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Membership and Registration Fees Waived for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands

On September 28, 2017, FSBPT's Board of Directors, having considered the extent of the hurricane damage and the projected period of recovery for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, has agreed to waive:

- The jurisdiction membership dues for 2018 for both Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and
- The registration fees to attend the 2017 Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly for board members and staff from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Board also discussed Florida and Texas, but felt that Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands were exceptional in the amount of damage and projected period of recovery.

Planned 2018 NPTE Fee Increase Delayed

The fee increase for the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) has been deferred until January 1, 2019. This means that until at least January 1, 2019 the fee will remain \$400. This is the result of our unanticipated successes in our investment return, increased PT and PTA NPTE volume, positive revenue variances in other product lines (Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM), PEAT, and the Performance Feedback Report), and management control of expenses. The board will continue to assess the overall financial performance and 2019 scheduled increase.

Topic for Your Next Board Meeting

First-timers and Funded Attendees: Get ready for the 2017 Annual Meeting & Delegate Assembly!

Before you join us in New Mexico for the Annual Meeting & Delegate Assembly, take a look at the schedule, speaker bios, Delegate Handbook, CBA Forum agenda, and candidate statements that are [available on our event page](#).

Express Your Interest: Sign-up for 2018 Non-Exam Committees online

Are you interested in serving on an FSBPT Non-Exam Committee beginning Jan. 1, 2018? You can now express your interest in 3 quick steps!

- Login to the [Members' Area](#).
- Click on "View Board and Committee Job Descriptions" to review the most recent information.
- Click on "***NEW*** Submit your name for a committee position" to provide your top three interests.

The survey will close November 5, 2017. FSBPT staff will reach out to those who express interest in late Fall 2017 to collect information about their relevant experience. The Board of Directors will make appointments in late 2017.



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:

- Exam Development Committee -PT
- Item Writing Task Force



Spotlight on Member Resources: New 2018 Content Outlines are on the website

Are you interested in viewing the Content Outlines in effect January 2018? View the new PT and PTA Content Outlines [here](#).

Board of Directors Report

This month, to advance the business of the Federation, the board of directors adopted the motion listed.

To defer the NPTE fee increase from January 2018 to January 2019.

Rationale: Due to the current financial status of FSBPT, it was determined that the fee increase could be deferred.

Fiscal impact: None for 2017.

In the News

Press release “Eleven States Chosen For Occupational Licensing Policy Study”, appearing on the *National Conference of State Legislators* website on September 19, 2017

“Chicago – Eleven states will be participating in a peer learning consortium focused on occupational licensing policy according to project partners The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), National Governors Association Center for Best Practices (NGA Center), and The Council of State Governments (CSG).

“As a member of the consortium, these 11 states will become familiar with occupational licensing policy in their own state, learn about occupational licensing best practices in other states, and begin implementing actions to remove barriers to labor market entry and improve portability and reciprocity.

“This collaborative effort among elected officials and state and national experts will produce the playbook for policymakers in every state to address some of the barriers that are hindering the full potential of the American workforce and American worker,’ said NCSL President Senator Deb Peters (R-S.D.).

“The following states were selected through a competitive application process and are members of the learning consortium:

- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Nevada
- Wisconsin
- Utah”

Read the full release [here](#).

“Coach, Husband, Architect, Father. One Title Was a Fake.” by Michael Wilson, Published in *The New York Times* on September 11, 2017

“BALLSTON SPA, N.Y. — A ruffled man sat in the back row of the Saratoga County courthouse on Tuesday, waiting for his criminal case to be called. His was third on the docket, after the arraignment of a sex offender facing charges of child molestation and the sentencing of a drunken driver. The man, Paul J. Newman, thought back to his old life, one that ended April 17, with his arrest.

“It was good,’ Mr. Newman, 49, said. ‘It was good.’

“He was a respected figure in the Capital Region’s construction industry, a draftsman, a graphic artist and an architect on projects as small as renovations to a jeweler’s store and as large as a senior community. He lived with his wife and two sons in a custom-built home he designed in Troy, N.Y. He coached Little League, football and baseball.

“But nearly all of it was built on a lie.

“He was not an architect. He did not carry the required state license. The rubber stamp he used that read ‘Registered Architect, State of New York’ was a fake.

“The stamp, forged signatures, false paperwork — they were like the scaffolding of a building of his own design, one with no firm foundation.

“The obvious question: Why? Why didn’t he get the license? Why would a successful man risk everything, finally winding up in handcuffs, the butt of a ‘Seinfeld’ joke from the state’s attorney general?”

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

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Sign off:

That's all the news today from the sweet autumn clematis 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*