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2018 Election Results

At the Delegate Assembly this month, the following individuals were elected to serve on the FSBPT Board of Directors:

Secretary		Treasurer	
	Thomas Caldwell, TX		Ruggiero (Ruggie) Canizares, OR

Director #1		Nominating Committee Member	
	Ellen Donald, FL		Sherri Paru, OR
Vice Chair, Council of Board Administrators (CBA)			
	Scott Majors, KY		

We congratulate these members and are grateful for their willingness to serve in these leadership roles!

Express Your Interest in Running for Office in 2019

At the 2019 Delegate Assembly in Oklahoma City, OK, elections will be held for the following positions on the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee.

- **PRESIDENT (3-year term):**
 - Must be a current or past member of a Member Board or current or past administrator of a Member Board.
- **VICE PRESIDENT (3-year term):**
 - Must be a current or past member of a Member Board or current or past administrator of a Member Board.
- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER (3-year term):**
 - Must be member of a Member Board, administrator of a Member Board, an Associate Member, or an individual with expertise to facilitate the task of the committee. An Associate Member is a former member or administrator of a Member Board, a former member of the Board of Directors, a former committee or task force member or a member of the Academy of Advanced Item Writers.

Are you interested in running for a position? View the job descriptions [here](#) and email communications@fsbpt.org before **December 31, 2018**. (Please include the position(s) for which you are interested.) You'll hear about next steps in early 2019.

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you!

Our Gratitude for Volunteers Hard at Work

We extend a special “thank you” to the individuals below for their service at the 2018 Annual Meeting & Delegate Assembly in Reston, VA:

- *Tellers:* **Melissa Craddock** (OH), **Carlton Curry** (MD), and **Charles Harvey** (NV)
- *Minutes Review Committee:* **Aimee Alexander** (NY), **Jennifer Ball** (OK) and **David Harris** (TN)
- *Education Committee:* **Debbie Kubota**, Chair (HI), **Carolyn Armstrong** (CO), **Arkena Dailey** (VA), **Charlotte Martin** (LA), **Stefanie Palma** (GA), **Sherri Paru** (OR), **Cindy Potter** (PA), **Deborah Richardson-Peter** (VI), **Joseph Shanley** (NH), and **Christine Snyder** (FL)

HPSO Approves Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM) as Eligible Risk Management Course

Healthcare Providers Service Organization (HPSO), the leading provider of professional liability insurance for physical therapy professionals, offers a risk management discount whereby eligible individuals can receive a 10% non-cumulative credit applied to their professional liability annual premium for up to three years. To be eligible, PTs and PTAs must complete 6 contact hours of an eligible Risk Management Course within the previous 12 months.

FSBPT is pleased to announce that HPSO will accept completion of one of our six Jurisprudence Assessment Modules (JAMs) as an eligible Risk Management Course. Licensees in Georgia, Hawaii, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, or Texas can submit proof of passage of the JAM as a part of the required 6 contact hours of continuing education.

If you have any additional questions about this program, please contact HPSO at 1-800-982-9491.

Last Chance to Express Your Interest in Serving on a 2019 Non-Exam Committee!

Have you been thinking about serving on a FSBPT Non-Exam Committee beginning January 1, 2019? The survey to express your interest closes **November 6, 2018**.

Express your interest in 3 quick steps:

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

The Board of Directors will make appointments in late 2018. *Those who have already submitted their interest via the Annual meeting or at the Leadership Issues Forum do not need to submit information again.*

Virginia Board Highlights aPTitude® and oPTion® in Newsletter

This month the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy issued an [online bulletin](#) to their licensees in advance of the December 31, 2018 license renewal deadline. In addition to several summaries of VA's renewal and continuing education requirements, the newsletter supplied information concerning [aPTitude](#) (the free online continuing competence management system) and [oPTion](#) (the online self-directed general practice assessment tool). [aPTitude](#) and [oPTion](#) are FSBPT developed continuing competence tools. Member boards who would like to issue similar communiques can request language from the Continuing Competence staff team at CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org.



Spotlight on Member Resources: The Foreign Educated PT and PTA Wizard

The Foreign Educated PT and PTA Website Wizard was unveiled in early 2018. The Wizard is a great resource for graduates of foreign physical therapist or physical therapist assistant education programs who want to work in the United States. Individuals answer a series of questions to direct them to the information most applicable to their situation. Board staff and members will also find the Wizard helpful when assisting FEPT/PTAs. The Wizard is located at www.fsbpt.org/fept.

