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FSBPT membership survey opens

If you are a US physical therapy licensing board member, administrator or a member of a Federation committee, you should have received an email from Polaris Marketing Research with a link to our latest membership survey.

Your feedback will be one of the foundations of the information used by the Federation Board of Directors to do their strategic planning for the next five years.

Federation members, if you don't see the email, please check your junk or spam folders - -or contact us at communications@fspbt.org.

The deadline for completing the survey is Sunday, December 7th.

To sweeten the pot, those who complete the membership survey by the deadline will have their names added to a drawing to win a 13" Apple MacBook Air (128GB) and an Apple iPad Air (Wi-Fi, 32GB). If you are not eligible to receive an incentive like this you will have an opportunity to opt out at the beginning of the survey.

ELDD Participation Levels: What is your jurisdiction's latest star rating?

Members, the Q3 participation levels in the ELDD (Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database) have been posted to the members' website.

Click on Members Login in the upper right hand corner of the [FSBPT website](#) or [click here](#) to find your jurisdiction's rating on the Dashboard.

You can now view ALL jurisdictions' ELDD ratings to see how your jurisdiction compares to others! Look for a link below your stars on the Dashboard.

Jurisdictions are rated on their overall participation in ELDD plus their participation in the disciplinary database, in the licensure database and the NPTE score database.

As of October 1, 2014:

11 Jurisdictions - 5 Stars
13 Jurisdictions - 4 Stars
10 Jurisdictions - 3 Stars
10 Jurisdictions - 2 Stars
9 Jurisdictions - 1 Star

In the last six months, **two jurisdictions improved their ratings by 2 stars and 16 jurisdictions improved their ratings by 1 star.** Three jurisdictions lost 1 star and one jurisdiction lost 2 stars on their rating.

Want to know more about how your jurisdiction was rated? Contact communications@fsbpt.org.

Licensure Compact Drafting Team meets

The Licensure Compact Drafting Team met November 7-8 to begin the process of drafting the actual Physical Therapy Compact Language. The group spent two days of lively discussion as they wrestled with many of the issues and challenges that have been identified by licensing boards and stakeholders.

The group made good progress and will have another meeting December 1-2. There are two additional meetings scheduled in 2015. The Team should have some draft language ready for review by stakeholders in spring 2015.

INPTRA webcasts

November webcast – A Look at New Zealand and the Philippines

Listen to INPTRA's most recent webcast at <http://www.inptra.org/AboutUs/WebcastTopics.aspx> by subscribing to the website. Once you log in, go to Subscribers | Webcasts.

December 16 webcast - Telehealth in Physiotherapy, A Global Regulatory Issue

Instructions for participating in the next INPTRA webcast [December 16, 2014 from 10:10 AM – 11:15 AM Washington, DC time] will be emailed to you and posted at on the [INPTRA website](#) the first week in December.

The International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA) is organized to support physiotherapy regulation around the globe. Educational and collaborative activities, communication, participation and interaction are the key to our success.

MDS update

While progress on developing a Minimum Data Set for physical therapy has slowed due to a change in priorities at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), we are still making progress.

Recently, a survey requesting Minimum Data Set information was piloted to actual licensees and we are evaluating the results of the pilot. The pilot was developed to make sure the questions were clear and understandable and would provide us with the information we needed for a workforce analysis.

We are also collecting some data from jurisdictions that already collect much of this same information. This will assist us in determining our data systems needs.

2014 NPTE testing complete

The National Physical Therapy Examinations (NPTE) testing is complete for 2014. Both the PT and PTA examinations were held in January, April, July and October with approximately 23,550 exams given.

Visit our website at www.fsbpt.org to view the 2015 and 2016 examination dates and deadlines. Look under **National Physical Therapy Exam**.



Our volunteers hard at work

This month, FSBPT hosted in its Alexandria, Virginia office:

- The PT and PTA Item Bank Review Committees
- The Licensure Compact Drafting Team
 - *Jean Bickal*
 - *R. Crady deGolian*
 - *Justin Elliott*
 - *Dargan Ervin*
 - *Nancy Kirsch*
 - *Scott Majors*
 - *Dan Manz*
 - *Rick Masters*
 - *Jeff Rosa*
 - *Barbara Safriet*
 - *Bo Watson*

Spotlight on member resources: Physical Therapy Licensure Compact



The Federation has launched a project to develop an interstate licensure compact for physical therapy.

The purpose of the compact is to increase consumer access to physical therapy services by reducing regulatory barriers to interstate mobility and cross-state practice.

You can get the latest updates by going to the [FSBPT website](#) and clicking Free Resources | Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

Cheating in the News: Woeful test results mark turning point for education in Cambodia

On November 20, 2014, Robert Carmichael posted on ucanews.com, “For Cambodia, there is no disguising how dreadful the results of this year’s high school graduation exams were: three in four students of the some 90,000 who sat their finals in August failed, and just 11 students scored an A grade.

“The reason for the high failure rate was simple: for the first time in years, authorities enforced a strict ‘no cheating’ policy. In prior years, many students purchased papers from teachers and vendors ahead of time, brought cheat sheets and mobile phones into exams, or simply paid someone else to take the test for them.”

[View article.](#)

Board of Directors Report

Since the board is meeting the first week in December, there was no November meeting.



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



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Sign off: That's all the news today from the leaf laden blustery 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