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Licensure Compact briefing reminder

FSBPT will host a Legislative Briefing day on the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) for interested legislators January 7, 2016 in Nashville, Tennessee. This will be a unique opportunity to educate key state legislators on the PTLC.

If your state has any interest in potentially moving forward with the PTLC in 2016 or even 2017, email compact@fsbpt.org so we can identify potential legislators to invite from your state.

New INPTRA website

Take a minute to view the newly-revised [International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities \(INPTRA\) website](#), which now features easy-to-find regulatory information from around the globe.

You may especially enjoy [Regulatory Resources](#), the [INPTRA 2015 conference presentations](#) and [INPTRA webcasts](#) on issues many regulators are wrestling with. It is an eye opener to begin to understand how

differently healthcare regulation is managed in various countries even when the goal of regulation is the same – public protection.

The Federation is a member of INPTRA along with a number of other national physiotherapy regulatory authorities. Currently FSBPT serves in the Secretariat function for INPTRA.

CAC white paper on North Carolina dental decision

The Citizen Advocacy Center issued a white paper which explores eight approaches state legislatures might take to secure immunity from federal anti-trust liability for their occupational and professional licensing boards. The paper reflects the view of state actors, including attorneys general, who have grappled with the ramifications of the Court's decision.

[View paper.](#)

Continuing Competence update

ProCert

With rules that go into effect January 1, 2016, North Dakota becomes the 26th jurisdiction to accept ProCert certified activities as meeting the approval requirement for continuing competence/continuing education requirements for licensees.

Continuing Competence Communications

In the summer of 2012, FSBPT published its first newsletter for vendors of continuing competence activities. This month we finally posted all issues of the aPTitude & ProCert newsletters to the FSBPT website. If you're interested in reading the past and future newsletters, go to the Continuing Competence section under Free Resources at <http://www.fsbpt.org>.

New start date for the US healthcare education module

In September 2015, we told you about a new course being developed. It provides knowledge of the complexities and nuances of US-based physical therapy policy, practice and regulation that are critical for effective practice in the US. The course was designed for internationally-educated PTs and PTAs.

The course will start in May/June 2016 rather than the previous start date of the first quarter of 2016. [The attached document](#) provides additional specifics on the course. Feel free to contact professionalstandards@fsbpt.org with questions.



Our volunteers hard at work

This month, FSBPT hosted the following groups:

Finance Committee

Natalie Harms, Chair and Treasurer

Steven Alstot

Ruggiero Canizares

Trent Casper

Sandra Champlin

Ellen Donald

Farewell and Welcome!

Our Chief Financial Officer Larry Wilkerson has decided to retire after 17.94 years (his calculation, not ours) and return to Indiana with his wife, Betty to spend lots of time with their kids and grandkids. His official retirement date is December 31, 2015. We wish him a fond farewell!

And after an exhaustive search, we are **very** pleased to have Linda Michelsen onboard as our new Chief Financial Officer. Linda comes to us with many years of experience, her latest being with the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Welcome, Linda!

Spotlight on member resources: Licensure Portability Resource Guide Updated - Endorsement of non-CAPTE graduates



FSBPT recently developed recommendations for endorsement regulations of PTs/PTAs that graduated from a non-CAPTE accredited program.

Although jurisdictions have an obligation to ensure that all PTs and PTAs meet the requirements for licensure and are safe and competent in their practice, regulatory requirements should not create unnecessary barriers that prevent qualified people from entering the workforce. The [Licensure Portability Resource Guide](#) has been updated to include these recommendations.

When the doctor is far away, here's how the distance can shrink

On November 23, 2016, Michael Ollove wrote in The Washington Post, "Telemedicine has been praised as a cost-effective approach, enabling physicians to monitor their patients' medical conditions and consult with specialists in a way that overcomes time and distance.

"But despite a half-century of technological advances, the ready availability of interactive devices such as smartphones and the full-throated encouragement of the Obama administration, advocates say telemedicine has failed to reach its full potential, due largely to policies that make it difficult to practice, and pay for, such care."

[View article.](#)

Cheating in the News: OIG most wanted fugitives

Did you know that the US Office of the Inspector General has a list of its most wanted healthcare fugitives? In all, they are seeking more than 170 fugitives on charges related to healthcare fraud and abuse.

[View the OIG's Top 10 healthcare fugitives.](#)

Board of Directors Report

Below are the motions from the December board of directors meeting.

To adopt the 2016 operating budget with a net income of \$67,615.

Rationale: The Board of Directors annually adopts an operating budget.

Fiscal Impact: As indicated in the motion.

To adopt the 2016 capital budget in the amount of \$2,776,770.

Rationale: The Board of Directors annually adopts a capital budget.

Fiscal Impact: As indicated in the motion.

To accept the 2016 reserve funding in the following amounts.

