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Richard McDougall Award winners



Kathy Fleischaker, PT
Minnesota



Senora Simpson, PT
District of Columbia

Each year, the Federation awards those members whose individual work has made a lasting significant and distinguished contribution to the Federation over at least 10 years.

This year's award goes to Kathy Fleischaker, PT, President of the Minnesota Board of Physical Therapy and Senora Simpson, PT, Chair of the District of Columbia Board of Physical Therapy.

President's Award winners



Mary Keehn, PT
Illinois



Tina Kelley
New Hampshire

Each year, the President recognizes and honors those individuals who, in the President's opinion, have made significant, outstanding contributions to the Federation in the past year.

This year's award goes to Mary Keehn, PT, chair of the Foreign Educated Standards Committee and Tina Kelley, chair of the Council of Board Administrators (CBA) and member of the FSBPT Nominating and Education Committees.

Outstanding Service Award winners

The following Federation members will also be recognized and honored at our annual meeting for their significant and distinguished contribution to the Federation through their volunteer work this year.

- *Ken Amsler*
- *Tom Caldwell*
- *Karen Cascardi*
- *Jeanne Cook*
- *Debra Gray*
- *Lisa Hahn*
- *Terry Hendricks*
- *Peg Hiller*
- *Jane Julian*
- *Dave Lake*
- *Chuck Meacci*
- *Joan Morse*
- *Lee Nelson*
- *Malorie Novak*
- *Larry Ohman*
- *Jessica Sapp*
- *Jennifer Zdobylak*

CBA slate finalized

The Council of Board Administrators (CBA) Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate for elections at the CBA Forum. The CBA Forum runs from 11 AM – 5:30 PM Thursday, September 18 as part of the FSBPT Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California.

Vice Chair



Jeff Rosa,
Ohio

CBA Nominating Committee



Carrie Gilstrap,
Idaho

At the CBA Forum, the committee will be submitting a motion to amend the CBA Rules of Procedure. The amendment would delete the positions of alternate chair and alternate vice chair since we were unable to fill those positions.

CBA Nominating Committee

- *Tina Kelley*, New Hampshire
- *Veronica Reynolds*, South Carolina
- *Lisa Hahn*, Virginia

FCCPT hires assistant managing director



The Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT) is excited to announce that ***Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffmann, PT, MBA, PhD***, has accepted the position of Assistant Managing Director. She will begin her employment with FCCPT effective January 1, 2015.

Kathleen is currently Associate Professor and the tDPT Program Coordinator at Texas Woman's University School of Physical Therapy in Dallas, Texas. She has more than 20 years' experience as a physical therapist educator. As a faculty member she has led task force groups in curriculum review and redesign, as well as taking on key roles in the preparation for CAPTE accreditation visits. She also has extensive experience in various rehabilitation settings, including Director of Rehabilitative Services at Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, Texas.

Kathleen has physical therapy regulatory experience through her appointment to the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. In both her board position and Program Coordinator's position she has had comprehensive contacts with internationally educated physical therapists and experience with some of their unique challenges. She has been a speaker at Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) meetings and been appointed to many FSBPT committees, including the Exam Development Committee, Ethics and Legislation Committee and the Coursework Tool for Foreign Educated PTs and PTAs Guidelines Task Force. Kathleen has also been active within the Health Policy Administration and Education Sections of the American Physical Therapy Association.

FCCPT is exceptionally pleased to have Kathleen join the organization in 2015.

For more information, contact help@fccpt.org.

UK has begun a criminal investigation into TOEFL owner, ETS

A June 25, 2014 article by Elizabeth Redden on Inside Higher Ed reports, "In a significant crackdown on abuse of the student visa system, Britain's immigration and security ministry on Tuesday announced that it has stripped 60 higher education institutions of the right to host foreign students and has begun a criminal investigation into the Princeton, N.J.-based Educational Testing Service's international subsidiary, ETS Global, after discovering evidence of widespread fraud in English language testing.

"ETS administers the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC), both of which were, until recently, among the tests approved by the U.K. Home Office for immigration purposes (as part of the U.K. visa application process, prospective international students and others are required to provide proof of their English language proficiency).

"The Home Office, Britain's main security agency, removed ETS from its list of approved language test providers earlier this year after the BBC news program "Panorama" [uncovered "systematic fraud"](#) at TOEIC test centers in the U.K., including incidents in which examinees were replaced by "fake-sitters" who completed the test for them and a case of a proctor reading the correct answers aloud to test-takers."

[View article.](#)

Your chance to comment on clinical education papers

Clinical education papers have been developed for the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT) Clinical Education Summit in October. Several proposed models might impact regulation. Maggie Donohue, FSBPT President and staff will be attending the Summit as part of the planning committee. Nancy Kirsch, FSBPT Vice President and Natalie Harms, FSBPT Treasurer will be representing licensing boards. Another FSBPT Board Director, David Relling, will also be attending, but as a school representative.

