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Urgent: 2016 task force appointments

FSBPT is soliciting both physical therapy educators and practitioners to apply for three vital task forces.

PT & PTA Practice Analysis Task Forces

FSBPT needs qualified professionals to help guide the 2016 NPTE PT and PTA practice analyses, which are used to review and update the content of the National Physical Therapy Examinations. Meetings will occur throughout 2016 and possibly into 2017.

TOEFL Standard Setting Task Force

Tentatively scheduled for March 11-12, 2016, the committee will review the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) to determine if changes are recommended for FSBPT's eligibility criteria. Professionals who are trained in a language other than English, or who work with professionals who were, are especially encouraged to apply.

How to apply:

Email your résumé or curriculum vitae to volunteer@fsbpt.org by **October 30, 2015**.

2016 committee appointments

If you'd like to be considered for one of FSBPT's committees (and you didn't fill out the FSBPT Committee Appointments form at the August LIF meeting or October Annual Meeting):

1. Go to www.fsbpt.org About Us | Our Organization | Committees and Task Forces to read a quick overview of the committees.
2. Email communications@fsbpt.org with your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices. (You don't have to have more than one choice, but if you do, please prioritize.)
- 3. DUE DATE: NOVEMBER 6**
4. After the due date, we will ask you to fill out and return a mini-CV about yourself.
5. The board will make appointments in mid-December and we will notify folks of the appointments before the holiday season begins.

Exam Committees: If you're interested in being on an exam committee, you should apply to become an item writer. Go to our website and click Volunteers | Volunteer Opportunities for more information. When you have successfully completed your item writing assignment, you can be considered for a position on the exam committees.

Licensure Compact Legislative Briefing update

For jurisdictions who have expressed an interest in moving the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) forward in 2016, FSBPT, in conjunction with The Council of State Governments and the participation of APTA, will be hosting a Legislative Briefing. The purpose of the briefing will be to educate legislators on the Compact and identify potential sponsors.

The briefing will most likely occur in Nashville, Tennessee and will be in November or early December. If you are interested in having a legislator participate in the briefing, please let us know as soon as possible via compact@fsbpt.org.

Higher-Ed Hustle: Florida lawmaker employed by for-profit college lobbied board

On September, 26, 2015, Michael Vasquez reported in the Miami Herald, "Sen. Oscar Braynon II introduced himself as just an interested lawmaker — interested enough to drive all the way to Gainesville.

"At a February meeting of Florida's Board of Physical Therapy, held in Gainesville's Best Western Gateway Grand, Braynon stood up to speak about a controversial issue: colleges offering unaccredited physical therapy assistant programs. The Miami Gardens Democrat was no expert on the topic, as he had to ask board members to explain how college accreditation works.

"But Braynon was sure of this much: The Florida Legislature wanted students from unaccredited physical therapy assistant programs to get licensed. It didn't matter that the physical therapy board was concerned that unaccredited programs might be of poor quality, and pose a threat to public safety."

[Read more.](#)

2015 Delegate Assembly report

Fifty-one (51) of 53 jurisdictions were represented at this year's delegate assembly. Thanks to all the board members and administrators who pushed through the necessary paperwork to enable your delegates to come to the meeting. The delegate assembly approved one motion on the areas of focus.

Election results

Congratulations to **Tom Caldwell** of Ohio, who was elected secretary; **Natalie Harms** of Nebraska, who was re-elected as treasurer; and **David Relling** of North Dakota, who was re-elected as director on the FSBPT board of directors. Finally, congratulations to the newest member of the FSBPT Nominating Committee, **Tom Ryan** of Wisconsin.

A special thank you to those who also ran for office: **Jane Julian** of South Carolina and **Debbie Kubota** of Hawaii. We appreciate their commitment and willingness to run.

CBA election results

The Council of Board Administrators elected **Connie Clarkston** of Missouri as Chair. **Glenn Davis** of Alabama was appointed Vice Chair earlier this year. Congratulations and thanks for stepping up, Connie and Glenn!

Continuing Competence update

From the category of "States that begin with MI," both Michigan and Mississippi recently adopted new continuing competence regulations.

Michigan

Michigan's rules add a continuing competence requirement for the first time.

Mississippi

Mississippi will join Georgia as jurisdictions that require all licensees to record their activities in aPTitude.

