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### **Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy**

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### **2015 Slate**

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate for Delegate Assembly elections in Orlando, Florida. Elections will be held Saturday, October 17, with the annual meeting beginning on Thursday, October 15. We will let you know when candidate statements are posted to the website.

### **Director**



**Debbie Kubota, Hawaii**



**David Relling, North Dakota**

**Secretary**



**Tom Caldwell, Ohio**



**Jane Julian, South Carolina**

**Treasurer**



**Natalie Harms, Nebraska**

**FSBPT Nominating Committee**



**Tom Ryan, Wisconsin**



**Jessica Sapp, Florida**

Sincerely,

FSBPT Nominating Committee

***Tina Kelley, New Hampshire, Chair***

***Ray Bilecky, Ohio***

***Phillip Palmer, Georgia***

**Coming Soon - Draft Physical Therapy Licensure Compact**

FSBPT will be posting the draft Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) on our website for reaction and input soon. When you review it, please keep this in mind:

As the transparent and open Compact development process has allowed input by multiple stakeholders, suggestions for edits to the wording are *not* being solicited at this time.

Comments should address high level or general concepts and/or any specific concerns regarding the terms of the Compact itself.

We will ask you to submit comments to [compactteam@fsbpt.org](mailto:compactteam@fsbpt.org) **July 15, 2015**.

Watch your inbox for a Newsflash in the near future! In the meantime, you can read about the compact at [fsbpt.org/compact](http://fsbpt.org/compact).

### **Interstate medical licensure compact established**

Alabama became the seventh state to enact the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, triggering the formation of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission. The Commission will administer a new streamlined process for qualified physicians seeking to obtain licensure in multiple states and jurisdictions participating in the compact.

Since the completion of the medical licensure compact's drafting process last year, nearly 20 states have formally introduced the compact legislation.

This is excellent news as we continue to move forward in establishing a similar compact for physical therapy licensure between the states. It demonstrates that elected officials are interested and supportive of a streamlined process for licensure portability across state boundaries.

### **Continuing Competence Committee meeting report**

The Continuing Competence Committee met via WebEx May 28. The committee members are Chair ***Kathy Arney*** (NC), ***Barbara Behrens*** (NJ), ***Bo Hamil*** (GA), ***Karen Holtgreffe*** (OH), ***Jason Kaiser*** (CA), ***Patti Jo Lane*** (MT) and ***Beth Sarfaty*** (NJ). The members reviewed and gave input and guidance to the following:

- Utilization status and implementation of the FSBPT tools and services by member boards, licensees and activity vendors
- Status of the quality assurance efforts for the ProCert program
- Preparation for the upcoming work on the evolution of the FSBPT Continuing Competence Model

The Committee next meets September 26-27 in the Alexandria office of FSBPT.

## INPTRA 2015 in Singapore



On April 29-30, 2015, the International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA) hosted a meeting in conjunction with the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) Congress in Singapore. Fifty-five attendees from 12 countries attended the conference.

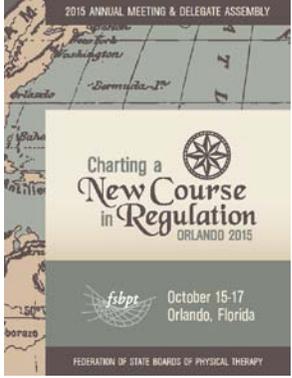
FSBPT is the Secretariat for INPTRA.

Pictured above are Shenda Tanchak, Canada; Nancy Kirsch, FSBPT Board of Directors, USA; and Charles Flynn, Australia; they presented on Ethics, Enforcement and Compliance.

Other topics included Mobility and Common Standards; Continuous Professional Development; Emerging Physiotherapy Regulations (with representatives from Ireland, Kenya and Sri Lanka); Multiprofessional Regulation; Current Topics; INPTRA's draft Guiding Principles for effective regulation of physiotherapy; and INPTRA's Strategic Objectives.

We will announce when the presentations have been posted to the INPTRA website.

## June 30 due date for 2015 Annual Meeting credentialing approaches



**Please complete the credentialing process by June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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.

**Is your jurisdiction on the list?**

So far, only 22 jurisdictions have completed the process: ***Alabama, Arizona, District of Columbia, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Virgin Islands, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.***

If you're a board administrator and need a copy of the credentialing instructions, email [communications@fspbt.org](mailto:communications@fspbt.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

### **Doctoring without the doctor**

Sabrina Tavernise reported in the New York Times on May 25, 2015, “There are just a handful of psychiatrists in all of western Nebraska, a vast expanse of farmland and cattle ranches. So when Murlene Osburn, a cattle rancher turned psychiatric nurse, finished her graduate degree, she thought starting a practice in this tiny village of tumbleweeds and farm equipment dealerships would be easy.

“It wasn’t. A state law required nurses like her to get a doctor to sign off before they performed the tasks for which they were nationally certified. But the only willing psychiatrist she could find was seven hours away by car and wanted to charge her \$500 a month. Discouraged, she set the idea for a practice aside and returned to work on her ranch.

