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### **ELDD Star Ratings for the Second Quarter of 2018**

We've completed our most recent quarterly update for the Exam, Licensure, and Disciplinary Database participation levels for each jurisdiction based on data as of the end of the second quarter of 2018.

There were:

- 5 Stars – 19 Jurisdictions
- 4 Stars – 12 Jurisdictions
- 3 Stars – 9 Jurisdictions
- 2 Stars – 6 Jurisdictions
- 1 Star – 7 Jurisdictions

View your jurisdiction's participation rating at any time by logging into the [Member Area](#) section of the FSBPT website.

The next ratings will be based on data as of the end of the third quarter of 2018 and will be available for review at the Annual Meeting. Visit the ELDD booth while in Reston to learn more about your jurisdiction's participation levels.

## Register Now -- 2018 Annual Meeting & Delegate Assembly

We look forward to seeing you at this year's meeting!

Hyatt Regency Reston  
Reston, Virginia  
October 25-27, 2018

Thursday: sessions begin at 10:30 am

Friday: all day sessions

Saturday: meeting concludes at 6:30 pm

New sessions this year-

- **Getting to Know FSBPT:** This is a session Friday morning (October 26) during breakfast to learn about FSBPT and what to expect at the annual meeting. It is ideal for first time attendees but is open for anyone who wants an orientation to FSBPT, related entities and our current initiatives. *We recommend registering for this session in advance.*
- **Opportunity to Speak with Candidates:** This is an additional, non-moderated opportunity for members to speak with candidates immediately following the Candidate Forum and Delegate Workshop on Friday (October 26). Candidates will be off the dais and available during this time period to have discussion and answer your questions.

Learn more about registration, the agenda, speakers and meeting location [here](#).

**Funded attendees** need to register **by 5pm ET Friday, August 31, 2018**.

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## Prepare for the Annual Meeting

### 1. Review the 2018 FSBPT Candidate Statements

Candidates for this year's elected positions for the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee have prepared statements you can review with your board before elections take place on Saturday, October 27, 2018. We encourage you to take some time reviewing [their submissions](#). Candidates will also speak about their experience and answer questions at the Candidate Forum and the Opportunity to Speak with Candidates sessions at the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 26, 2018.

### 2. 2018 Slate and Candidate Statements for the Council of Board Administrators (CBA)

We are pleased to announce the slate for this year's 2018 CBA Vice Chair open position:

- Scott Majors, *Kentucky*
- Traci Zeh, *Florida*

You can view their candidate statements [here](#).

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## 34 Jurisdictions Now Accepting ProCert® with Addition of Rhode Island!

As of August 2018, ProCert certification of continuing education courses and conferences is accepted by Rhode Island for purposes of meeting continuing competence requirements. The Ocean State joins the following jurisdictions also accepting ProCert: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware,

District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Several more states are updating their laws and/or rules to accept ProCert certification in the future – potentially by the end of 2018.

Learn more about ProCert [here](#), or [contact FSBPT Continuing Competence Staff](#) for more information. If you serve on, or are an administrator of, one of the remaining 19 jurisdictions not currently accepting ProCert, we welcome an opportunity to present to your board the many features and benefits the program offers to support your continuing competence mission.

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### **Nebraska and Washington Award Credit for PTs Completing oPTion®; Washington Promotes aPTitude® in Updated Continuing Competence Model**

Nebraska recently determined oPTion is a qualifying continuing competence activity for PTs in that state and has assigned 3 units of credit for its completion. Nebraska was the 22<sup>nd</sup> jurisdiction to award oPTion credit. FSBPT developed this self-directed assessment tool to assist PTs with periodically ascertaining their knowledge, strength, and opportunities for development. oPTion uses scenarios and multiple-choice questions that emphasize clinical application of knowledge necessary for safe, effective practice.

With rule revisions effective this month, Washington becomes the 23<sup>rd</sup> jurisdiction in which PTs can obtain continuing competence/continuing education credit for completing oPTion (5 units of credit). Additionally Washington will award 2 units of credit for using the aPTitude system to record completed activities.

To learn more about oPTion, click [here](#), and for aPTitude click [here](#). Email [CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org](mailto:CompetenceStaff@fsbpt.org) if your board, company or organization is interested in learning more about these continuing competence tools.

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### **2019 Committee Sign-up is open!**

Are you interested in serving on one of the committees below beginning Jan. 1, 2019?

