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Important April Deadlines

Regulatory Training Registration Requests Closes April 9, 2017!

Reach out to us 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.

June 9-11, 2017 | Alexandria, Virginia

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.

Call for Presentation Proposals for the 2017 Annual Meeting Closes April 14, 2017

We are still accepting presentation proposals for the 2017 annual meeting.

Before **9am ET Friday, April 14, 2017**, [email](#) us your proposal in a Word document. Please include:

1. Title
2. Course description
3. Course objectives

4. Tentative outline of time and content (*Note: Programs are limited to one-hour sessions.*)
5. Biographical information for each speaker, including degrees/credentials, institution, city, and state.

If your proposal is chosen, two presenters will be funded to attend the annual meeting in New Mexico November 2-4, 2017. If you have a topic of interest but your board is not prepared to speak, please share the topic with us via email. We welcome ideas!

Two Topics for Your Next Board Meeting

Elect your Delegates and Funded Administrator to complete 2017 Credentialing

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

Credentialing is open and administrators have received information to complete the process.

Administrators who have questions about the process can reach out to us at

communications@fsbpt.org.

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
- Funded 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 funded alternate delegate and the funded administrator to attend the Annual Meeting November 2-4 in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico

2017 Excellence in Regulation Award: nominations still being accepted

The Excellence in Regulation Award recognizes jurisdictions that have made significant accomplishments towards increasing public protection for consumers of physical therapy services in a number of areas. To nominate a jurisdiction, including your own, submit a [Nomination Form](#) to communications@fsbpt.org **by 9am ET Friday, June 30, 2017**. The winning jurisdiction(s) will be recognized at the Annual Meeting in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM in November.

Physical Therapy Licensure Compact: 9 and Counting!







The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) continues to enjoy legislative success. On March 13, 2017, **Mississippi's** Governor signed the PTLC legislation, making it the sixth member state. On March 14, 2017, **North Dakota's** Governor signed the PTLC legislation, which will be in effect August 1, 2017. On March 21, 2017, **Kentucky's** Governor signed the PTLC legislation. On March 22, 2017, **Utah's** Governor signed the PTLC legislation. In total, nine states have enacted Compact Legislation.

As of March 21, 2017, three additional states have legislation that has passed one chamber (**New Hampshire, North Carolina and Washington**). Five more states have introduced bills to implement the PTLC in 2017: **Colorado, Florida, New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Texas**. The map is changing fast!

For the most up-to-date information about the status of the Compact, visit the [Compact webpage](#).

The Slate for the 2017 Delegate Assembly Elections

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate for this year's elections at the Delegate Assembly in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. The election will take place the last day of the annual meeting, Saturday, November 4, 2017. Candidate statements will appear in the Delegate Handbook, which will be available on the FSBPT website for membership review closer to the meeting date.

Director #2			
	Charles Brown, AZ		Robin Jenkins, DC
Director #3			
	Joni Kalis, AZ		Phillip Palmer, GA
Nominating Committee Member			
	James Clahane, PA		Timothy Vidale, DC

Sincerely,
FSBPT Nominating Committee

Please join FSBPT in thanking the 2017 Nominating Committee Members: **Ray Bilecky, OH** (Chair), **Tom Ryan WI**, and **Danny Landry, LA** for their work this year.

Jurisdictions are Eligible for a Special INPTRA Membership Rate

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. U.S. jurisdictions can become members for **just \$500 per year**.

INPTRA defines jurisdictions as: *any national organization recognized by the government of a specific country as being responsible for the registration/licensing of physiotherapists whereby such persons are entitled to practice the profession and/or the regulation and discipline of such physiotherapists in that country.*

Jurisdiction members in 2017 include three regulators from Canada:

- College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia (CPTBC)
- College of Physiotherapists of Ontario
- Physiotherapy Alberta College + Association

INPTRA provides these and other 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.



Our Gratitude for Volunteers Hard at Work

This month, we thank the generous volunteer members of these groups for their support of our mission with work on-site:

- EDC-PT Committee
- EDC-PTA Committee
- Item Writer Coordinators
- Basic Item Writers

Board of Directors Report

Information from the Board of Directors' March-April meeting will be provided in the *April News Briefs*.

In the News

Press Release: "FTC Launches New Website Dedicated to Economic Liberty" on the Federal Trade Commission Website, published March 16, 2017

"New [web pages](#) launched today on the Federal Trade Commission's website will highlight the work of the agency's new Economic Liberty Task Force, which Acting Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen announced as her first major policy initiative for the agency.

"The task force addresses regulatory hurdles to job growth, including the proliferation of occupational licensing. Nearly 30 percent of American jobs require a license today, up from less than five percent in the 1950s. For some professions, occupational licensing is necessary to protect the public against legitimate health and safety concerns. But in many situations, the expansion of occupational licensing threatens economic liberty. Unnecessary or overbroad restrictions erect significant barriers and impose costs that harm American workers, employers, consumers, and our economy as a whole, with no measurable benefits to consumers or society." Read the full release [here](#).

"Trump immigration policies kill work visas for specialized Canadian nurses", published in *CBC News* March 15, 2017

"Advanced practice nurses and nurse anesthetists told they no longer qualify for professional visas. Canadian nurses working at Michigan hospitals were shocked last week when border security officers stopped them from entering the U.S. because of changes to their working visas under new immigration policies.

"Staff at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital heard reports of nurses unable to renew their working visas. Last week, a new Canadian hire at Henry Ford tried to go to work, but was turned away at the Windsor-Detroit border." Read the full article [here](#).

"Evidence of the Superiority of Female Doctors" by James Hamblin, published in *The Atlantic* December 19, 2016

"Female physicians actually tend to provide higher-quality medical care than males, according to research released today. If male physicians were as adept as females, some 32,000 fewer Americans would die every year—among Medicare patients alone. The research is published in the journal *JAMA Internal Medicine*. Researchers from Harvard University reviewed the records of 1,583,028 hospital visits among Medicare patients. Within 30 days of arriving at the hospital, rates of death and re-admission were significantly lower when the patient's doctor was female." 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
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

Staff Contact Information

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)	
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Sign off:

That's all the news today from the partial snow covered daffodil 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*