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2017 Election Results

At the Delegate Assembly earlier this month, the following individuals were elected to serve on the FSBPT Board of Directors:

- Charles Brown (AZ), re-elected Director
- Joni Kalis (OR), Director

The delegates also elected Timothy Vidale (DC) to serve on the Nominating Committee.

At the Council of Board Administrators (CBA) Forum, Charlotte Martin (LA) was elected to serve as Chair of the CBA. Jason Kaiser (CA) was elected to serve on the CBA Nominating Committee.

We congratulate these members on their willingness to volunteer for these leadership roles!

Express Your Interest in Running in 2018

At the 2018 Delegate Assembly in Reston, VA, elections will be held for the following positions on the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee.

- SECRETARY (3-year term):
 - Must be a member of a Member Board, administrator of a Member Board, or an Associate Member.

- **TREASURER (3-year term):**
 - Must be a member of a Member Board, administrator of a Member Board, or an Associate Member.

- **DIRECTOR POSITION #1 (3-year term):**
 - Must be a current member of a Member Board at the time of election.

- **NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER (3-year term):**
 - Must be member of a Member Board, administrator of a Member Board, an Associate Member, or an individual with expertise to facilitate the task of the committee. An Associate Member is a former member or administrator of a Member Board, a former member of the Board of Directors, a former committee or task force member or a member of the Academy of Advanced Item Writers.

Are you interested in running for a position? View the job descriptions [here](#) and email communications@fsbpt.org **before December 29, 2017**. (Please include the position(s) for which you are interested.) You'll hear about next steps in early 2018.



Our Gratitude for Volunteers Hard at Work

This month, we thank the generous volunteer members of these groups for their support of our mission:

- Exam Development Committee - PT
- Exam Development Committee - PTA

We offer a special “thank you” to the individuals below for their service at the 2017 Annual Meeting & Delegate Assembly in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM:

- *Tellers:* **Lauren Boner** (WV), **Sara Maher** (MI), and **Alan Taniguchi** (HI)
- *Minutes Review Committee:* **Stephen Baur** (MD), **Wendy Bircher** (NM) and **Alicia Rabena-Amen** (CA)
- *Education Committee:* **Connie Clarkston**, Chair (MO), **Arkena Dailey** (VA), **Robin Jenkins** (DC), **Debbie Kubota** (HI), **Nicole Lavoie** (NH), **Stefanie Palma** (GA), **Sherri Paru** (OR), **Judith Pastorino** (MO), **William Quillen** (FL), **Thomas Ryan** (WI), **Joseph Shanley** (NH), and **Christine Snyder** (FL)



Spotlight on Member Resources: Annual Meeting Delegate Assembly Meeting Minutes and Presentations are now on the Website!

If you couldn't attend the Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly Meeting in Santa Ana Pueblo, NM, we invite you to [review the presentations and learn more about the speakers](#) who helped make this year's event memorable.

We also encourage you to review the [Delegate Assembly Meeting Minutes](#).

Board of Directors Report

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

In the Regulatory Industry

Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT): Call for Contract PT Reviewers

The FCCPT is in the process of recruiting contract PT reviewers. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact Sue Lindeblad at slindeblad@fccpt.org. The individuals will be trained in a three day session in Alexandria, Virginia.

Requisite skills include: being detailed oriented, having an understanding of US Physical Therapy education, (Recent experience with CAPTE criteria would be helpful), being able to commit to three to six hours per week to doing reviews. (This is an average of 1-2 reviews).

Reviewers will be reimbursed for each completed review.

In the News

“Licenses to Kill Opportunity”, by The Editorial Board, published in *The Wall Street Journal* on November 24, 2017

“More than ever, the government requires Americans to get permission to earn a living. In the 1950s one in 20 workers needed a license to work; now about one in four do. The rules hurt the working poor in particular, but everyone suffers in states with the most licensing requirements, as a new and comprehensive report by the Institute for Justice (IJ) illustrates.”

