



May 2017
Volume 19, Number 5

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

In this News Brief:

- Important June Deadline
 - Topic for Your Next Board Meeting
 - Update to Eligibility
 - The Federation's focus on security continues
 - Committee Updates
 - PTLC Commission Public Meeting June 14, 2017
 - FSBPT-APTA Joint Board Meeting
 - Our Gratitude for Volunteers Hard at Work
 - Spotlight on Member Resources: Meetings and Events information
 - Board of Directors Report
 - In the News
 - Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions
 - Staff Contact Information
-

Important June Deadline

2017 Excellence in Regulation Award: Nominations due June 30, 2017

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.

Topic for Your Next Board Meeting

Submitting Motions for the 2017 Delegate Assembly

The deadline for submitting motions to the Resolutions Committee [via email](#) is **9am ET Monday, August 7, 2017**.

For those who are new jurisdictional board members or serving for the first time this year as a Voting Delegate, we encourage you to read the current [Bylaws and Standing Rules](#) to better understand the role of the Resolutions Committee and the motion submission process. You can also direct questions you have about the process to the Resolutions Committee at the email above.

If your board has items that you would like to discuss with other member jurisdictions and the FSBPT Board of Directors, the Leadership Issues Forum meeting, July 29-30, 2017, is an excellent opportunity to have meaningful dialogue and discussion.

Update to Eligibility

Need a refresher on when new eligibility requirements go into effect for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)? Check out the updated eligibility page: www.fsbpt.org/eligibility. You can see what the 2018 requirements will be related to TOEFL and CWT as well as the anticipated requirements for 2020. If you have questions, contact Susan Layton [via email](#).

The Federation's focus on security continues

You may have heard a lot about cyber-security since May 12th, thanks to the WannaCry outbreak that has infected 350,000 victims in over 150 countries. Whether used as Phishing attacks (pronounced "fishing"), as spyware, or as ransomware, the tools used to launch these attacks are becoming more sophisticated and more readily available, according to many in the cyber-security field. The WannaCry attacks were successful partly because they were among the first to combine "worm" tactics (software that spreads from computer to computer without human interaction) with the "ransomware" business model (data is held hostage until a ransom is paid). Worms and ransomware have been prominent for years independently, but the combination enabled the attack to spread rapidly.

Developments like this one continue to emphasize the need for organizations to take a holistic, multi-layered approach to security. What has worked in the past from a security perspective may not always work tomorrow.

While the recent outbreak did not impact us, the Federation maintains a keen focus on security and our Information Security Program continues to evolve so we may be in a position to defend against emerging threats.

Committee Updates

Ethics and Legislation Committee Update

The Ethics and Legislation Committee met May 19-20, 2017 in Alexandria, VA. The committee members: Chair **Larry Ohman (ID)**, **Tina Baum (NV)**, **Jean Bickal (NJ)**, **David Reed (NC)**, **Lana Svien (SD)**, and **Judd Warren (SC)**, spent two days discussing and exploring issues related to standards of practice and discipline/remediation. The committee's current focus is creating a Model for Disciplinary Guidelines resource for member jurisdictions. The committee has gathered the best available evidence and a survey of guidelines used internationally and domestically.

Foreign Educated Standards Committee Update

The Foreign Educated Standards Committee, Chair **Charlotte Martin (LA)**, **Leslie Kesler (NC)**, **Sherise Smith (NC)**, **Tracy Zeh (FL)**, and **Alician Rabena-Amen (CA)**, met May 7-8, 2017 in Alexandria, VA to discuss current issues related to assuring the competence of non-CAPTE educated PTs and PTAs who want to practice in this country. The committee strives to provide resources to jurisdictions related to the regulation of foreign educated physical therapy providers. The committee has begun development

of a resource for board members and administrators on issues related to licensing and prerequisites for licensing for foreign educated PTs and PTAs. The committee also discussed the criteria for post-graduate clinical experience to supplement a clinical education deficit found through an educational credentials review performed on the CWT 6 and retro tools.

PTLC Commission Public Meeting June 14, 2017

The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact (PTLC) Commission will hold its first full public commission meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 1-5 PM EDT via WebEx and telephone conference. View the public notice, agenda and learn more about joining the WebEx meeting [here](#).

FSBPT-APTA Joint Board Meeting

In April, FSBPT hosted a meeting with representatives from both FSBPT and American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Board of Directors. The meeting was part of an effort on the part of both organizations, reinstated last year, to meet at least annually to share strategic initiatives and identify opportunities for support and collaboration. The discussion topics included: the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact; the new NPTE practice analysis; the scope of practice motion going before APTA's upcoming House of Delegates; the Minimum Data Set; The APTA Registry; State Licensing Board Antitrust Coalition; Clinical Education; and, Continuing Competency. Several topics were identified that warranted continued discussion and several others as opportunities for collaboration, which demonstrated the meeting has tremendous value for both organizations.



