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Licensure Compact Update

Thirteen states are indicating they will move forward with the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) in 2017. These jurisdictions include: **Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah, and Washington.**

In anticipation of the activation of the Physical Therapy Compact later this year, FSBPT completed the Article of Incorporation for the Licensure Compact Administration Services Corporation in December 2016.

Become an INPTRA member in 2017!

The International Network of Physiotherapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA) provides a forum for existing and emerging physiotherapy regulatory authorities, and other related organizations, to participate in exploring and furthering understanding of regulatory systems, issues and opportunities around the world, and to facilitate international cooperation and collaboration on issues of mutual interest.

INPTRA provides physiotherapy regulators with the following opportunities:

- To share approaches, information, practices and best practices
- To learn from other regulatory approaches
- To see different futures
- To culturally expand as we understand the similarities, differences and underlying assumptions that impact our world
- To provide individuals with the opportunity for involvement in an international physiotherapy regulation organization through committee work
- To explore topics such as centralized or decentralized regulation, entry-level examinations, scope of practice, diversity in the scope of practice, supply and demand forecasting, mobility and the need for a unified professional educational model, accreditation and the need for assessment of professional education standards, credentialing assessment of education standards, disciplinary processes, professional databases (licensure, exam, discipline, practice settings) and continuing professional development models

Learn more about membership [here](#). Members are also eligible to attend the 2017 INPTRA Conference in South Africa at the Member rate.

2017 INPTRA Conference in South Africa June 30-July 1, 2017

Preceding the World Conference for Physical Therapy this summer, INPTRA will be holding its biennial meeting in Cape Town, South Africa. [Registration](#) is open and the meeting will be held at African Pride 15 on Orange Hotel.

The educational program will focus on: Governance Issues in Regulation; Digital Issues in Regulation; Education and Regulation; Professionalism, Policy and Practice; and Data Driven Regulation. The meeting will include speakers from around the world who provide insight into various models and approaches to regulation. There will be keynote speakers, workshops, small group sessions, and rapid fire presentations, along with a networking reception to engage the audience in a unique learning opportunity. We hope you will join us, and please feel free to email info@inptra.org with any questions.

30th Jurisdiction confirmed acceptance of ProCert certification!

The end of 2016 delivered the exciting news that **Puerto Rico** became the 30th jurisdiction to confirm acceptance of ProCert certification of continuing education courses and conferences.

Any ProCert certified activity will be accepted by the board for purposes of meeting continuing education and licensure renewal requirements for PTs and PTAs in Puerto Rico.

The list of ProCert accepting jurisdictions now consists of: **Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.** Several more states are updating their laws and/or rules to accept ProCert certification in the future – potentially by the end of this year. Learn more about ProCert [here](#), or contact [FSBPT Continuing Competence Staff](#) for more information. If you serve on, or are an administrator of, one of the remaining 23 jurisdictions not

currently accepting ProCert, we welcome an opportunity to present to your board the many features and benefits the program offers to support your continuing competence mission.

Interested in continuing competence? Apply to be a volunteer reviewer for ProCert!

FSBPT's ProCert program evaluates continuing competence activities and awards certification for those that meet the FSBPT Standards for Continuing Competence. ProCert certified activities are accepted in 30 jurisdictions. To fulfill the growing demand for this service, FSBPT is accepting applications to serve as volunteer ProCert reviewers. The next ProCert reviewer training will take place April 7-8, 2017 at the FSBPT office in Alexandria, Virginia. FSBPT covers participants' travel, hotel and meal expenses. Please contact CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org to learn more about registering for the ProCert reviewer training.

FSBPT will be deep in the heart of Texas – at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting

Volunteers and staff of FSBPT will participate in the APTA Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) February 15-18, 2017 in San Antonio by staffing a booth in the Exhibit Hall. We will be sharing information with CSM attendees on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE), the Practice Examination & Assessment Tool (PEAT), and related resources; promoting our continuing competence tools and services (aPTitude, oPTion and ProCert); highlighting volunteer opportunities; and providing information on physical therapy regulation issues and topics.

If you are attending CSM, please look for us in booth 1129 near the APTA Pavillion.

2017 Regulatory Training for Members and Board Staff

June 9-11, 2017 | Alexandria, Virginia

Reach out to us **before April 9, 2017** if you want to attend! This training provides an in-depth understanding of your role as a regulatory board member or staff person in protecting the consumers of physical therapy services. We also provide an overview of the services FSBPT provides to you, our members.

Attendees: All board members and board staff (administrators, licensing specialists and attorneys) are eligible to participate.

Cost: The cost of the training is covered by FSBPT.

Registration: To reserve a spot, email communications@fsbpt.org.

Special Notes: Seating is limited; priority is given to first timers. If you have previously attended or if there are many individuals from your state who are interested, we may put you on a waiting list. Please contact us **before April 9, 2017** to indicate your interest.

The training receives *rave reviews* every year! View the 2016 agenda and presentations at <https://members.fsbpt.org/Members/MeetingsEvents.aspx>.

