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Snow may impact PT NPTE testing Wednesday

Schools, if you are in a location expected to be affected by snow on Wednesday, January 28, be sure to go to our home page, www.fsbpt.org and look for the SNOW MAY IMPACT TESTING banner for more information regarding test site closures.

The good news is that candidates will not have to wait until the next regular test date to sit for their exam if their test site closes – we will contact them to reschedule.

Are you a new board member or administrator? Sign up for training!

FSBPT hosts annual training for all jurisdiction board members and administrators on physical therapy regulation. It receives *consistently exceptional reviews*; we are not kidding! And *FSBPT funds your attendance*.

This is the time to sign up - This year's training is **June 12-14, 2015** in Alexandria, Virginia.

Topics: Regulatory law, terminology, board powers/responsibilities/roles, the regulation of physical therapy, delegation of authority, immunity – and a familiarization with FSBPT services.

Learn more - Log into the [FSBPT Members Site](#). Look for “forget your username or password?” if you need help logging in. Once you’re in, look for Upcoming Board Member & Administrator Training under Meetings & Events.

Register for training – Email 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 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 Orlando, Florida October 15-17, 2015. Programs are limited to one-hour sessions.

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

Due date: Friday, April 17, 2015

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.

2015 Slate - are you interested in running?

This year, the FSBPT Nominating Committee will be slating individuals for Secretary, Treasurer and Director on the Board of Directors and a member of the Nominating Committee.

- *Requirements for Secretary and Treasurer:* Member of a Member Board, administrator of a Member Board, or an Associate Member. Associate Members are former Members or Administrators of a Member Board, former members of the Board of Directors, former committee or task force members or members of the Academy of Advanced Item Writers.

- *Requirement for Director:* Current member of a Member Board at the time of the election.
- *Requirement for Nominating Committee:* There is no bylaws requirement for the Nominating Committee position, but candidates need to be familiar with the organization and have interacted with Federation members at various meetings.

If you are interested in running or would like to nominate someone, please send the name and contact information to the Nominating Committee through communications@fsbpt.org.

NPTE withdrawal, score transfer and individual score report fee changes

NPTE Withdrawal Fees

Withdrawal fees will change slightly this year. The current withdrawal fee for the NPTE is \$50.

Starting in the fourth quarter of 2015, the withdrawal fee will stay \$50 if the candidate withdraws 30 days or more in advance of the exam. If the candidate withdraws less than 30 days prior to the exam, the fee will be \$100.

Note that NPTE withdrawal fees have been \$50 since 2004.

Score Transfer Fees

Currently the first transfer is \$80 and subsequent transfers are \$55. On March 1, 2015, all score transfers will be \$80.

Individual Score Reports

Also, on March 1, 2015, Individual Score Reports (ISR) will increase from \$55 to \$80.

Candidates can continue to view and download free ISRs by going to [Status of My Request](#) 10 days after their test date. The free reports remain viewable for 30 days.

The last score transfer and individual score report fee increases were in 2009.

Physical Therapy Licensure Compact – the latest news

The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact Draft nears completion. The Compact Drafting Team had its third meeting in January and will soon have a complete draft of the licensure compact language.

A call for comment will be made after its final meeting in April.

Any revisions based on stakeholder comments will be made via teleconference. The Team is proud of the work they have done and believe the language is close to what will be best for consumers of physical therapy as well as the profession. Stay tuned for dates and times of educational webinars and articles on the details of the compact this spring.

INPTRA webcasts

There will be a second webcast on the topic of telehealth on February 25, which will be rebroadcast March 3. You can find the details on how to participate on the [INPTRA website](#).

If you missed the November webcast, *A Look at New Zealand and the Philippines* or the December webcast, *Telehealth in Physiotherapy, A Global Regulatory Issue*, both are posted on the INPTRA website.

Go to <http://www.inptra.org/AboutUs/WebcastTopics.aspx> and subscribe to the website. Once you log in, go to Subscribers | Webcasts.

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.

