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### **Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy**

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### **Last Chance to Express Your Interest in Serving on a 2018 Non-Exam Committee!**

Have you been thinking about serving on a FSBPT Non-Exam Committee beginning Jan. 1, 2018? The survey to express your interest closes **November 5, 2017**.

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 via survey.

FSBPT staff will reach out to those who express interest in mid-November to collect information about their relevant experience. The Board of Directors will make appointments in late 2017. *Those who have already submitted their interest via the survey or at the Leadership Issues Forum do not need to submit information again.*

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### **Key Recommendations from the Colorado Physical Therapy Board Sunset Report**

***Continue the Physical Therapy Practice Act and the regulation of PTs and PTAs by the Board for nine years, until 2027.***

PTs and PTAs are healthcare workers who provide patient-specific treatment to change physical condition, recover from illness and injury, and to help rehabilitate maladies connected to body movement. Physical therapy often uses hands-on treatment modalities with individuals who have

issues. Therefore, there is significant potential and/or opportunity for harm if a person is not trained properly or practices outside of his or her expertise.

The licensing regime established under the Act provides a degree of confidence in the professional practitioners by confirming that they have the training necessary to provide care. It also ensures that when an individual does not practice according to established professional standards, they could lose the ability to perform physical therapy.

***Clarify that a PT may establish a physical therapy diagnosis for a patient.***

The Act prohibits PTs from diagnosing disease and this recommendation does not seek to change that provision. Notwithstanding, PTs diagnose limitations and dysfunctions in the way the human body moves.

Based on that diagnosis, a PT determines a course of action to improve physical function, determines the prospects for improvement, and he or she generally helps to implement the action plan.

The problem lies with a widely accepted, but erroneous, interpretation of the Act; diagnosing *disease* is interpreted too broadly by licensees. Problems manifest themselves in record keeping. The patient records that PTs write are too often vague, incomplete, or not understandable because of the misinterpreted prohibition. PTs must have the explicit ability to diagnose the mechanical, physiological, and movement related issues for which they are trained and for which patients seek their services.



**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:

- Continuing Competence Committee
  - Mary Addison Blackstone
  - Linda Gustafson
  - Bo Hamil
  - Natalie Harms
  - David Harris
  - Jasmin Jimeno
  - Sandra Levi
  - Andrew Mix
  - Michele Thorman



### **Spotlight on Member Resources: Updated ELDD Star Ratings will be available in November**

The Exam, Licensure and Disciplinary Database (ELDD) participation level ratings for each jurisdiction are being updated based on the data as of the end of the third quarter of 2017. View your jurisdiction's participation levels in November:

- by visiting the ELDD booth at the Annual Meeting in Santa Ana Pueblo, or
- on the [Members Area section](#) of the FSBPT website beginning November 15, 2017

In 2017, FSBPT began publishing updated ratings four times per year (once per quarter). Between 2014 and 2017, updated ratings were published twice per year. These ratings will also continue to be available by logging into the Members Area via the link above.

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### **Board of Directors Report**

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

To approve the modifications in the Minimum Data Set (MDS) for physical therapy to incorporate the Physical Therapy Compact.

*Rationale:* When the MDS was developed there was no PT Compact. It will be important for workforce data to know who has a compact privilege and in what states they have that privilege.  
*Fiscal Impact:* None.

Adopt Healthcare Regulatory Research Institute (HRRRI) bylaws.

*Rationale:* To establish the bylaws for the Healthcare Regulatory Research Institute.  
*Fiscal Impact:* None.

To appoint, reappoint or extend the following people to the exam committees listed.