Step One on Your Journey to the 2017 Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) and Annual Meeting

Member board chairs and administrators, add elections to your next board meeting agenda!

We will need your delegates elected and your funded administrator designated **by May 15, 2017**.

Are you new to the Leadership Issues Forum and Annual Meeting journey or perhaps unsure why you need to hold elections?

The [bylaws](#) require that those who serve as delegates or funded administrators at the Delegate Assembly be elected by their respective boards.

We ask boards to elect one person to serve in each of these roles (if feasible):

- Voting delegate- casts the jurisdiction's vote in the Delegate Assembly for motions and elections
- Primary alternate delegate- serves as the voting delegate should the elected voting delegate not be able to attend
- Funded Administrator- can serve as the voting delegate for jurisdictions that do not elect delegates

In 2017,

- FSBPT will fund the voting delegate and funded administrator to attend the Leadership Issue Forum July 29-30 in Alexandria, Virginia, and
- FSBPT will fund the voting delegate, the primary alternate delegate and the funded administrator to attend the Annual Meeting November 2-4 in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico

We'll pass along the next steps soon!



Spotlight on Member Resources: Legislative Tracking Tool

It's a new year and the legislative sessions are just beginning! Are you wondering if the PT Compact has been introduced in your state? Are you concerned that there is a proposed change to the practice act you missed? How can you track legislative issues that are important to you? FSBPT has an answer!

FSBPT offers a legislative tracking tool that allows members to monitor legislative activity in a jurisdiction. FSBPT staff update the bills being followed twice-weekly to keep the information current. Go to [Members Login](#), scroll to "Legislative Tracking System" and click on "View All." The legislation is listed by state.

Board of Directors Report

This month, to advance the business of the Federation, the board of directors approved the motions listed.

To appoint the following non-exam committee members effective January 1, 2017.

Continuing Competence

- David Harris, TN – end of term 12/31/2019

Foreign Educated Standards

- Traci Zeh, FL – end of term 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

- Co-Chair: Manuel Domenech (TX): Jan 1, 2017- Dec 31, 2017

EDC-PTA

- Carol Brooks (TX) Jan 1, 2017- Dec 31, 2019

Rationale: Each year, committee chairs and members are appointed or reappointed.

Fiscal Impact: None.

In the News

Podiatric Medical Board Volunteers Nationwide NOT Immune to Lawsuits, by Chet Evans, MS, DPM in *Podiatry Management Online* January 20, 2017

Chet Evans, MS, DPM issued an open letter to the Podiatric Profession this month that draws attention to liability concerns from the United States’ Supreme Court’s opinion in the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners v Federal Trade Commission 135 S. Ct. 1101 (2015) and actions the Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine may take in early February.

Read the full article [here](#).

Colorado regulators seek mandatory criminal checks: *Denver Post* January 17, 2017

“These expanded background checks would be part of initial licensure, licensure by renewal, endorsement, reinstatement of a license, and when a licensee is the subject of a board investigation,” said Lee Rasizer, spokesman for DORA’s Division of Professions and Occupation.

Read the full article [here](#).


Nebraska Occupational License Reforms Raise Consumer Protection Question, by Fred Knapp, January 10, 2017







“Governor Ricketts talked about the goal of his initiative. ‘The idea here is that we are looking at ‘What are the barriers that we put up in front of job creators or people who are looking to make changes in their careers or seeking upward mobility? What are the occupational licenses that we put in place that are a barrier to that?’ ’ Ricketts said.”

Read the full article [here](#).

Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions

Members of the board of directors serve as liaisons to multiple jurisdictions. Current liaison relationships are listed here for your reference.

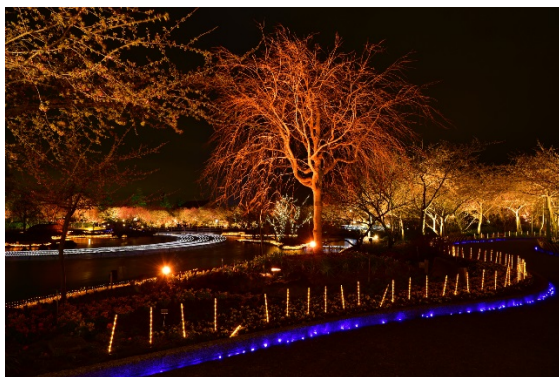
Jurisdictions	Board Liaison
Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia	 Ron Barbato

Jurisdictions	Board Liaison
Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah	 Charles Brown
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina	 Tom Caldwell
Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin	 Natalie Harms
Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Washington	 Jim Heider
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Vermont	 Nancy Kirsch
Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming	 David Relling

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<p>If you have questions, challenges or ideas, we want to hear from you! FSBPT: (703) 299-3100 FCCPT: (703) 684-8406 (Call FSBPT unless otherwise noted after name)</p>	
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Sign off:
That's all the news today from the barren coral bark Japanese maple 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