

MICHIGAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION, INC
SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Saturday, March 19, 2005

- I. **Call to order:** Jake Jakubiak-Kovacek, Speaker of the Membership Meeting, called the membership meeting to order at 1:22pm. Annette Nickel thanked our sponsors. Fruit basket prize drawing held and Trisha from Delta College won. Offered by She reviewed Staff Connections. Jake reviewed the rules and procedures of the meeting.
- II. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Saturday, October 9, 2004 membership meeting were approved as printed with the following corrections on Motion RC-01-04—Jim Milder and Bill Bandy is from AR.
- III. **President's report:** (Attachment): Peter Loubert highlighted the following items: 1) BOD looking at finances for the organization, 2) legislative issues and update.
- IV. **Vice-President's report:** (Attachment). Peter Kovacek: Anyone working on pelvic floor dysfunction let Peter know.
- V. **MPTA Financial Report:** (Attachment). Frank Svecchota: total revenues exceeded budgeted revenues by \$6000. Projected from increase membership and website. \$15,000 put in reserve account. Expenses on budget. Saved \$23,000.
- VI. **Executive Director's Report:** (Attachment). Terry Warren: encouraged members to share with co-workers and contact legislators regarding EMG bill.
- VII. **Director, Committee, and District Reports:**
 - Director #1** (Bylaws & procedures committee and State and Federal Legislative Committee) Tim Zipple: (Attachment) Team building meeting held in January was beneficial, goal to improve relationship with membership. Encouraged individuals to go to MPTA/APTA website especially helpful with addressing legislators and legislative issues.
 - Director #2** (Professional Development/Continuing Education, New Member Recruitment Committees) Susan Allaben: (Attachment) Emphasized efforts toward paragraph #2 of her report and to serve as a liaison at facilities.
 - Director #3** (Annual Conference and Spring Membership Planning Committee) Annette Nickel (Attachment) : Have speaker for Fall conference. Will be a one day format. Topic: Pharmacology through the life span on October 8, 2005 at Grand Valley.
 - Director #4** (Insurance Relations Committee) Paul Roubal (Attachment). Deb McKenzie spoke on his behalf. POPTS "white paper" from APTA in member's section of the website. Referenced specific language that is wise to use. Ford Automotive has formed a contract with TheraMatrix and PPOM to provide PT services. This will limit physicians-owned practices and hospitals-based practices.
 - Director #5** (PT Academic Administrative Advisory Committee, PTA Academic Administrative Advisory Committee, Student Relations Committee) Laura LoVasco: (Attachment). Groups will be meeting this spring. Student Relations committee is up and running-with student driven committees--enthusiastic students. Clinicians can join the group as well as PTA students. Service-oriented activities. Working with GVSU on a Wheel Run.
 - Director #6 (Public Relations Committee and Publications Committee)** Karen Grossnickle: See attachment.
 - Chief Delegate Report:** (Attachment). Janet Downey: Janet Bessner, APTA Vice-President has resigned and will be an APTA employee--will impact future APTA elections. Discussed position changes at APTA.
 - Eastern District Chair:** (Attachment) April Church: Upcoming course on April 2, 2005 on Lumbar Core Stabilization with David Denny.
 - Northeastern District Chair:** (Attachment) Lucinda Pfalzer: Encouraged to go to District website. Meeting every other month, 5 times per year.
 - Western District Chair :** (Attachment) Janine Moore: . Working on communication, in spite of the distance within the district.
 - Upper Peninsula District Chair:** (Attachment) Bill Caron: Using telecommunications in the UP.

MI rep to the National Assembly: (Attachment) Shirley Hartert-Fortune: Has been active participating in task forces and conferences. PTA SIG is planning Spinal cord injury course in Alpena.

Federal Liaison Report: (Attachment) Teresa Stayer: April 24-27 is the Federal Affairs Forum. Open invitation for individuals that wish to tour the White House.

Nominating Committee Report: (Attachment) Mike Spitz: Committee working to update the procedures and the calendar schedule.

Institute for PT Education and Research: (Attachment)

Michigan Physical Therapy-Political Action committee. (Attachment—see Director #4 report, financial report, and donation form)

VIII. Open Discussion

- A. EMG Legislation: Dave Perry spoke to the topic and the impact on all physical therapists.
- B. RBNA: Shirley Hartert and Julie Rogers spoke.
- C. POPTS : Shared and briefly reviewed handouts and documents available through APTA (on website, members only). Membership given handout “POPTS Dos and Don’ts” .
- D. Direct Access in Michigan: New legislative session. Addressed EMG issue as it was most pressing. Looking for the right timing to introduce direct access bill. Linda Lauer recommends inviting Ohio PT to present and share how they got direct access passed. Peter Loubert gave a brief historical review of the process. Janet Downey questioned the Chair of the Licensure board regarding administrative rules process as means to direct access. Dave Perry relates this to the continuing competency process, not direct access. Linda Lauer, have we pursued professional corporation laws? Felt that this would impact POPTS but not necessarily Direct Access.
- E. Federal Issues: Medicare Direct Access: Reintroduce by APTA. Therapy Cap Repeal for Medicare will end in 1-31-2005. Go to APTA website.
- F. Listserve: members vs nonmembers. BOD summary: keep listserve open and encourage nonmembers to participate. Monthly reminder to listserve that the list is an open forum. Can continue blast emails direct to specific individuals/members.
- G. 75th anniversary celebration: At Fall conference, a social hour is planned. Recognize lifetime members.

IX. **Announcements** shared. Licensure board has power point presentation that is user-friendly. Will be happy to bring info to facilities. Email Dave Perry @dperrypt@aol.com to request a presentation. Received \$1135 in donations today for the PAC fund.

Motion to Adjourn at 3:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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MPTA Secretary