

**American Physical Therapy Association**

**Academic Council  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes**

March 15, 2012  
Conference Call

Present:

Leslie Portney, DPT, PhD, FAPTA	President
Terry Nordstrom, PT, EdD	Vice President
David L Somers, PhD, PT	Secretary
Nancy B. Reese, PT, PhD, MHSA	Treasurer
James R. Carey, PhD, PT	Director
Susan S. Deusinger PT, PhD, FAPTA	Director
Diane U. Jette, PT, DSc	Director
Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, SCS, FAPTA	Director

Staff:

Lisa McLaughlin	Component Governance and Leadership Specialist
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Unable to attend:

Thomas P. Mayhew, PT, PhD	Director
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A regular meeting of the Academic Council (AC) Board of Directors was called to order by President Leslie Portney at 1:07 PM (Eastern Time).

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Eight of nine board members attending, a quorum was present.

**FINAL – PASSED (Carey)**

**V-1 That the minutes from November 17, 2011, Board of Director’s meeting be accepted as corrected.**

Support Statement:

An editorial comment on ATTACHMENT 2 was removed from the draft minutes.

**CLINICAL EDUCATION SUMMIT/INVOLVING CESIG IN THE COUNCIL**

Clinical education has become an issue discussed by multiple groups in and outside the APTA. A summit organized by the Academic Council is desired. Decisions/information regarding the

procedure for moving forward with the Summit development were:

- Representatives from the Clinical Education Special Interest Group (CESIG) of the Education Section should be directly involved in the planning of the summit.
  - Lisa will arrange a meeting between Terry, Dave, Tom, Jim, Susie, Corrie Odom (ACCE Co-Chair CESIG) and Misti Timpson (CCCE Co-Chair CESIG) to discuss the current issues in clinical education, the idea of a summit to address these issues and whether or not they would be willing to work with us in the planning of such a summit. We would also introduce a timeline of trying to put the summit together at or before/after the Educational Leadership Conference (ELC) and that we know some people in pharmacy who could help us do this.
- This will be followed with a meeting with Susan Meyer, a representative from AACP who indicated she would work with us, the five directors and (if willing) Corey and Misti. Several questions that should be answered during this meeting are:
  - Should the summit happen before or after ELC?
  - What is the role of ELC in the process (ELC tentative, proposed plan includes a two-hour block of time for discussion of clinical education)?
  - How long should the summit be?
  - How many people should be present (Dave will call Susan now to try and get an estimate)?
  - What kind of representatives should be present?
  - What should the outcome of the meeting be?
  - How does the summit fit within the overarching plan of producing recommendations for the AC to consider by ELC 2013?
- The two meetings are to be completed within one month (at the latest by the April 26 BOD).
- The outcome of these two meetings will be forwarded to the ELC 2012 planning committee.
- Lisa will use the outcome of these meetings to investigate availability of meeting space at the ELC site.
- The BOD must make a decision about the level of funding to support those who attend the summit and plan a budget to include total cost (including funding the facilitator).
- The steering committee for cultural transformation has people who are interested in producing white papers, data, etc. that could be of great help in preparing for the summit.

## **DEFINITION OF INTERNSHIP**

The task force from the Private Practice Section working on the year-long internship has created a definition of internship (ATTACHMENT 1) and requested the Council's endorsement. The BOD indicated that language to describe clinical experiences that do not meet the definition of internship is also desirable. A task force will be formed to develop a motion for the AC to consider that defines internship and other clinical experiences. The task force will have:

- Two DCEs (contact Corey for suggestions).
- One program director (to be selected from Susie's list of 30 folks that volunteered to work on cultural transformation).

- One AC BOD member (Terry).
- One director from the year-long internship task force (e.g. Barbara Tschoepe or Zoher Kapasi).

