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FSBPT members receive awards

Maggie Donohue receives 2015 Alumni Award

FSBPT Board of Directors President Maggie Donohue received the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey's 2015 Alumni Award. Maggie "was selected from among over a thousand graduates of this program since its inception over 30 years ago. [She] represent[s] a proud tradition of clinicians who have made a significant impact on the practice of physical therapy."

Annette Iglarsh, Tom Mohr receive 2015 Catherine Worthingham Fellow (FAPTA) Award

Annette Iglarsh, a long-standing and highly-valued member of many FSBPT committees and Tom Mohr, a former FSBPT Board of Directors member and participant/chair of numerous FSBPT committees, received the APTA Catherine Worthingham Fellow Award this year.

The FAPTA designation is the highest honor among APTA's membership categories. It is given to members of APTA whose contributions to the profession through leadership, influence, and achievements demonstrate frequent and sustained efforts to advance the profession for a period of not less than 15 years preceding the nomination for election.

Other FAPTA Awardees

A number of other Federation members have received the Catherine Worthingham Fellow Award over the years:

2014: Nancy Kirsch
2013: Mark Cornwall
Deborah Ingram
2012: Helene Fearon
Wayne Stuberg
2011: Michael Cibulka
2010: Barbara Sanders
2007: Susan L. Whitney
2003: Corrine T. Ellingham

New! Outstanding Jurisdiction Award

The FSBPT Board of Directors has approved a new award – the Outstanding Jurisdiction Award! This award will be given to jurisdictions that have made significant accomplishments towards increasing public protection for their consumers of physical therapy services.

We're still developing the submission form and selection process, so don't send your submissions in yet! But definitely start thinking about whether you'd like to submit a nomination for a jurisdiction.

Accomplishments could include the following:

1. Rules were passed that substantially protect the public.
2. Legislation was passed that was based on the FSBPT *Model Practice Act for Physical Therapy* and the jurisdiction board was a key component in getting it passed.
3. Adoption of the FSBPT Continuing Competence Model.
4. Maintained 5 stars in the Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD) for three years in a row.
5. Increased the number of ELDD stars by three or more in one year.
6. First jurisdiction to adopt the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.
7. Engaged the public in a meaningful way or provided meaningful resources directed to the public.
8. Conducted research on a topic related to public protection.
9. Incorporated measures to increase the effectiveness and/or efficiency of the jurisdiction board.

Ethics and Legislation Committee met

The Ethics and Legislation Committee met March 28-29 at the FSBPT offices in Alexandria to discuss a variety of topics. The committee, **Chair Jane Julian** (SC), **Joni Kalis** (AZ), **Scott Majors** (KY), **Larry Ohman** (ID), **David Reed** (NC), and **Lana Svien** (SD) will be addressing a number of topics in 2015 including:

- Development of a framework for re-entry which may include portfolio development and review, activities that demonstrate engagement and activities that “test” for competence
- Development of “Model Disciplinary Guidelines”
- Explore a framework for a consumer focused educational resource on regulatory issues (ethics, professional conduct, licensure) {parallel to the Choosing Wisely campaign at APTA}
- Review of the 5th edition of the Model Practice Act for areas where it may need updated language, definitions, and/or commentary

Additionally, a telehealth regulatory resource paper entitled *Telehealth in Physical Therapy: Policy Recommendations for Appropriate Regulation* was approved by the Board of Directors.

Foreign Educated Standards Committee met

The Foreign Educated Standards Committee met April 16-17 at the FSBPT offices in Alexandria to discuss a variety of topics. The committee, made up of **Chair Mary Keehn (IL)**, **Violet Acuna-Parker (FL)**, **Angela Diaz (NC)**, **Vijay Kumar (MI)**, and **Tom Mohr (ND)**, will be addressing a number of topics in 2015 including:

Encourage jurisdictions to utilize the self survey completed by credentialing agencies of how well the agency meets the current credentialing standards.

Assure that the current Coursework Tool and PTA Tool are aligned with the new CAPTE education standards.

Allow supervised clinical practice hours to count as supervised clinical internship hours on the Coursework Tool.

Identify existing standards for online education that may be used for the purpose of educational credential review.

Review the current requirements for endorsement of foreign educated PTs (FEPTs) in the 53 jurisdictions.

Virginia Board promotes aPTitude to licensees

Earlier this month the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy issued an email to its licensees informing them of FSBPT's online aPTitude system. This system tracks completion of continuing education (CE) activities, stores completion documentation, and reports progress toward meeting licensure renewal requirements.

The email touts aPTitude as a free resource available to all licensees, as well as "a great way to keep your CE certificates in one place and it can certainly help you if you are ever selected for a continuing education audit."

The email has generated almost 250 new registrations for aPTitude within a couple of weeks. FSBPT encourages other jurisdiction boards to similarly promote aPTitude to licensees. Contact us at CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org for assistance.

Did you miss our aPTitude & ProCert webinar?