Continuing Competence | Education | Ethics and Legislation | Finance | Foreign Educated Standards | Resolutions

Express your interest in 3 quick steps!

1. Login to the [Members' Area](#).
2. Click on “View Board and Committee Job Descriptions” to review the most recent information.
3. Click on “Submit your name for a 2019 non-exam committee position” to provide your top three interests.

The survey will close **October 28, 2018**. FSBPT staff will reach out to those who express interest in late Fall to collect information about their relevant experience. The Board of Directors will make appointments in late 2018.

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you!

### 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:

- Basic Item Writers
- Board Assessment Task Force
  - Robin Jenkins
  - Charlotte Martin
  - Deborah Richardson-Peter
  - Michelle Sigmund-Gaines
  - Jeffrey Vinzant
- Exam Development Committee- PT
- Exam Development Committee- PTA
- Item Writer Coordinators



### Spotlight on Member Resources: Power Points available for meeting with PT and PTA Students

Does your board present to PT and PTA students about regulation and the NPTE®? FSBPT has PowerPoint presentations ready for you to customize with your jurisdiction's information. [Please contact professional standards staff](#) to obtain either of the Power Point presentations.

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### Board of Directors Report

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

To appoint Deborah Richardson-Peters (VI) and Michelle Sigmund-Gaines (OR) as members of the Board Assessment Task Force, effective immediately.

*Rationale:* With Robin Jenkins filling the Board vacancy, she became the Board Liaison rather than a participating member. Both of these administrators expressed significant interest in the project. They participated in the July Task Force meeting and provided significant contributions.

*Fiscal Impact:* None for 2018

## In the News

### **“HHS Chief Urges States to Ease Scope-of-Practice Rules -- Also announces tougher regulations for Medicaid drug rebate program,” by Joyce Frieden, Published on *MedPage Today* on August 09, 2018**

“NEW ORLEANS -- States should consider relaxing restrictions on scope of practice and lessening Certificate of Need requirements in order to broaden the free market for healthcare, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar told state lawmakers Thursday.

“‘I would urge all of you to take a look at how state and local regulations can be impeding healthcare competition, raising costs for American patients, and depriving them of choices,’ Azar said at a meeting of the American Legislative Exchange Council, a group of conservative state legislators. ‘Regulations like Certificates of Need and scope of practice can have a legitimate purpose. But too often, these rules can be a significant barrier to new competition and lower-cost market disruptors.’

“‘Fundamentally, when we wonder why American healthcare costs so much, why patients feel so disempowered, so often the answer is that government rules are standing in the way of necessary innovation,’ Azar said. ‘As we undertake our efforts to free up competition from the federal level, we hope all of you will examine what can be done in the states.’

Azar was interrupted by applause several times in his 20-minute speech, after which the audience gave him a standing ovation. The first applause came when he said, before outlining his department's top priorities, ‘In each of these areas, one of our first steps is to see how we at HHS can get out of the way: how we might be inhibiting innovation by state governments and private actors.’”

Read the full article [here](#).

### ***The Physiotherapy Standards framework 2018 by the Physiotherapy Board of New Zealand***

“The Physiotherapy Board (Board) have developed the Physiotherapy Standards framework to provide a benchmark of minimum standards expected of registered physiotherapists in New Zealand. The Board operates under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA) whose principle purpose is to provide mechanisms to ensure physiotherapists are competent and fit to practise and most importantly protecting the health and safety of the New Zealand public.” Read the report [here](#).

### **“App to Alert Californians When Physicians Are Disciplined”, By Alicia Ault, Published in *Medscape* on Jul 27, 2018.**

“Californians can now get almost instantaneous notice when a physician's license has been suspended or revoked or when some other disciplinary action has been taken against a doctor.







“The notice, which will come via an app, was unveiled by the Medical Board of California at a news conference on July 26. The board developed the app to build on a 2-year-old public information campaign that has been encouraging consumers to keep tabs on their physicians by periodically checking the board's website.

“Now, any state resident with an iPhone or iPad can install the free app and receive push notifications on physicians they choose to ‘follow.’ Users can follow as many as 16 physicians at once.”

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, Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia	 <p>Ron Barbato</p>
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas	 <p>Tom Caldwell</p>
Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska	 <p>Natalie Harms</p>
Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah	 <p>Robin Jenkins</p>
Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington	 <p>Joni Kalis</p>
Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Vermont, Virgin Islands	 <p>Nancy Kirsch</p>
Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, 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 cleomes (spider plant) 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*