**FINAL – PASSED (Nordstrom)**

**V-2 That the BOD appoints an advisory group to the FSBPT comprised of three members.**

Support Statement:

The FSBPT has clearly shown a desire to be communicative with the AC and AC members wish to better understand/interact with the FSBPT. Therefore, communication may be enhanced by the formation of a group to promote ongoing communication.

Members who spoke at the last Academic Council meeting concerning the FSBPT issue were believed to be a good pool from which to draw representatives (e.g. Donna Cech, Mike Emery, Denise Wise, Elizabeth Rogers). Leslie will contact the FSBPT to determine their interest in having an advisory group from AC.

**WEBSITE**

Dave and Lisa presented the website RFP (ATTACHMENT 2) that encapsulated the present status of the communication-website task force’s recommendations. Decisions/information about moving forward with the website were:

- The financial management/database component will need to be altered to describe an interface with the APTA’s existing database.
- Previous experience indicates from completed RFP to actual beginning of the work should take about five months.
- The task force will work with Lisa to investigate Caduces, the company that has built several successful websites for APTA. We will examine with them what enhancements could be made to the website right now that would not conflict with any ramifications of APTA governance changes later.
- Based on the outcome of that discussion, a decision will be made about when to write an RFP and release it to potential bidders (Dave requested that the company with which he worked to gather initial estimates receive an RFP when released).
- Dave will send the estimate he has to Nancy to use in forming the budget for next year.

**PTA ANALYSIS RESPONSE**

The FSBPT PTA practice analysis for PTAs revealed that PTAs are performing a number of manual therapy techniques (e.g. grade I and II mobilization). In response to the survey outcome, knowledge about these interventions would be addressed on the licensing examination (to be included under Procedural Interventions; labeled as manual therapy techniques). Stephen McDavitt communicated to Leslie (ATTACHMENT 3) expressing the joint opinion from several constituencies that the survey question used to make this determination was not valid, and the

inclusion of knowledge of these procedural interventions on the licensing exam would have ramifications on education and accreditation. Input from the Council was invited. Barb Sanders will draft a statement for the board to consider at our next meeting.

#### **DESIGNATION OF A LIAISON FOR PTNOW AND THE ROLE OF LIAISONS IN THE COUNCIL.**

PTNow is looking for a single representative that would serve as a communication portal between PTNow and the AC. Any communication that needed to be broadly distributed to program directors from PTNow would occur through the liaison. Lisa will send out a solicitation through the communities page for a volunteer to serve in this capacity and include a similar solicitation in the newsletter (two week deadline to respond). The board will formally appoint the liaison at our next meeting.

The AC has one or two liaisons and we have not established a mechanism by which these liaisons can communicate with the board. As a first step, Lisa M. will begin to compile a list of liaisons as they develop (e.g. Randy Walker for PTCAS). Liaisons will be invited to submit updates for the newsletter when they have relevant information for the AC. Lisa will also send out an announcement to liaisons before each board meeting asking them to submit any update needed. If a liaison needs to communicate through discussion with the board, she/he could join the meeting as a guest.

#### **ELC AND BOD MEETING AT THE CONFERENCE**

Susie reported that a potential plan for the conference is imminent. The planning committee is attempting to blend time for presentations together with discussion about clinical education, discussion about excellence and SIG meetings. One suggestion was to include a hot topics discussion session.

Several issues were discussed relevant to the AC business meeting. Reports from groups desiring access to the AC (e.g. PT PAC, CAPTE, APTA, FSBPT) will occur at the start of the conference immediately following the opening session rather than at the beginning of the business meeting. The business meeting will be from 8:30-12:00 with a 15 minute break. The structural integrity task force will discuss a detailed procedure for handling motions at our next board meeting.

The BOD meeting at ELC will tentatively occur on Thursday, October 4 (dependent on summit planning) for an extended time and Sunday, October 7 for at most two hours.

#### **NEXT MEETING (ALL EST)**

*Board of Directors*

Conference Call

April 16, 2012

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Somers  
Secretary