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### **NPTE fee increase will become effective January 1, 2015**

Just to refresh everyone's memory: The NPTE fee increase to \$400 was first announced in May 2010 to become effective January 1, 2013.

However, after reviewing financials, in August 2012, we notified members that the Board of Directors had deferred the increase to January 1, 2014. And last year, we again notified members that the increase had been deferred to no earlier than January 1, 2015.

After reviewing FSBPT' five-year financial forecast, the Board of Directors has decided that the NPTE fee increase for both the PT and PTA exams WILL take effect January 1, 2015.

To be more specific, 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.

We are updating the FSBPT website with this information. For more information, contact [communications@fsbpt.org](mailto:communications@fsbpt.org).

### **2014 Board Member & Administrator Training – We want you – yes, you!**

*Date and place: June 6-8, 2014 Alexandria, Virginia*

You may be new to your board, or maybe you've moved into the role of chair. Perhaps you've been on the board for a while and need a refresher or you could be brand new! It might be that your board is working on updating its practice act or implementing a new initiative like continuing competence.

If any of these sound like you - this three-day training session will be beneficial for you. It is open to any and all members and administrators of our jurisdiction licensing boards. **New and seasoned board members/administrators** find it extremely valuable.

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, new initiatives and hot topics.

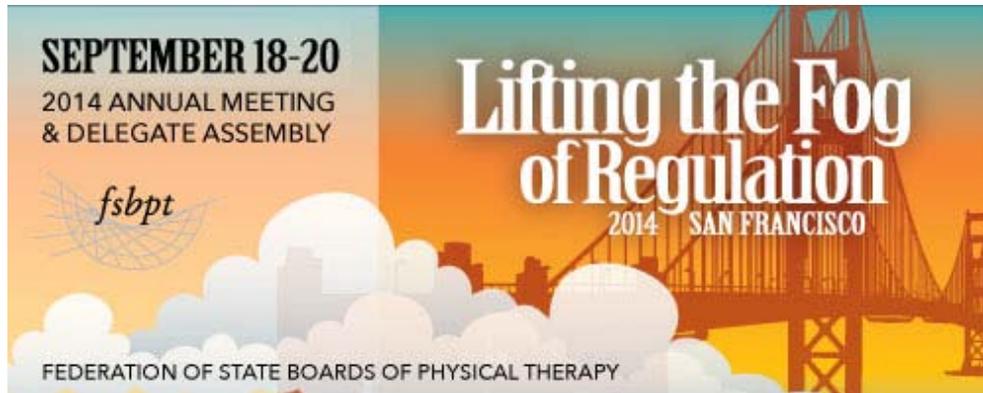
FSBPT funds attendance to this training.

Board members and administrators can view the 2013 agenda and presentations to get a better feel for the training by logging in at Members Login and going to Meeting Information/Member & Admin Training. To register for the training, email [communications@fsbpt.org](mailto:communications@fsbpt.org).

### **US Supreme Court to hear NC board, FTC case**

The US Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case in which the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) had filed against the North Carolina Board of Dentistry for restricting trade. The FTC successfully argued that the dental board could not claim state action immunity because it was not actively supervised by the state and the board members were appointed by the state professional association.

This has serious implications for all jurisdiction regulatory boards. FSBPT will be filing a joint amicus brief along with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) and the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB).



### **Delegate credentials for the annual meeting**

Congratulations to *Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky*, who were the first to credential their delegates to the Federation's annual meeting in September!

The Federation funds three individuals from each jurisdiction to the annual meeting through the credentialing process: the voting delegate, primary alternate delegate and the board's administrator.

### **Credential early! Your voting delegate will be invited to LIF**

This year, the voting delegate will be invited to attend the Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) August 2-3, 2014 in Alexandria, Virginia.

The sooner you credential, the sooner your voting delegate can put LIF on their calendar! The meeting will provide updates on issues from last year's delegate assembly and potential issues for this year's delegate assembly. Note that FSBPT funds their attendance to the LIF meeting.

### **Need instructions?**

Administrators, instructions were emailed to you on Friday, February 28.

The email's subject was, "Credentialing delegates and administrators – 2014 FSBPT annual meeting."

If you would like a copy of the instructions, please email [communications@fsbpt.org](mailto:communications@fsbpt.org).

### **Do you have a topic/speaker to recommend for the annual meeting?**

Maybe you've got a topic that your board is wrestling with or you've seen a speaker cover a topic that is pertinent to healthcare regulation. If so, please send those topics and speakers to [communications@fsbpt.org](mailto:communications@fsbpt.org) for forwarding to the FSBPT Education Committee.

### **Does your board have a project to present to your peers at the annual meeting?**

Do you have a unique approach to some aspect of the regulation of physical therapy within your state?  
Do you have some specific experience or expertise in a regulatory topic?

If so, this is your call for session proposals for our annual meeting!

If your proposal is chosen, two presenters will be funded to attend the annual meeting in San Francisco, California from September 18-20, 2014. Programs are limited to one-hour sessions.

Contact us to discuss ideas or ask for more specifics by emailing [communications@fsbpt.org](mailto:communications@fsbpt.org). We will connect you to the best staff person to talk about your topic.

**Due date: Friday, April 25, 2014**

Proposal submissions must contain the following:

1. Title
2. Course description
3. Course objectives
4. Tentative outline of time and content
5. Biographical information for each speaker, including degrees/credentials, institution, city, and state

Proposals should be sent to [communications@fsbpt.org](mailto:communications@fsbpt.org).

