

RIPPT BUSINESS MEETING

2017 Education Leadership Conference

Columbus, Ohio

October 13, 2017

Attending (sign in sheet circulated): Mary Rodgers (Chair), Jules Dewald (Vice Chair), Debby Givens (Secretary), John Buford (Treasurer), Mary Shall (Nominating Committee), , Jim Gordon (steering), Stacy Fritz (steering), LaDora Thompson (Secretary – elect), Jim Lynskey, Phillip McClure, Eric Hegedus, Peter Altenburger, Kristin Greenwood, CJ Heckman, David Russ, Gretchen Salisich, Carole Tucker, Alma Merians, Kimberly Topp, Kim Dunleavy, Sandy Saavedra, Richard Shields, Patricia Kluding, Patrick Kitzman, Robert English, Neva Kirk-Sanchez, Becky Olson, Kellogg, Merrill Landers, James Irrgang, Ruth Maher, Glenn Williams, Stuart Warden, Jeffrey Kinsella-Shaw, Laura “Dolly” Swisher, Gary Schindler, Gammon Earhart, Mary Beth Mandich, David Brown

MINUTES

Minutes: The minutes from 2017 CSM Business Meeting were approved as corrected

Announcements

- RIPPT members will present “Pathways to the PhD” on Saturday at 10:30am-noon here at ELC.
- RIPPT supported attendance of Jennifer Stevens-Lapsley and Mike Bede to the National Student Conclave to promote pursuit of PhD and research careers to DPT students
- RIPPT members will present “Reach for the Stars” at the 2018 CSM Meeting in New Orleans. This was the well-received presentation made at ELC in 2016
- The Section on Research and RIPPT will once again have a social at CSM with special invitations to Post Doctoral Fellows and PhD students
- Elections will be held after 2018 CSM to elect a new Nominating Chair

RIPPT Website Update by John Buford

The RIPPT website (on the ACAPT Platform) being developed for our benchmarking database is not yet open to the “public.” Currently all PT Education programs are listed, not just RIPPT ones, and information can be added by programs. As the website was examined during the meeting, it did not appear to have the functionality needed for RIPPT and benchmarking. Therefore, John will need to beta test, work with the developers, and then notify us that it is ready for data submissions and updates.

If possible, it will be available so that we have complete data by CSM. The goal is for 1 person from an institution able to populate data for that institution with a webmaster who can have a global access for the data.

Members requested: 1) a time stamp for updating and range of time for grants, and 2) counter to track the number of hits on the pages

Report by the Research Shortage Taskforce by Debby Givens and John Buford, Co-chairs

The charge to taskforce and membership composition was shared with those in attendance. The first taskforce conference call was October 5, 2017. On that call, the taskforce reviewed the charge and objectives of the task force, and progress to date. Major objectives of the taskforce are to:

1. Study the extent of the problem and the underlying causes
2. Define Scope of the Problem
3. Develop strategies for increasing the number of DPTs who go on to earn PhDs including marketing and education campaigns, increased funding for DPT-PhD pathways, and investigation of alternative pathways for DPTs to become researchers;
4. Form alliances with APTA and other organizations, as appropriate, to carry out their charge.

Comments from the RIPPT memberships included:

- Carol Tucker indicated there is a group that has performed a cost analysis of how long it takes to recover from PhD degree which is in process for publication – also have a presentation at CSM
- Consider prePT students in the issue – many are interested in science
- Get PT faculty more engaged in undergraduate research
- Broaden our type of research – community based research, comparative effectiveness, and others beyond bench science
- Explore mechanisms for taking PhD students through a DPT program - not something that NIH is interested in funding. Was funded in the past by NIDDLR

Faculty profiles in APTA Membership – one of the problems with surveying membership with PhDs is that many of us do not update our profiles after becoming members; there is a need for members to update their profiles to include PhD degree

Open Forum Discussion on top RIPPT priorities (proposed and others added) was led by Jules Dewald

- Expanding TIGRR type research training in grant writing.
- Avoid the demise of rehabilitation related K-12 funding.
- Increasing collaborations with other societies with rehabilitation interests.
- Marketing the need for qualified faculty.
- Provide suggestions on how to increase the number of faculty with research training and funding successes.

Items that resonated with attendees:

- Advocacy for Research: Lead within ACAPT regarding importance of research within the academy. Have a workshop for those who are coming along as a RIPPT type program.
- Help the Research Pipeline: Provide a means to advertise predoc and postdoc opportunities. Opportunities for DPT students to interact at CSM with faculty looking for PhD students.
- Increase influence at NIH and other funding agencies to increase research funding
- Mentorship of people on tenure track
- Increase research collaborations between PT programs – regional connections?

Leadership Transitions by Mary Shall

Recognized Mary Rodgers as outgoing Chair, Debby Givens as outgoing Secretary

Incoming officers:

Jules Dewald is the new Chair

Debby Givens is the new Vice Chair

LaDora Thompson is new Secretary

Next Business Meeting: 2018 Combined Sections Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
5:00 – 6:30 pm