Emergency Fund	\$ 17,164,675
Standard Setting	\$ 70,960
Analysis of Practice	\$ 0
Total	\$ 17,235.635

Rationale: The Board of Directors annually adopts reserve fund amounts.

Fiscal Impact: As indicated in the motion.

To adopt the 2016 Policies Manual.

Rationale: As a matter of procedure, the policy manuals are reviewed and approved each year.

Fiscal Impact: None.

To adopt the 2016 Personnel Policy Manual.

Rationale: As a matter of procedure, the policy manuals are reviewed and approved each year.

Fiscal Impact: None.

To adopt the 2016 Salary Administration Manual.

Rationale: As a matter of procedure, the policy manuals are reviewed and approved each year.

Fiscal Impact: None.

To adopt the 2016 NPTE Policies.

Rationale: The 2016 NPTE Policies will become effective 60 days after they have been sent to the member jurisdictions for review.

Fiscal Impact: None.

To approve the revision to the FSBPT Coursework Tool Interpretive Guidelines.

Rationale: The Board already reviewed the FES recommendation to allow Supervised Clinical Practice hours to count toward Clinical Education hours. This simply updates the Guidelines to be in line with the recommendation. The rationale for the original recommendation includes that clinical experience is clinical experience and a Supervised Clinical Practice provides this experience.

Fiscal Impact: None.

To adopt the document, "Facilitating Licensure by Endorsement of Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants from non-CAPTE Educational Programs."

Rationale: Some jurisdictions have requirements for endorsement of PTs and PTAs from non-CAPTE educational programs that may not be necessary for public protection. This document provides guidance to jurisdictions on requirements that are needed versus those that might provide unnecessary barriers.

Fiscal Impact: None.

To appoint the following non-exam committee members effective January 1, 2016.

Committee	Member	End of Term
Continuing Competence	Linda Gustafson, MN	12/31/2018
Education	Missy Currier, VA Debbie Kubota, HI Nikki Snyder, FL	12/31/2018 12/31/2018 12/31/2016
Ethics and Legislation	Jean Bickal, NJ	12/31/2018
Finance	Trent Casper, UT Tina Kelley, NH Ellen Donald, FL	12/31/2017 12/31/2018 12/31/2018
Foreign Educated Standards	Alicia Rabena-Amen, CA	12/31/2018
Resolutions	Tim Vidale, DC	12/31/2018

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

Fiscal Impact: None. Committee meetings are approved separately.

To appoint, reappoint or extend the following people to the exam committees listed.

EDC-PT

Lisa Dannemiller (CO): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Frank Glenn (GA): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Chad Lairamore (AR): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Robert Nithman (AZ): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Julie Ronnebaum (IA): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Martha Somers (PA): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

EDC-PTA

Karma Lapacek (VA): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Jennifer Mercer (MO): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Kristin Schroeder (FL): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Dawn Smathers (OK): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Heather Van Grootheest (MN): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Coordinator – PT

Carlo DeCastro (NY): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Coordinator – PTA

Shannon Turner (AL): January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018

Item Writing Task Force PT

Teresa Briedwell (MO): Sept 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019
Pam Kikillus (WA): Sept 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019
Debra McDowell (TX): Sept 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019
Kristin Metzler-Wilson (IN): Sept 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019
Marsha Rutland (TX): Sept 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019




Item Writing Task Force PTA






Karen Cascardi (FL): Sept 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019
Claudia Medeiros (FL): Sept 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019
Brandi Soltis (PA): Sept 1, 2016 – August 31, 2019

To appoint **Ken Gordon** as the Public Member of the FSBPT Board of Directors until December 31, 2016.

Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions

Find out which member of the board of directors is liaison to your jurisdiction.

 <p style="text-align: center;">Jurisdictions</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Your Board Liaisons</p>
<p>Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Charles Brown</p> 
<p>Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tom Caldwell</p> 
<p>Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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> 



Staff Contact Information
Who Should I Contact?

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Subject	Point of Contact
ADA accommodations	Shana Smith
Assessment/ examination development questions	Lorin Mueller, PhD Susan Layton
Continuing competence	Jeffrey M. Rosa Heidi Herbst Paakkonen Competence Staff
Credentials review	Jaime Nolan, FCCPT Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffmann, PT, PhD, FCCPT
Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD) participation	eldd@fsbpt.org
Exam registration processing	Christine Sousa
Foreign educated issues	Mark Lane Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffmann, PT, PhD, FCCPT
Immigration	Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffmann, PT, PhD, 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)	practicereview@fsbpt.org
PT and PTA Practice Exam & Assessment Tool (PEAT)	peat@fsbpt.org
Reimbursement of expenses; other financial matters	Tracy Leadmon Linda Michelsen
School reports	SchoolReports@fsbpt.org
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 evergreen blue weeping Atlas cedar
tree 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