**Does your board need justification to attend the annual meeting?**

Some jurisdictions are facing travel restrictions and may need justification to attend the FSBPT annual meeting even though FSBPT funds the voting delegate, primary alternate delegate and administrator. If you would like FSBPT to assist in providing justification for your members' travel, please contact [communications@fsbpt.org](mailto:communications@fsbpt.org).

**Motions due date – June 20**

Boards, if you are considering presenting a motion to the 2014 Delegate Assembly, you will need to send motions to the FSBPT Resolutions Committee via [communications@fsbpt.org](mailto:communications@fsbpt.org) by June 20.

You can submit motions after that date, but the bylaws require a two-thirds vote without debate to be heard by the delegate assembly.

**Our volunteers hard at work**



This month, FSBPT staff hosted the following hard-working groups at the Alexandria office and via Webex meetings.

**Continuing Competence Committee**

The committee focused on strategic planning efforts in the form of developing proposed vision statements to guide the ongoing development and implementation of the continuing competence initiative and its tools. The committee also revisited some of the terminology used for the initiative, brainstormed awareness-building strategies for the various tools, evaluated the current

usage of the tools, and participated in an exercise highlighting improvements to the ProCert continuing competence activity certification program.

*Jill Marlan, MI, Chair*  
*Kathy Arney, NC*  
*Barbara Behrens, NJ*  
*Eric Dekle, AL*  
*Karen Holtgreffe, OH*  
*Jason Kaiser, CA*  
*Patti Jo Lane, MT*  
*James (Zach) Zachazewski, MA*

### **Ethics and Legislation Committee**

The committee's first in-person meeting of the year focused on a number of regulatory issues. They discussed telehealth and re-entry and possible resources jurisdictions may find helpful on those topics.

Additionally, the committee looked at the Model Practice Act and language to allow a military trained, unlicensed PTA to be credentialed and deemed substantially equivalent. The committee will meet again November 1-2, 2014.

*Jane Julian, SC, Chair*  
*Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman, TX*  
*Joni Kalis, AZ*  
*Kevin Lindsey, GA*  
*Scott Majors, KY*  
*Robert Schmidt, WA*

### **Exam Development**

The PTA Item Bank Review Committee, Item Writer Coordinators and Item Writers met to continue to maintain the PT and PTA National Physical Therapy Examinations.

### **Cheating in the News: Aspiring medical student sentenced to three months in prison in MCAT hacking case**

Washington Post reporter Matt Zapposky reported on December 13, 2013, "Unhappy with his middling scores on the standardized test for aspiring medical students, Bosung Shim tried to hack into the Association of American Medical Colleges computer system and change them. When that didn't work, he hired other hackers to help.

"The 24-year-old Rockville man — the son of two doctors from South Korea — 'felt that he really needed to go to medical school,' his attorney said in court Friday. But his desperate — though not wholly unsuccessful — attempts instead landed him in prison."

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### **Spotlight on member resource – updated members website**



Members, have you taken a minute to review the updated member’s website yet? Click on Members Login in the upper right hand corner of the FSBPT website or [click here](#) to see the new layout and information.

Check out the “Trending Resource & Topic Paper” on the dashboard – it’s a dry needling resource paper written specifically for physical therapy licensing boards’ use.

Explore and let us know what you think! Send feedback to [communications@fsbpt.org](mailto:communications@fsbpt.org).

### Board of Directors Report

The following motion was passed at the board’s March 19-22, 2014 meeting.

To approve the new travel expense criteria as presented to be effective May 1, 2014.

*Rationale:* The maximum reimbursement for meals has not change for at least 15 years and the maximums have become more problematic for the volunteers.

*Fiscal impact:* Less than \$15,000.

### 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>Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont</p>	<p><a href="#">Maggie Donohue</a></p> 
<p>Arizona, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas, Utah</p>	<p><a href="#">Natalie Harms</a></p>

	
<p>Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Washington</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Jim Heider</u></a></p> 
<p>Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Nancy Kirsch</u></a></p> 
<p>Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>David Relling</u></a></p> 
<p>Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Wisconsin</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Jeff Rosa</u></a></p> 
<p>Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Ron Seymour</u></a></p> 



**Staff Contact Information**  
**Who Should I Contact?**

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Continuing competence	<a href="#">Heidi Herbst Paakkonen</a> <a href="#">Holly Ball</a> <a href="#">Competence Staff</a>	800-881-1430, ext. 283 800-881-1430, ext. 282
Credentials review	<a href="#">Jaime Nolan</a> <a href="#">Susan K. Lindeblad, Ph.D.</a>	800-881-1430, ext. 403 800-881-1430, ext. 401
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Foreign educated issues	<a href="#">Mark Lane</a> <a href="#">Susan K. Lindeblad, Ph.D.</a>	800-881-1430, ext. 232 800-881-1430, ext. 401
Immigration	<a href="#">Susan K. Lindeblad, Ph.D.</a>	800-881-1430, ext. 401
Legislation or Model Practice Act	<a href="#">Mark Lane</a> <a href="#">Leslie Adrian</a>	800-881-1430, ext. 232 800-881-1430, ext. 233
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Member contact updates	<a href="#">Maribeth C. Decker</a>	800-881-1430, ext. 227

NPDB reports/questions	<a href="#">Angela Burnham</a>	800-881-1430, ext. 249
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Score transfer & reporting	<a href="#">Christine Sousa</a>	800-881-1430, ext. 201
Security issues	<a href="#">Susan Layton</a>	800-881-1430, ext. 224
Anything else, including news to share with members	<a href="#">William A. Hatherill</a> <a href="#">Maribeth C. Decker</a>	800-881-1430, ext. 225 800-881-1430, ext. 227



**Sign off: That's all the news today from the *STILL* snow 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*