Board of Directors Report

This month, to advance the business of the Federation, the board approved the motions listed.

To disband the Foreign Educated Standards Committee at the end of 2018.

Rationale: This Committee has accomplished a huge amount of work and met their overall goals. The ongoing work of the committee has decreased significantly. Any additional work that comes up can be accomplished by the Ethics and Legislation Committee or if there is a significant project, the Board can appoint a task force.

Fiscal Impact: This will save at least \$10,000 annually based on one committee meeting a year.

To edit the Model Practice Act as recommended by the Ethics and Legislation Committee.

Rationale: The edits to current Model Practice Act language were suggested by the Foreign Educated Standards Committee to the Ethics & Legislation Committee. Not all countries have a ministry of education which recognizes the PT program. The changes suggested allow for greater flexibility in the agency, but still requires recognition by the country in which the program exists.

The change to generalize the English language requirement is consistent with allowing the details of the requirement to be found in Board rules. The language referring to the rule also maintains consistency with the way the rest of the section is written.

Fiscal Impact: None

To appoint these individuals to the Membership Survey Task Force effective immediately.

- Adrienne Price, Chair
- Megan Certo, member
- Melissa Craddock, member
- Cindy Potter, member
- Alicia Rabena-Amen, member
- David Reed, member

Rationale: The membership survey task force is convened as necessary when FSBPT conducts a membership survey. The membership survey is a key component for the FSBPT Board of Director's strategic planning.

Fiscal Impact: \$23,415.

To appoint Tom Caldwell to the LCASO Board of Directors effective immediately.

Rationale: To fill the vacancy occurring as a result of the 2018 elections.

In the News

Sen. Cornyn Introduces Bill to Limit Occupational Licensing Boards Antitrust Damages Awards and to Reform State Licensing

On October 11, 2018 U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) introduced S.3598: Occupational Licensing Board Antitrust Damages Relief and Reform Act of 2018. The bill has the same title as that for H.R.6515 introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. K. Michael Conaway (R-TX) on July 25, 2018. S. 3598 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Both bills' stated purpose is to "limit private antitrust damages against occupational licensing boards, to promote beneficial reforms of State occupational licensing, and for other purposes".

Read more about S. 3598 at [this link](#).

NEWS RELEASE "Idaho eyes changes to occupational licensing requirements in state", Published on the *Lewiston Tribune* website October 24, 2018

"Lewiston, October 24, 2018 – Idaho's Licensing Freedom Act Report and Recommendations calls for the state to consider changes to improve license processing, reduce barriers to licensure, and to appoint a working group to study these issues. The results will be used by policy makers for possible changes in how various occupations are licensed by the state. It is not clear yet if that means easing of some licensing requirements or making them more difficult to obtain."

Read the full article [here](#).

**NEWS RELEASE “Pou Bill Requiring Active Supervision of Certain Licensing Boards Advances”,
Published on the *Insider NJ* website October 16, 2018**

“Trenton, October 16, 2018 – New Jersey Senate Committee Chair Nellie Pou is sponsoring S-2963 that would increase oversight of regulatory boards whose membership is comprised primary of active market participants of the same profession or occupation that is regulated by that board. The bill would also establish board member antitrust immunity and extend legal fee compensation to board members if sued. The United States Supreme Court decision in *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission* is cited as justification for the bill. The Senate Commerce Committee voted unanimously to advance the bill and it advances to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.”

Read the full article [here](#).

**"New Support for Military Spouse Occupational License Transferring", Published on the
ClearanceJobs.com website October 5, 2018**

“Urbandale – October 5, 2018 – Karen Pence, the Second Lady of the United States, is promoting the Military Spouse License Portability initiative allowing military spouse reimbursement from the federal government for the cost of renewing an occupational license or certification. The program also encourages states to provide military spouses with options to more easily obtain licenses issued by a different state. Another U.S. Department of Labor Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS) initiative, in cooperation with the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, is working with the states to make it easier for military spouses to transfer occupational licenses between states.”

Read the full article [here](#).

Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions

Members of the board of directors serve as liaisons to multiple jurisdictions. Your liaison may be changing due to the elections at the 2018 Delegate Assembly in October. New liaisons will be formalized via motion in December 2018 and will be published in the December News Briefs.

Staff Contact Information

If you have questions, challenges or ideas, we want to hear from you!	
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Sign off:

That's all the news today from the blue mist shrub (Caryopteris) 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*