“Do you see a psychiatrist around here? I don’t!” said Ms. Osburn, who has lived in Wood Lake, population 63, for 11 years. ‘I am willing to practice here. They aren’t. It just gets down to that.’

“But in March the rules changed: Nebraska became the 20th state to adopt a law that makes it possible for nurses in a variety of medical fields with most advanced degrees to practice without a doctor’s oversight. Maryland’s governor signed a similar bill into law this month, and eight more states are considering such legislation, according to the [American Association of Nurse Practitioners](#). Now nurses in Nebraska with a master’s degree or better, known as [nurse practitioners](#), no longer have to get a signed agreement from a doctor to be able to do what their state license allows — order and interpret diagnostic tests, prescribe medications and administer treatments.”

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### **FSBPT at APTA NEXT 2015 Conference**

FSBPT will participate in the APTA NEXT 2015 Conference June 3-5 in National Harbor, Maryland by staffing a booth in the Exhibit Hall.

We will share information with NEXT Conference participants about our continuing competence tools (aPTitude, the Practice Review Tool and ProCert), the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), the Practice Examination & Assessment Tool (PEAT) and a multitude of regulatory resources.

If you will be attending NEXT, please stop by our booth for the latest information and also to learn about ways you can volunteer to support our public protection efforts.



### **Our volunteers hard at work**

This month, FSBPT hosted the following groups:

**Item Bank Clean Up Committee**

**Item Writer Coordinators**

## Item Writers Workshop

### Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) for the National Physical Therapy Examination

*Gregory Cizek*

*Scott Oppler*

*Kimberly Swygert*

*James Wollack*

*Ronald Seymour, Board Liaison*

### Dry Needling Task Force

*Joe Donnelly*

*Sean Flannagan*

*Michelle Layton*

*Keri Maywhort*

*JJ Thomas*

*Sumesh Thomas*

*Edo Zylstra*

*Charles Brown, Board Liaison*

### Spotlight on member resources: ELDD Stars



We recently updated the Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD) Stars rating system for participation levels in the database.

We are excited to announce the following improved participation levels. Congratulations!

*Arizona: 3 Stars -> 4 Stars*

*Georgia: 1 Star -> 2 Stars*

*Indiana: 2 Stars -> 3 Stars*

***Minnesota: 4 Stars -> 5 Stars***

*Missouri: 3 Stars -> 4 Stars*

*Montana: 1 Star -> 2 Stars*

*Texas: 2 Stars -> 3 Stars*

*Washington: 3 Stars -> 4 Stars*

View your jurisdiction's ELDD stars by clicking Members Login on the [FSBPT website](#) and logging into the Dashboard.

**Cheating in the News: Neurosurgeon admits to causing serious bodily injury in order to fraudulently bill \$11 million**

The Justice Department reported on May 22, 2015 that, “A Detroit-area neurosurgeon pleaded guilty today in two separate criminal cases that resulted in serious bodily injury to his patients and more than \$11 million in Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance companies...

“Disregarding his Hippocratic oath to do no harm, Dr. Sabit enriched himself by performing unnecessary, invasive spinal surgeries and implanting costly and unnecessary medical devices, all at the expense of his patients’ health and welfare,” said Assistant Attorney General Caldwell. ‘Doctors who sell their medical judgment and ethics for personal profit endanger the lives and safety of vulnerable patients who count on their advice to make life-altering decisions. The Criminal Division of the Department of Justice will continue to prioritize the prosecution of doctors whose criminal behavior puts patients at risk.’”

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### **Board of Directors Report**

There was no May 2015 board of directors conference call.

### **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>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,</p>	<p>Ron Seymour</p>

South Carolina



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

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(Call FSBPT unless otherwise noted after name.)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Point of Contact</b>
ADA accommodations	Shana Smith
Assessment/ examination development questions	Lorin Mueller, Ph.D. Susan Layton
Continuing competence	Heidi Herbst Paakkonen
Credentials review	Jaime Nolan, FCCPT Susan K. Lindeblad, Ph.D., FCCPT
Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD) participation	<a href="mailto:eldd@fsbpt.org">eldd@fsbpt.org</a>
Exam registration processing	Christine Sousa
Foreign educated issues	Mark Lane Susan K. Lindeblad, Ph.D., FCCPT
Immigration	Susan K. Lindeblad, Ph.D., FCCPT
Legislation or Model Practice Act	Mark Lane Leslie Adrian
Meeting arrangements	Paul Delaney
Member contact updates	Maribeth C. Decker
NPDB reports/questions	Angela Burnham
Practice Review Tool (PRT)	<a href="mailto:practicereview@fsbpt.org">practicereview@fsbpt.org</a>
PT and PTA Practice Exam & Assessment Tool (PEAT)	<a href="mailto:peat@fsbpt.org">peat@fsbpt.org</a>
Reimbursement of expenses;	Tracy Leadmon

other financial matters	Larry Wilkerson
School reports	<a href="mailto:SchoolReports@fsbpt.org">SchoolReports@fsbpt.org</a>
Score transfer & reporting	Christine Sousa
Security issues	Susan Layton
Anything else, including news to share with members	William A. Hatherill Maribeth C. Decker



**Sign off: That's all the news today from the profuse pink peony 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**