Advisory Committee Added," article appearing June 29, 2017 in Ohio Physical Therapy Association (OPTA) Member Update

"The Sub. HB 49 conference committee recently met to review the final changes to the budget bill, which originally included board consolidation. The committee voted to accept the Senate version of the OTPTAT Board proposal, which leaves OTPTAT Board as is, and added an advisory committee under their umbrella to regulate the licensure of the orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic licensees. The OPTA team has been working tirelessly on this issue since November of last year, and are please at the outcome of these efforts. OPTA members were in full force with effective grassroots advocacy which, combined with legislative testimony and significant conversations with legislators at the Statehouse, produced a positive outcome!

"In addition to the consolidation, the final bill does not include a provision to require boards to adopt 'staggered' licensure. It does, however, include the anti-trust review provision that will be created through the Common Sense Initiative.

"The bill will be sent to the Governor for his signature (and vetos), with the final bill being finalized by midnight on June 30."

"Bevin's proposed reorganization of 39 medical and professional boards delayed", by Beth Musgrave, published on the *Lexington Herald Leader* website, June 23, 2017

"Gov. Matt Bevin's proposed reorganization of dozens of medical and professional boards that oversee licensing of more than 100,000 professionals in Kentucky has been delayed, state officials told boards this week.

"Officials with the Kentucky Public Protection Cabinet had previously told leaders of 39 boards that Bevin planned to sign an executive order, possibly as early as July 1, that would dramatically change how the boards operate.

But several boards and professional associations received an email from a Cabinet for Public Protection official Wednesday saying the planned reorganization will not occur on July 1, 'and a new effective date has not been established.'"

Read the full article [here](#).

Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions

Members of the board of directors serve as liaisons to multiple jurisdictions. Current liaison relationships are listed here for your reference.

Jurisdictions	Board Liaison
Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia	 Ron Barbato
Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah	 Charles Brown
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina	 Tom Caldwell
Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin	 Natalie Harms
Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Washington	 Jim Heider
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Vermont	 Nancy Kirsch
Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming	 David Relling

Staff Contact Information

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Sign off:

That's all the news today from the limelight hydrangea covered 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*