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LIF report

Each year, FSBPT invites board delegates, administrators and FSBPT committee chairs to attend its Leadership Issues Forum to learn about, as well as provide input into, regulatory issues and projects that are currently the focus of the Federation board of directors. Representatives from APTA, ACAPT, CAPTE and CSG (Council of State Governments) also attended. This year's LIF meeting was held August 1-2, 2015 in Alexandria, Virginia. A total of 90 people from 44 jurisdictions attended.

Topics included: the physical therapy licensure compact; National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) eligibility updates; the Minimum Data Set; the Coursework Tool for foreign-educated physical therapists; dry needling competencies; the latest on the Supreme Court decision regarding FTC's lawsuit against the North Carolina dental board; the Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD); Continuing Competence; and public awareness.

Licensure Compact update

The call for comment on the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) draft language ended on July 15th. The drafting team has evaluated the comments and is in the process of making some changes to the language based on the comments. A special thanks goes to all who took the time to review this critical document and provide input. The drafting team should have final compact language by the end of the month.

Academy of Advanced Item Writers

Each year, the board of directors recognizes outstanding item writers for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). Among other criteria, these individuals **developed 60 items** which were entered into the NPTE item bank.

Colleen Keogh

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Our volunteers hard at work

This month, FSBPT hosted the following groups:

PT Item Bank Review Committee

PT Exam Development Committee

Item Writer Coordinators

Item Writers Workshop

Leadership Issues Forum

Harvey Aikman
Kathleen Arney
Wendy Baltzer Fox
Tina Baum
Betsy Becker
Barbara Behrens
Charles Brown
Lynn Busdeker
Thomas Caldwell
Ruggiero Canizares
Trent Casper
Donna Cech
Megan Certo
Sandra Champlin
James Clahane
Connie Clarkston
Jeanne Cook
Carolyn Craven
James Creps
Missy Currier
Carlton Curry

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Glenn Davis
Jeanne DeKrey
Rosa Díaz Rodríguez
Ann Dinsmore
Lori Dominiczak
Maggie Donohue
Scott Edwards
Justin Elliott
Ginger Fenter
Ricardo Fernandez
Dorothy Gaskin
Karen Gordon
R. Kenneth Gordon
Rae Harman
Natalie Harms
James Heider
Robin Jenkins
Jane Julian
Jason Kaiser
Tina Kelley

Nancy Kirsch
Tyler Klatt
Debbie Kubota
Danny Landry
Nicole Lavoie
Scott Majors
Rick Masters
Kimberly McGarry
Brian Miller
Susan Miller
Justin Moore
Grant Mullins
Mary Elizabeth Parker
Tamra Poole
Stacy Potvin
Alicia Rabena-Amen
David Relling
Veronica Reynolds
Deborah Richardson-Peter
Thomas Ryan
Lisa Saladin

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Ronald Seymour
Marshall Shragg*

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Christine Snyder
Michael Sobowale
Marilyn Swygert
Kay Tasso*

*Debbie Toncray
Tina Volz
Sandra Wise
Andrew Wodka*

Continuing Competence ProCert Trainers

Jennifer Ball

Susan Barker

Randy Case

Michael Connors

Sean Flanagan

Karen Holtgreffe

Renee Huth

Debra McDowell

Susan Roehrig

Bhavna Sanghavi

Don Walsh

Kamelia Wise

PEAT challenge

In July, we received two separate tips involving PEAT items being shared online through Facebook in violation of US copyright laws and the NPTE and PEAT security agreements.

PEAT is the online Practice Exam and Assessment Tool that candidates can take to help prepare for the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE).

We discovered multiple versions of PEAT online. Hundreds of NPTE candidates and PT licensees who had shared or requested the documents were implicated.

We are working diligently to process the information as quickly as possible, but this issue puts substantial strain on staff members who are already busy with the July and October exams.

We ask for our members' patience as we try to complete this investigation quickly and fairly.

For news and updates on this issue, see:

<https://www.fsbpt.org/NewsEvents/News/PEATInvestigation.aspx>

2015 Annual Meeting

Buena Vista Palace Hotel & Spa, Orlando, Florida: October 15-17, 2015



Travel Authorizations

The first wave of annual meeting travel authorizations has been sent to voting delegates, primary alternate delegates and funded administrators. If you are in one of these groups and have not received a travel authorization, contact meetingplanner@fsbpt.org.

Motion for the delegate assembly

The Resolutions Committee received one motion this year, from the Board of Directors. [The motion endorses the Areas of Focus as they currently read.](#) This motion will be presented to the delegate assembly on Saturday, October 17.

Delegate update

The following jurisdictions have not yet credentialed their delegates for the delegate assembly at the FSBPT annual meeting.

- Delaware
- Maine

Registration

We will send an email announcement when annual meeting registration opens. Be sure to register and select your session choices even if you are funded to attend the annual meeting! Non-funded attendees will be able to pay for their registration during the process or request an invoice.

Continuing competence latest news

Recently the *Ohio Physical Therapy Board* and the *Indiana Physical Therapy Committee* invited their FSBPT board liaisons along with FSBPT staff to share information on the continuing competence tools during their meetings.

