

Minutes for the RIPPT Business Meeting  
ELC at Phoenix, AZ  
8:00-10:00 am. October 8, 2016  
Salon I, Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort

**Attending (sign in sheet circulated):** Mary Rodgers (President), Jules Dewald (Vice President), Debby Givens (Secretary), Mary Shall (Steering), Stuart Binder-Macleod (Steering), John Buford (Steering), Greg Hicks, Becky Olson-Kellogg, James Carey, Patricia Kluding, Jennifer Stith, Mark Rogers, Alma Merians, Kathy Kelly, Maura Daly Iversen, Charlotte Chatto, Ann Medley, Emily Keshner, Sandy Quillen, Jim Lynskey, Peter Altenburger, Phil McClure, Marjorie Johnson Hilliard, Neva Kirk-Sanchez, Merrill Landers, Diane Heislein, Tony English, Stacy Fritz, Mary Beth Mandich, Andrew Butler, Sujay Galen, Gary Schindler, Glenn Williams, Tarang Jain (Research Section), Judy White (FCCPT)

I. Announcements

1. RIPPT is presenting “Reach for the Stars: Facilitating Faculty Research” at the ELC Conference at 1:15 – 2:45 pm in Salon A & B.  
Speakers: Rick Segal, Stuart Binder-Macleod, Jules Dewald
2. RIPPT will once again co-sponsor, with the Research Section, a social mixer for PhD students and Postdocs at 2017 CSM
3. Rather than offer a pre-conference workshop at ELC, RIPPT leadership elected to participate in the ELC regular programming. This involved submitting a conference abstract and application. This is the plan for future ELC conferences if it works well for the membership. Ideas for topics were solicited later in the meeting.
4. The day and time for the CSM business meeting is not yet determined. A request was submitted to APTA for Wednesday evening at 5:00 pm.

II. RIPPT Guidelines Review

RIPPT leadership created a document to clarify membership criteria. This document was reviewed by the ACAPT board. Some clarifications were requested by the ACAPT Board about the membership criteria and there was a need to specify who would be the treasurer and nominating committee chair. In response, the RIPPT Guidelines were edited to remove statements that would be difficult to measure and to include a clearer definition of research funding level for the full membership category. The document was further edited in the meeting to indicate that benchmarking data shall be submitted annually to maintain full membership.

Two new officers were added, Treasurer and Nominating Committee Chair, and the number of steering committee members was reduced by two. In the meeting, it was recommended, with general support, that one member of the steering committee shall come from the associated membership category. This was added to the section describing the steering committee.

III. Elections of Treasurer and Nominating Committee Chair

Nominations were taken from the floor

Treasurer – Maura Iversen, John Buford

Nominating Committee – Mary Shall

Nominations will be solicited soon after ELC. An electronic ballot will then be distributed.

#### IV. New Webpages and Benchmarking

John Buford reported that data collected on the Ohio State server is on hold for now. ACAPT now has a new website and the goal is to tag onto what has been developed already from the ACAPT benchmarking process. The long term goal is for RIPPT membership will be able to access other members' aggregate data. This is a work in progress. Tentative goal is to new platform to upload data by CSM.

Other opportunities for RIPPT membership benefits were discussed. There is a goal to provide a place for post doc or PhD student openings on new webpages. This may be a place to post research faculty openings through a closed listserv or discussion board that is restricted to members of RIPPT. A recommendation was made that RIPPT start a listserv in the interim. John will check into the timeline of ACAPT website to determine if this will be necessary.

#### V. Developing Strategic Priorities for Advocacy

The Research Section is working on a strategic plan. RIPPT should see where that goes to identify synergies and collaborations.

Funding Issues with dual degree programs

1. Foundation for PT: Students from dual degree programs are disqualified - too many credits that count towards PhD from the DPT degree
2. NIH Training Grants: F30s (for DPT-PhDs) and T32s from certain institutes because the DPTs already have doctoral degrees. Jules Dewald has talked to Ralph Nitkin who indicates they are willing to make modifications at NCMRR. May need to make sure other NIH institutes will also modify.

PhD Trained Faculty Shortage with active research program – identified as the main priority for coming year

What would this strategic priority involve? Suggestions included:

1. Advocacy with NIH and Foundation for PT for changes in training grants
2. Funding issues with NIH and Foundation for PT
3. Develop white paper – from presentation on Reach for the Stars: Facilitating Faculty Research
4. Perform environmental scan
5. Mentoring program development
6. Advocating to APTA that investment in PhD programs should be a priority: Where will the professors of tomorrow come from?
7. Improve the training of the DPT graduate for research in a manner similar to the medical profession as a way to increase the research

capacity of faculty. Research residency might be a way to do this. Partner with the Residency and Fellowship group at APTA. Education section – research committee. Encourage residency internships.

8. Develop or revise mechanisms and scholarships to take PhDs from other fields into the DPT programs
9. Direct our efforts to the DPT students in our program at NSC and CSM to educate students what it takes to be a PhD faculty with a research focus

VI. 2017 ELC or 2018 CSM Programming Ideas

1. How to get people into the pipeline to move toward appropriate PhD programs
2. Preconference program at CSM or Research Section programming – suggested title: “So you want to be a PhD student?”
3. NSC programming
4. CSM programming that has examples of different pathways to a research faculty career

Ann Medley from TWU and Jules Dewald volunteered

VII. Other Business

A new program director recommended development of a mentorship program for new PT program leaders in RIPPT

Action Items:

1. Circulate new Guidelines and minutes
2. Request nominations for elections by mail and hold elections
3. Develop and refine plan for developing research faculty (CSM and NSC programming)

NEXT RIPPT BUSINESS MEETING  
2017 Combined Sections Meeting  
Wednesday, Feb 15, 2017  
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Grand Hyatt San Antonio  
Texas Salon D