You can send comments to communications@fsbpt.org, which we will submit to the Summit Leadership. Here is the link to the papers:

<http://www.acapt.org/index.php/component/k2/item/15-ce-summit-position-papers>

Call for comments on proposed CAPTE standards changes

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) is sharing their revised standards and requirements for accreditation. Deadline for comments is Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

[Review the revised standards and provide comments here.](#)

ProCert now in 20 jurisdictions

Arkansas is the most recent state to accept ProCert certification of continuing education courses and conferences. Any ProCert certified activities will be accepted by the board for purposes of meeting continuing education and licensure renewal requirements for PTs and PTAs in Arkansas.

Arkansas joins Alabama, Arizona, California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Several more states are updating their laws to accept ProCert certification in the future.

Learn more about ProCert [here](#), or contact [FSBPT Continuing Competence Staff](#) for more information.

FSBPT at APTA NEXT 2014 Conference & Exposition

FSBPT volunteers and staff participated in the APTA NEXT Conference & Exposition held earlier this month in Charlotte, NC by staffing a booth in the Exhibit Hall. Information was shared with students and faculty members about the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), the Practice Examination & Assessment Tool (PEAT), and other NPTE resources.

Additionally, FSBPT distributed information on [aPTitude](#), the online continuing competence management system; continuing competence activity certification through **ProCert**; the Practice Review Tool (PRT); physical therapy practice and professional standards; volunteer opportunities; and a multitude of regulatory resources.

Delegate credentials were due June 20

Thank you to all the boards that credentialed their members prior to the deadline! Late credentialing will be accepted if the member board does not meet until after the deadline.

Voting Delegates and Funded Administrators to the annual meeting will be invited to the Leadership Issues Forum August 2-3, 2014.

The following jurisdictions have not yet credentialed their delegates.

Alaska	Kansas	New York
Connecticut	Maine	Puerto Rico
Illinois	Maryland	
Indiana	Nebraska	

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.

Our volunteers hard at work



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

- PT Exam Development Committee
- PT Item Bank Review Committee
- Plus: Regional Item Writing Workshop in Detroit, Michigan

In addition, the Exam Administration Committee met by conference call in May. Members attending were **Tom Ryan** (WI), **Carlton Curry** (MD), **Jessica Sapp** (FL) and **Lisa Hahn** (VA).

Spotlight on member resources: Jurisdiction Board Member & Administrator Training



On June 6-8, we hosted our annual training for new and seasoned board members and administrators. Attendees included 13 administrators, one board attorney and 22 board members.

We covered many important areas about the roles of licensure boards and individual members, an introduction to regulatory laws and terminology and useful information about the Federation’s role in assisting boards in their mission to protect the public.

Here are comments from attendees:

“Fantastic meeting, providing me with a lot of information to think about. I now understand a lot more about my obligation and the necessity to provide information not only to the public, but to the licensees. The staff is very supportive, very willing to answer questions and provide continued support. I cannot thank you enough for such a wonderful support team and I no longer feel like I am out there wandering around on my own. Thank you, thank you, thank you.”

“Thank you for this opportunity. I enjoyed learning about the Federation and meeting with board members in all their roles. The opportunities for networking were great!”

You can view the individual presentations, agenda and speaker bios on the member’s website. Look for Members Login on the upper right hand side of the [FSBPT website](#). You’ll find the Member & Admin Training under Meetings & Events.

Cheating in the News: Department of Justice has been busy

Here are two healthcare fraud cases in the last month that the Department of Justice successfully prosecuted.

- [Convicted Money Launderers Sentenced to Prison in Connection with Health Care Fraud Scheme](#)
- [Former Owner of Physical Therapy Clinic Sentenced to Prison in Connection with Health Care Fraud Scheme](#)

Board of Directors Report

Here are the motions from the **May 29** Board of Directors minutes.

Accept and promote the principles/guidelines for endorsement as developed by the Foreign Educated Standards Committee.

Rationale: To improve the mobility of foreign educated physical therapists (FEPTs) by removing the duplicative steps required for endorsement and by establishing more uniformity among jurisdictions for licensure requirements.

Fiscal impact: None.

To appoint Robert Friberg to replace Stu MacRoberts on the Education Committee.

Rationale: Stu MacRoberts is unable to attend the annual meeting. This appointment ends December 31, 2014, which is the end of Stu MacRoberts’ term.

Fiscal Impact: None. Already budgeted.

Here are the motions from the **June 19** Board of Directors minutes.

To approve the following members for the 2014 Outstanding Service Award.

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| • Ken Amsler | • Terry Hendricks | • Lee Nelson |
| • Tom Caldwell | • Peg Hiller | • Malorie Novak |
| • Karen Cascardi | • Jane Julian | • Larry Ohman |
| • Jeanne Cook | • Dave Lake | • Jessica Sapp |
| • Debra Gray | • Chuck Meacci | • Jennifer Zdobylak |
| • Lisa Hahn | • Joan Morse | |

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

To approve the following members for the 2014 Richard McDougall Long Term Service Award.

- Kathy Fleischaker
- Senora Simpson

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>Jurisdictions</p>	<p>Your Board Liaisons</p>
<p>Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont</p>	<p><u>Maggie Donohue</u></p> 
<p>Arizona, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas, Utah</p>	<p><u>Natalie Harms</u></p> 

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



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Sign off: That's all the news today from the patriotic petunia 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