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:

- Item Writer Coordinators
 - Leslie Kesler
 - Charlotte Martin
 - Alicia Rabena-Amen
 - Sherise Smith
 - Traci Zeh
- Ethics and Legislation Committee
 - Tina Baum
 - Jean Bickal
 - Larry Ohman
 - David Reed
 - Lana Svien
 - Judd Warren



Spotlight on Member Resources: Meetings and Event Information

Are you new to your jurisdiction's board or unsure how to learn about the FSBPT meetings and events for the rest of 2017? As a member, you can login to the

Members Area of the website and visit the [“Meetings and Events” page](#). You’ll find the 2017 calendar, information about our in-person meetings, and links to presentations from recent meetings and webinars.

Board of Directors Report

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

Approve the criteria for post-graduate work experiences to supplement clinical education hours, as described in the *Framework for Considering the non-CAPTE Graduate’s Experiences in Licensing*, for use with all of the Coursework retro tools (CWT 1 thru 5).

Rationale: In 2016, the Board approved using a maximum of 300 hours of post-graduate work experience to meet a deficit of clinical education hours on CWT6 only. The retro tools were not addressed at that time. This motion allows all CWTs to have the same requirements for post-graduate work experience.

Fiscal Impact: None

From the FSBPT Board of Directors, appoint one Officer and one Director to the Licensing Compact Administrative Services organization (LCASO) board of directors. Current appointment of Nancy Kirsch (President) and Ron Barbato (Director).

Rationale: To fulfill required positions.

Fiscal Impact: None

Appoint one FSBPT board member as the ex-officio liaison to the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact Commission (PTLCC). Current appointment of David Relling.

Rationale: To fulfill position as required by the model compact statute.

Fiscal Impact: None

In the News

“Records indicate Bevin to reorganize 39 independent regulatory boards”, by Brad Bowman, published in *The State Journal* on May 17, 2017

“Gov. Matt Bevin [Kentucky] plans to reorganize more than 30 independent state regulatory boards, according to a sworn affidavit from the Attorney General’s Office, and put them under the supervision of a director hired by the Public Protection Cabinet.

“A lawsuit involving Thomas Elliott, ousted chair of the state pension system’s board of trustees, Attorney General Andy Beshear and Bevin on whether the governor exceeded his authority in reorganizing the board and dismissing Elliott before his term expired remains in question. All parties are to reappear in Franklin Circuit Court next Thursday.

“An affidavit in Beshear’s most recent court filing in the suit says Bevin is interpreting the same 2016 state statute to reorganize 39 regulatory boards.”

Read the full article [here](#).

“The FTC Gets It Right for PAs and Antitrust Actions”, by Shannon Firth, published in *MedPage Today* on May 17, 2017

“LAS VEGAS -- Legal and health policy experts applauded the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for challenging anticompetitive behaviors, and creating a more even playing field for PAs, during a panel discussion at the [American Academy of PAs](#) (AAPA) conference.

“‘We all know that when the medical board comes up with rules that keep us from doing what we’re trained to do, patients suffer. That should be illegal and indeed it is,’ said Ann Davis, MS, PA-C, vice president of Constituent Organization Outreach and Advocacy for the AAPA during a presentation on competition advocacy and the FTC.”

Read the full article [here](#).

“Red light camera critic says state board quashing his free speech”, by Maxine Bernstein, published in *The Oregonian/OregonLive* on April 25, 2017

“A Beaverton man who has a bachelor of science degree in engineering and has repeatedly challenged Oregon’s timing of yellow traffic lights as too short was investigated by a state board for ‘unlicensed practice of engineering’ and fined \$500.

“Now, Mats Järleström has joined with the national Institute for Justice to file a federal civil rights lawsuit against members of the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying.

“He contends state law and the board’s actions that disallow anyone from using the word ‘engineer’ if they’re not an Oregon-licensed professional engineer amount to an ‘unconstitutional ban on mathematical debate.’”

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

<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>	
Subject	Point of Contact/Email Address
ADA accommodations	Shana Smith
aPTitude	competencestaff@fsbpt.org
Assessment or examination development questions	Lorin Mueller, PhD Susan Layton
Continuing competence	Jeffrey M. Rosa Heidi Herbst Paakkonen competencestaff@fsbpt.org
Credentials review	Jaime Nolan, FCCPT Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffmann, PT, PhD, FCCPT
ELDD- Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database 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
JAM- Jurisprudence Assessment Module	competencestaff@fsbpt.org
Legislation or Model Practice Act	Mark Lane Leslie Adrian
Meeting arrangements	Paul Delaney
NPDB reports/questions	Angela Burnham
oPTion	competencestaff@fsbpt.org
PTLC- Physical Therapy Licensure Compact	compact@fsbpt.org
PEAT- Practice Exam & Assessment Tool	peat@fsbpt.org
ProCert	competencestaff@fsbpt.org
Reimbursement of expenses Other financial matters	Bill Aronson Linda Michelsen
School reports	schoolreports@fsbpt.org
Score transfer & reporting	Christine Sousa
SCP PET- Supervised Clinical Practice Performance Evaluation Tool	scppet@fsbpt.org
Security issues	Susan Layton
Anything else, including news to share with members	William A. Hatherill Jessica Happel



Sign off:

That's all the news today from the white and pink dogwood covered 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*