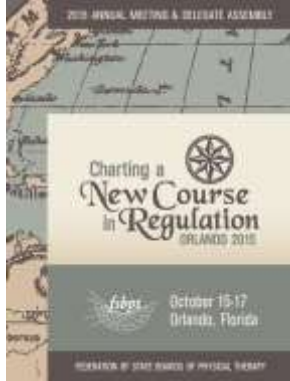
FSBPT recently demonstrated the latest set of features and enhancements to the aPTitude system in a webinar where participants viewed the simplified compliance report generator, the enhanced licensee compliance reports, multiple certificate viewing function, and explored the ability for jurisdictions to require recording of activities approvers and also to require upload of completion certificates.

Also shared during the webinar was a status report of the now two-year old ProCert program that evaluates physical therapy continuing education courses and conferences, certifying those that meet the FSBPT Standards for Continuing Competence Activities.

Members can view the webinar by logging on at [Members Login](#) in the upper right hand corner. Go to Meetings and Events | Webinars. It's titled "Board Administrator Webinar: aPTitude and ProCert."

If your board would like a customized presentation on aPTitude and ProCert shared either live or via a webinar, please contact CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org. FSBPT funds the cost of bringing the information to your board meetings.

2015 Annual Meeting credentialing continues



Please work to complete the delegate and administrator credentialing process by June 30th.

Why? So we can send travel authorizations to your board's voting delegate and funded administrator to the August Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) in a timely manner.

Completed credentials; is your jurisdiction on the list?

So far, the following jurisdictions have completed the process: **Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.**

If you're a board administrator and need a copy of the credentialing instructions, email communications@fsbpt.org.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ANNUAL MEETING:

Requested completion date for delegate/administrator credentialing: June 30, 2015

Deadline for motions to the [resolutions committee](#): July 21, 2015

Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) Alexandria, Virginia: August 1-2, 2015

Annual Meeting Orlando, Florida: October 15-17, 2015



Our volunteers hard at work

This month, FSBPT hosted the following groups:

PT & PTA Exam Development Committees

PT & PTA Item Bank Review Committees

Exam Committee Chairs

Licensure Compact Drafting Team

Jean Bickal
Maggie Donohue
Justin Elliott
E. Dargan Ervin
Nancy Kirsch
Scott Majors
Dan Manz
John Mountjoy

*Rick Masters
Jeffrey Rosa
Barbara Safriet
Bo Watson*

Foreign Educated Standards Committee

*Mary Keehn, Chair
Violet Acuna-Parker
Angela Diaz
James Heider
Vijay Kumar
Tom Mohr*

ProCert Reviewers

*Karen Coker
Anand Desai
Jeanne DeKrey
Melissa McCourt
Susan Roehrig
Megan Salvatore
Geri Ann Sokell
Michele Thorman
Matt Volansky*

Spotlight on member resources: Telehealth in Physical Therapy



The Board of Directors recently approved the Ethics & Legislation Committee’s telehealth regulatory resource paper entitled “Telehealth in Physical Therapy: Policy Recommendations for Appropriate Regulation.”

The purpose of this document is to provide information and general guidance to physical therapy jurisdictional authorities for regulating the use of telehealth technologies in the practice of physical therapy. Acknowledging the rapid growth in telehealth technology and applications, the guidelines in this resource were purposefully written in a general manner in an attempt to maintain future relevance and avoid the need for jurisdictions to continually revise statutes and/or regulations on this topic.

FSBPT has proposed these initial guidelines for PTs and PTAs utilizing telehealth technologies in the delivery of client care and additionally considerations for regulators when drafting policies regarding physical therapy via telehealth. These guidelines support a consistent scope of practice and standard of care regardless of the delivery mechanism and are not draft model language.

View the document on the [FSBPT website](#) at Free Resources | Regulatory Resources.

Cheating in the News: Debate over test security vs. student privacy rages in the age of social media

On March 23, 2015 in The Washington Post, Emma Brown wrote, “A New Jersey student’s tweet about a question on new Common Core tests was deleted after it was flagged by a testing company, spurring a national debate about how to balance children’s privacy with test security in the age of social media.

“Many parents and Common Core critics accused Pearson, the publisher of the new exams, of spying on the nation’s children. But for Pearson and other major test publishers — including ACT and SAT, which administer college entrance exams — watching public conversations on the Web has become a fundamental part of combating cheating and ensuring fairness.”

[View article.](#)

Board of Directors Report

Here are the motions from the April 2015 board of directors conference call.

To approve the resource paper *Telehealth in Physical Therapy: Policy Recommendations for Appropriate Regulation* for distribution to jurisdictions.

Rationale: Recommendation from the FSBPT Ethics and Legislation Committee.

Fiscal Impact: None.



To approve the Outstanding Jurisdiction Award Policy.






Rationale: To recognize those jurisdictions who have taken significant action in the interest of public protection.

Fiscal Impact: None.

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,</p>	<p>Ron Seymour</p>

Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina,
South Carolina



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Sign off: That's all the news today from the totally green grass 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