Online on-demand JAM launching soon

In February 2015, FSBPT will launch a new learning tool developed first for the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy. The New Jersey Jurisprudence Assessment Module (NJ JAM) is required for initial licensure and also awards 1.5 credits of continuing competence credit towards meeting jurisprudence and ethics requirements for renewal.

The NJ JAM is an online and on-demand timed module that must be completed in 90 minutes. Takers are required to answer 80% of the questions correctly to pass and are permitted two attempts to pass. While completing the NJ JAM, takers can review New Jersey physical therapy practice regulations.

FSBPT just conducted an Item Writing Workshop for JAMs for California, Hawaii and New Hampshire.

Your board may want to consider JAM for initial licensure or both initial licensure and renewal.

Contact competencestaff@fsbpt.org to request additional information. FSBPT staff can demo the JAM at your board meeting either in person or via an internet-based presentation.

Interest in JAM is high and the development timeline requires some time to accomplish, so please register your interest as soon as possible.

Interested in continuing competence? Apply to be a volunteer reviewer for ProCert!

FSBPT's ProCert program evaluates continuing competence activities and awards certification to those that meet the FSBPT Standards for Continuing Competence.

ProCert certification renders those activities as accepted by licensing boards in 21 jurisdictions for purposes of meeting renewal requirements.

Acceptance is anticipated to grow to several new states in 2015.

Next Training- Spring 2015

To fulfill the growing demand for this service, FSBPT is accepting applications to train volunteers to serve as ProCert reviewers (dates to be announced).

The training is held in the FSBPT office in Alexandria, Virginia. FSBPT covers participants' travel, hotel and meal expenses.

This opportunity requires a two-year commitment of approximately two to four hours weekly to conduct two to four activity reviews.

Training is “hands-on” during which participants are taught how to use the ProCert review system within aPTitude. Participants also conduct several practice evaluations of activities.

To apply for this volunteer opportunity:

- Email your resume or curriculum vitae to competencestaff@fsbpt.org.
- Include in the email:
 - Description of any experience evaluating continuing competence activities and indicate whether you are currently performing this role
 - A statement summarizing why you are interested in this opportunity
 - A statement affirming you are generally available to devote two to four (2-4) hours a week to this role

Read more about aPTitude, ProCert and the FSBPT Standards for Continuing Competence at www.continuingcompetence.org and send questions to competencestaff@fsbpt.org.

CAPTE accredited programs updated

The CAPTE Master Lists of Accredited Programs have been updated following CAPTE’s Fall 2014 meeting and can be accessed from CAPTE’s website on the specific page created for state boards: <http://www.capteonline.org/StateBoards/>.



Our volunteers hard at work

This month, FSBPT hosted the following groups:

JAM Item Writing Workshop

FSBPT conducted a Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM) Item Writing Workshop for JAMs in development for California, Hawaii and New Hampshire. The workshop assembled 24 item writers, three coordinators and one law expert from each of the three jurisdictions.

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Spotlight on member resources: Ethics Remediation Resource Paper



We just published a new Ethics Remediation Resource paper on the website. The new paper updates the 2008 document, which was a report in response to delegate assembly motion from 2007.

[View the Remediation Courses document.](#)

Cheating in the News: Ex-Chiropractor gets 12 years, \$2.4M fine for Blue Cross fraud

Jessica Corso reported on January 6, 2015 at Law360, “A former chiropractor will spend 12 years in jail and pay \$2.4 million after a Texas federal judge sentenced him on Monday for his role in billing a [Blue Cross Blue Shield](#) unit and other insurers for services he had never performed, according to a statement released by the [U.S. Department of Justice](#).

“Dr. Abbas Zahedi was convicted by a jury in June of 10 counts of health care fraud and related charges after he conspired with a former union representative at Lear Corp. to provide kickbacks to workers who agreed to bill their insurers for medical services they had never received.”

[View article.](#)

Board of Directors Report

There were no motions from the January 2015 board of directors conference call.

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.



Jurisdictions

**Your
Board
Liaisons**

Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico,
Oklahoma, Texas, Utah

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Sign off: That's all the news today from the wet, wintry gray (and forget the previous passing interest in snow)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