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Topic for Your Next Board Meeting

Prepare your attendees for the Leadership Issues Forum (LIF) at the end of July (29-30th)!

- Compile a list of items you would like to discuss with other member jurisdictions and the FSBPT Board of Directors. LIF is an excellent opportunity to have meaningful dialogue and discussion.
- Are you sending a first-time delegate or funded administrator? This meeting also helps prepare them for their roles at the Delegate Assembly in November. Jot down your questions now!
- Finally, get excited about the program! In addition to presentations from FSBPT's leadership team, the Ethics and Legislation Committee Chair will unveil the new Disciplinary Guidelines, and the Foreign Educated Standards Committee Chair will discuss current issues.

We encourage you to use the next few weeks to discuss the above with your fellow board members and to give your questions and topics to your LIF attendees.

Administrators-- If you haven't credentialed your delegates and funded administrator, [reach out to us](#) as soon as possible. **Authorizations for your jurisdiction to attend LIF are not sent until credentialing is complete.**

Reminder: NPTE Examination Fee Increase

As reported in the November 2016 *News Briefs*, there will be an examination fee increase for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) effective January 1, 2018. [Click here for more information.](#)

Does Your Licensure Application Violate the Americans with Disabilities Act?

Baker & McKenzie LLP prepared an article for FSBPT on this title in May 2017. Within, they provide an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a discussion of an investigation of Louisiana's Attorney Licensure System, and practical considerations for licensing bodies. FSBPT members can read the full article [here](#).



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 and via conference call:

- Education Committee
 - Connie Clarkston, Chair
 - Arkena Dailey
 - Robin Jenkins
 - Debbie Kubota
 - Nicole Lavoie
 - Sherri Paru
 - William Quillen
 - Joe Shanley
 - Tom Caldwell, Board Liaison
- Exam Development Committee - PTA
- NPTE Standard Setting – PTA Committee



Spotlight on Member Resources: 2017 Regulatory Training presentation files are available!

The Regulatory Training for Members and Board Staff took place in Alexandria, VA at the beginning of this month. If you were unable to attend or if attended and wish to share the information with your fellow board members and administrators, you can view the 2017 agenda, speaker bios and presentations [here](#).

Board of Directors Report

The board of directors did not have any motions this month.

In the Regulatory Industry

“Inaugural Meeting of the Physical Therapy Compact Commission”, Press release issued June 2017

The Physical Therapy Compact Commission issued a release this month following its first meeting. Along with naming the Commission’s elected officers, the release announces the appointees to the Rules and Bylaws Task Forces. The release also discusses the suspension of Colorado’s membership in the Compact.

Read the full press release [here](#).

In the News

“Federal Trade Commission Closes Investigation of Texas Medical Board after Texas Passes Law Expanding Telemedicine and Telehealth Services”, Press release appearing on Federal Trade Commission website, June 21, 2017

“The Federal Trade Commission has closed its investigation of whether the Texas Medical Board violated federal antitrust law by adopting rules restricting the practice of telemedicine and telehealth in Texas. The Commission voted to close the investigation after Texas enacted a law that overrides the board’s restrictive rules.

“In a statement explaining its reasoning, the Commission commends the State of Texas for using its authority to permit the expansion of telemedicine and telehealth services, and for addressing competitive concerns raised by the Texas Medical Board’s previous regulations that significantly restricted telemedicine and telehealth services in Texas. Acting Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen said, ‘I have long advocated for the expansion of telemedicine and telehealth options that enhance competition and benefit consumers, while still protecting public health and safety. I commend the Governor of Texas and the Texas state legislature for expanding access to health care services for Texans through telehealth and telemedicine.’”

Read the full press release [here](#).

“Bevin plans revamp of 39 medical and professional boards; Beshear pledges to fight”, by Beth Musgrave, published in the *Lexington Herald Leader*, June 20, 2017

“Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear is pledging to fight a proposed reorganization and restructuring by Gov. Matt Bevin of nearly 40 medical and professional oversight boards, which control the licensing of more than 100,000 professionals in Kentucky and investigate complaints against them.

“Officials with the Kentucky Public Protection Cabinet have told leaders of these boards that Bevin plans to sign an executive order, possibly as early as July 1, that would dramatically change how the boards operate.

“The number of members on most boards would be cut to five, according to cabinet documents that were presented to lawmakers or affected professional groups. Also, executive directors appointed by the governor would have authority to veto or overturn licensure and disciplinary decisions and they

would have final say on state regulations for those professional groups. In many cases, one director would oversee several boards.”

Read the full article [here](#).

“FTC Announces First Economic Liberty Public Roundtable- Focus on license portability and job mobility”, Press release appearing on Federal Trade Commission website, June 20, 2017

“The Federal Trade Commission announced today that its Economic Liberty Task Force will host a roundtable in Washington, DC on July 27, 2017 to highlight approaches that make it easier for workers in state-licensed occupations to offer their services across state lines or move between states.

“Most occupational licenses are not portable, meaning that workers who move to a new state often face financial or administrative burdens of applying for a new license. Restrictions on the portability of occupational licenses are especially hard on military families, who move often.

“The July 27 roundtable, which will take place from 2 p. m. to 4 p.m., will be the first public event held by the FTC’s new Economic Liberty Task Force. Acting Chairman Maureen K. Ohlhausen established the Task Force earlier this year as her first major policy initiative for the agency. The Task Force is considering how occupational licensing reform could reduce barriers to entry, enhance competition, and promote economic opportunity for all Americans.”

Read the full press release [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
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Sign off:

That's all the news today from the stella de oro
daylily 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*