On July 16, the Ohio Board discussed the ProCert program that evaluates continuing competence activities for quality and saw a demonstration of the Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM).

On August 5, the Indiana Committee explored future implementation of aPTitude as a continuing competence compliance reporting and verification system.

Jurisdictions that have interest in any of these tools may contact CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org to request a presentation tailored to their needs (see www.continuingcompetence.org for more information). FSBPT funds the travel costs to attend jurisdiction meetings.

Personalized technology will upend the doctor-patient relationship

On June 19, 2015, Sundar Subramanian, Carl Dumont, Christoph Dankert and Audris Wong posted the following article in the Harvard Business Review.

“In a few years, the idea of receiving medical treatment exclusively at a doctor’s office or hospital will seem quaint. Wearable technologies, implanted devices, and smartphone apps allow continuous monitoring and create a ubiquitous, 24/7, digitized picture of your health that can be accessed and analyzed in real-time, anywhere.

“Data gathering isn’t the only force moving treatment out of the doctor’s office; telemedicine, home diagnostics, and retail clinics increasingly treat patients where they live and work.”

[Read more.](#)

How occupational rules can be a burden on workers

On August 6, 2015, a Washington Post editorial shared, “It’s not every day that references to Adam Smith and Milton Friedman show up in the footnotes of a Democratic White House report.

“But a [new white paper](#) from President Obama’s economic team on the job-killing, anti-consumer effect of unduly burdensome state occupational licensing is that rarest of government intellectual products: one that actually transcends ideological categories, casting fresh light on a long-standing problem and proposing pragmatic solutions to it.”

[Read more.](#)

How Medicare rewards copious nursing-home therapy

Christopher Weaver, Anna Wilde Mathews and Tom McGinty reported in the Wall Street Journal on August 16, 2015, “During his 2013 California nursing-home stay, Jack Furumura became severely dehydrated and shed more than 5 pounds, partly because staff didn’t follow written plans for his nutrition or the facility’s policies, a state inspection report shows.

“Still, during many of his 21 days there, the 96-year-old man suffering from dementia received two hours or more of physical and occupational therapy combined, records show.

“That qualified as what Medicare terms an “ultra high” amount of therapy to help with tasks such as walking, even as he deteriorated. And it allowed the nursing-home operator to bill Medicare top dollar for his entire stay.”

[Read article.](#)

CLEAR Annual Educational Conference

September 17-19, 2015 Boston, Massachusetts

Navigating the various shifts in policy and attitude toward professional regulatory bodies is always a challenge for regulatory leaders, so CLEAR's 2015 Annual Educational Conference includes a track dedicated specifically to encouraging excellence in regulatory administration.

Sessions in the Administration, Legislation and Policy track include:

- Resilient Registrants: Evidence-Based Advice to Regulators
- A Risk-Based Approach to Multiprofession Regulation in Health: The Australian Journey
- Five Amazing Policies for Good Board Governance
- Shifting the Regulatory Philosophy from "Catch and Punish" to "Enabling Model Behaviors"

[Annual Educational Conference](#) information and registration is available at www.clearhq.org.

CLEAR is the Council on Licensure, Enforcement & Regulation.

CAC 2015 Annual Meeting

November 12-13, 2015 Washington, DC

Registration is now open for the Citizen Advocacy Center 2015 Annual Meeting titled, “Demonstrating Current Competence Where are we? Where are we headed?”

Download the preliminary program for the meeting [here](#). The registration form is on page 8.

Spotlight on member resources: Dry needling competencies report



In case you missed it, we just posted a report on the competencies PTs need to do dry needling. Most interesting is that the majority of the necessary competencies are learned during a physical therapist's entry-level education. But additional education is needed to acquire appropriate needling and palpation skills.

[Click here to view report.](#)

Cheating in the News: New York City chancellor selecting academic integrity panel

On August 10, 2015, in the NEWS LI, Nia Hamm reported, "It's been one week since the New York City Schools chancellor announced a new task force to monitor academic integrity in city schools in response to what's believed to be a widening cheating scandal, but so far, only the chairman has been announced.

"Chancellor Carmen Farina says the panel, with a \$5 million budget, will provide oversight as well as training for teachers and administrators to help prevent cheating.

"At the advocacy group Alliance for Quality Education, Executive Director Billy Easton agrees cheating is a problem, but he says how schools measure success is the larger issue."

[Read more.](#)

Board of Directors Report

Here are the motions from the August 2015 board of directors meeting.

To approve the following members for the 2015 Academy of Advanced Item Writers Award.

Colleen Keogh

Jacqueline Kopack

Kathleen Lieu

Jennifer McDonald

Reza Nourbakhsh

Brandi Soltis

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 an additional \$500,000 to the 2015 capital budget for the alternate approval pathway project.





Rationale: This will move funds planned for 2016 into the current year to fund the development of a requirements document for the project and better insure that we can complete the project in 2016.


Fiscal impact: \$500,000

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>

	
Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia	Nancy Kirsch 
Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming	David Relling 
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina	Ron Seymour 

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Sign off: That's all the news today from the limelight hydrangea 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*