Read the full article [here](#).

“When Unpaid Student Loan Bills Mean You Can No Longer Work”, by Jessica Silver-Greenberg, Stacy Cowley and Natalie Kitroeff, published in *The New York Times* on November 18, 2017

“Fall behind on your student loan payments, lose your job.

“Few people realize that the loans they take out to pay for their education could eventually derail their careers. But in 19 states, government agencies can seize state-issued professional licenses from residents who default on their educational debts. Another state, South Dakota, suspends driver’s licenses, making it nearly impossible for people to get to work.

“As debt levels rise, creditors are taking increasingly tough actions to chase people who fall behind on student loans. Going after professional licenses stands out as especially punitive.

“Firefighters, nurses, teachers, lawyers, massage therapists, barbers, psychologists and real estate brokers have all had their credentials suspended or revoked.

“Determining the number of people who have lost their licenses is impossible because many state agencies and licensing boards don’t track the information. Public records requests by The New York Times identified at least 8,700 cases in which licenses were taken away or put at risk of suspension in recent years, although that tally almost certainly understates the true number.”

Read the full article [here](#).

A recent Telemedicine Complaint: DeJong v. Idaho State Board of Medicine, Filed November 15, 2017

Read the complaint [here](#).

“Startup Hits Florida Bar, Law Firm With \$11M Antitrust Suit”, by John Kennedy, released by Portfolio Media, Inc. *Law360* on November 8, 2017

“Law360, New York (November 8, 2017, 9:10 PM EST) -- A startup hit the Florida Bar and a Sunshine State law firm specializing in traffic ticket defense with an \$11.4 million lawsuit Wednesday for allegedly engaging in anti-competitive conduct that cost the company \$3.8 million.

“Tikd Services LLC, which matches drivers with lawyers who will fight traffic tickets, says in its Florida federal complaint that from the moment the company received publicity, it has been subject to a coordinated attack by the bar and The Ticket Clinic, which according to its website has 28 offices in the state.

“Before Tikd launched in Florida, the bar began an investigation based on a ‘baseless assertion’ that the startup is practicing law in Florida, according to Wednesday’s suit. Tikd says that it has fully cooperated with the bar but that after 10 months, the investigation continues ‘with no end in sight.’

“‘Although the Florida Bar has no authority to decide what is, and what is not, the practice of law, the Bar has, through its actions and inaction, fostered the public impression that Tikd’s services are illegal,’ Tikd alleges. ‘Unfortunately, not everyone welcomes innovation and competition.’

“Specifically, the bar issued an informal opinion that gives the false impression that lawyers working with Tikd could violate ethical rules, the suit says. The startup has asked to meet with the bar to explain that the company’s practices are legal under Florida law and for the bar to publicly confirm that it has not yet reached any conclusion in its investigation, but the bar has refused, according to the complaint.”

Read the full release [here](#).

“Robb: Will fewer licenses make it easier to work? Arizona is a test case”, by Robert Robb, The Republic posted on *azcentral.com* on November 8, 2017

“Occupational licensing is one of the frontiers of liberty. And, over the next few years, Arizona will be a place to watch on this frontier.

“These thoughts flow from a program hosted by the Phoenix chapter of the Federalist Society, in which I served as the interlocutor with Dick Carpenter, a scholar with the Institute for Justice and co-author of the recent book, ‘Bottleneckers.’

“The book documents how over the years professional associations have erected legal barriers to entry into their occupations based upon non-existent or dubious claims of threats to public health and safety.”

Read the full article [here](#).

Board Liaisons to Jurisdictions

Members of the board of directors serve as liaisons to multiple jurisdictions. Your liaison may be changing due to the elections at the 2017 Delegate Assembly in November. New liaisons will be formalized via motion in December 2017 and will be provided in the next newsletter.

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>	
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Sign off:

That's all the news today from the pumpkin and fodder shock 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*