In Mississippi, licensees are required to complete at least 30 continuing competence units (CCU) each renewal period. Of the 30 required, at least 15 must be in activities that went through a certification process. Conferences and activities certified by ProCert will meet this requirement, as will the Practice Review Tool. In addition, starting with the July 1, 2016 renewal, all Mississippi licensees will be required to record and report their continuing competence activities in aPTitude.

Teledoc: Is there a doctor around?

On October 5, 2015, Charley Grant reported in the Wall Street Journal, "Technology holds great promise in many fields, especially health care. But it isn't a cure-all.

"Investors in Teladoc learned that the hard way Friday. Shares in the largest and oldest telemedicine company fell by more than a fifth after a report noted that health insurer Highmark won't be renewing its contract with Teladoc for fully insured members.

“While the lost business only accounts for 3.6% of Teladoc's projected 2016 membership, the news raises questions about the sustainability of Teladoc's business model. And it is a reminder that an old-fashioned ailment, competition, can easily afflict newfangled methods.

Teladoc is a telemedicine service that allows patients to see a physician virtually. The company generates revenue through a monthly fee charged to each member and payment at the time of each patient's doctor ‘visit.’ ”

[Read more.](#)

Spotlight on member resources: Free Resources



If you haven't visited FSBPT's [Free Resources](#) page lately, you might want to “stop by” and see what's available. Be sure to click on Regulatory Resources to see the useful documents under that topic.

Here are the Top 5 Resources

- Physical Therapy Licensure Compact
- Model Practice Act
- Licensure Reference Guide
- Scope of Practice
- Pass Rate Reports

Cheating in the News: Unnecessary drug and genetic testing and illegal remuneration to physicians

On Monday, October 19, 2015, the Department of Justice reported, “Millennium Health, formerly Millennium Laboratories, has agreed to pay \$256 million to resolve alleged violations of the False Claims Act for billing Medicare, Medicaid and other federal health care programs for medically unnecessary urine drug and genetic testing and for providing free items to physicians who agreed to refer expensive laboratory testing business to Millennium, the Justice Department announced today. Millennium, headquartered in San Diego, is one of the largest urine drug testing laboratories in the United States and conducts business nationwide.”

[Read article.](#)

Board of Directors Report

Here are the motions from the October 2015 board of directors meetings.

To approve the revised credentials evaluation standards.

Rationale: The physical therapy credential evaluators reviewed the standards and suggested some clarifying language. The standards have not been modified for five years and the changes reflect updates.

Fiscal Impact: None

To appoint the following committee chairs effective January 1, 2016.

Committee	2016 Chairs	End of Term
Continuing Competence	<i>Kathy Arney</i>	December 31, 2016
Education	<i>Jim Clahane</i>	December 31, 2016
EDC-PT	Co-chairs: <i>Jade Bender-Burnett</i> <i>Nushka Remec</i>	December 31, 2016 December 31, 2018
Resolutions	<i>Cynthia Cruz Gomez</i>	December 31, 2016

Rationale: Each year, committee chairs are appointed or reappointed as terms expire.

Fiscal Impact: None. Committee meetings are approved separately.

To appoint or reappoint the following individuals to the FCCPT Board of Directors effective January 1, 2016.

Name	End of Term
<i>Ron Barredo</i> , Chair	December 31, 2016
<i>Shirin Zaman</i>	December 31, 2018

Rationale: Each year, FCCPT members are appointed or reappointed as terms expire.

Fiscal Impact: None. FCCPT meetings are approved separately.

To appoint ***Trent Casper*** to the Finance Committee through December 31, 2015.

Rationale: Need to fill the position vacated by ***Tom Caldwell***, who was elected to the board of directors.

Fiscal Impact: None.

To appoint the following individuals to the PT and PTA CWT Task Forces.

PT CWT Task Force

Eileen Bach

Mary Jane Harris

Martha Hinman

Annette Iglarsh

Tom Mohr

Claire Peel

Laura Lee (Dolly) Swisher

Kay Tasso

PTA CWT Task Force

Peggy Block

Angela Diaz

Jody Gundrum

Danny Landry

Penny Lescher

Becky McKnight





Peter Zawicki





Rationale: The Coursework Tool (CWT) will be updated and validated to reflect the CAPTE Criteria that go into effect in 2016.

Fiscal Impact: Will be included in the 2016 budget.

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>Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina</p>	<p>Tom Caldwell</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, 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> 

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Sign off: That's all the news today from the cooling chrysanthemums 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