#### **EDC-PT**

- **Co-Chair** Lisa Dannemiller (CO): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
- **Co-Chair** Chad Lairamore (AR): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
- Michael Nanzer (MI): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Kathleen Lieu (WA): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Shana Harrington (SC): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020

#### **EDC-PTA**

- **Co-Chair** Krista Wolfe (PA): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
- **Co-Chair** Shannon Turner (AL): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020

- Frank Bates (IN): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Chelsea Reed (NY): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Whitney Kinyua (TX): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020

**Item Writing Coordinators PT**

- Jasmin Jimeno (CA): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Dakshesh Sanghavi (NY): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020

**Item Writing Coordinators PTA**

- Rebecca Johnson (IN): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Jennifer McDonald (NY): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Jason Delevan (CO): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020

**Item Writing Task Force PT**

- Bryce Woodfield (ID): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
- Sean Griech (PA): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
- Stephanie Thurmond (TX): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
- Dawn James (CA): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
- Nancy Smith (NC): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
- Jessica Johnson (DE): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Mary Suarez (AZ): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Emelia Exum (TX): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Patti Berg-Poppe (SD): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Laura Neely (MD): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020

**Item Writing Task Force PTA**

- Linda Carlson (TX): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
- Debra Gray (FL): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018
- Susan Callanan (IA) January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
- Danette Neikirk (MO) January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
- Jacqueline Kopack (PA): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
- Mayra Eschbach (FL) January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
- Christine Melius (TX): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019
- Deb Molnar (NY): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Aubrey Bailey (VA): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Bethany Froboese (TN): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Audrey Campbell (PA): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020
- Lori Hurtak (FL): January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020

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

*Fiscal Impact:* None.

To appoint the following committee chairs effective January 1, 2018.

- **Continuing Competence** Michele Thorman, WI; term end 12/31/2018

- **Education** Debbie Kubota, HI; term end 12/31/2018
- **Ethics and Legislation** David Reed, NC; term end 12/31/2018
- **Foreign Educated Standards** Alicia Rabena-Amen, CA; term end 12/31/2018
- **Resolutions** Timothy Vidale, DC, continues as Chair; term end 12/31/2018

*Rationale:* Each year, committee chairs are appointed or reappointed as terms expire.

*Fiscal Impact:* None. Committee meetings are approved separately.

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## In the News

### **“New examination of occupational licensing contradicts decades of research”, published in *ScienceDaily* on October 17, 2017.**

“From doctors to engineers to carpet layers to massage therapists, more than one in three Americans is required to hold a license to work in their occupation. Broad consensus among researchers holds that licensure creates wage premiums by establishing economic monopolies, but according to research, licensure does not limit competition nor does it increase wages.”

Read the full article [here](#).

### **“State Audit Slams New York’s Oversight of Nurses”, by Jessica Huseman, published on *ProPublica* website on October 2, 2017**

“An audit released late last week by the New York state comptroller’s office found the state’s Education Department, which regulates nursing, failed to investigate top-priority complaints against nurses in the time allowed by law.

“It also found nurses’ backgrounds were not adequately checked and that they were not properly monitored for criminal behavior after licensure.

“All of these findings confirm those in a ProPublica investigation into New York’s nursing regulations published in April of 2016.”

“‘The report underscores a problem we already knew existed,’ said state Sen. Kemp Hannon, who has co-sponsored two bills — one in 2016 and one in 2017 — aimed at correcting problems identified by ProPublica. In 2016, the bill passed the Senate with a single ‘no’ vote but never received a vote in the Assembly. In 2017, the bill passed the Senate unanimously, but the Assembly never proposed a bill or moved on the Senate bill.

“‘The roadblock lies squarely at the hands of the Assembly,’ Hannon said. ‘At some point they have to bow to the need for action.’”

Read the full article [here](#).

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

## Staff Contact Information

<b>If you have questions, challenges or ideas, we want to hear from you!</b> <b>FSBPT: (703) 299-3100   FCCPT: (703) 684-8406</b> (Call FSBPT unless otherwise noted after name)	
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PEAT- Practice Exam & Assessment Tool	<a href="mailto:peat@fsbpt.org">peat@fsbpt.org</a>
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**Sign off:**

That's all the news today from the encore azalea 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*