

MICHIGAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION, INC  
SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Saturday, October 08, 2005  
Grand Valley State University

- I. **Call to order:** Jake Jakubiak-Kovacek, Speaker of the Membership Meeting, called the membership meeting to order at 4:50pm.
- II. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Saturday, March 19, 2005 membership meeting were approved as printed with the correction of the spelling of Janet Bezner's last name, and the corrected date of the Therapy Cap Repeal ending is 12-31-05.
- III. **President's report:** (Attachment): Peter Loubert highlighted the following items from his written report: 1) Association management change to AMR. Marcy Dwyer is the executive director for MPTA. Thank you to Laura LoVasco for heading up the task force. 2) New Association lobbying services, hired VanderVeen and Associates. 3) legislative update review. 4) Recognize outgoing board members: Annette Nickels, Laura LoVasco, and Frank Svehota, J.Tim Zipple and Deb McKenzie, Bill Caron, and Jennifer Nickita. Special acknowledgment to Janet Downey, Chief Delegate, as she finishes a term, but she will be continuing on.
- IV. **Vice-President's report:** Peter Kovacek pointed out that the list serve is being moderated by Marcy and Peter, and pointed out that it is open to non-members. Upgrades and revisions to the MPTA website will be coming soon. 2005 Strategic Plan involved much change. Will be establishing the 2006 Strategic Plan.
- V. **MPTA Financial Report:** (Attachment). Frank Svehota states our net income is 222.1% over budgeted profit earnings. 8% increase in dues revenue and 104% increase in advertising. \$33,282.10
- VI. **Executive Director's Report:** (Attachment). Marcy Dwyer and Bob Barba provided a slide show with an over-view of our partnership with AMR.
- VII. **Nomination Committee Report:** Mike Spitz: Thank you to all the candidates that ran for office. Report of the process given. 3% of ballots returned. Results: Treasurer: Gary Wreford, Secretary: Kathi Lee, Director #1: Rick Gawenda, Director #5: Chris Carlson; Chief Delegate: Janet Downey; Delegates: Jake Kovacek, Kirk Randall, Molly Arndt, Jamie Duly. Nominating Committee Eastern District: Molly Arndt. Peter Loubert Thankyou to Mike Spitz for serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee.
- VIII. **Director, Committee, and District Reports:**
  - Director #1** Bylaws & procedures committee and State and Federal Legislative Committee: J.Tim Zipple (attachment)
  - Director #2** Professional Development/Continuing Education, New Member Recruitment Committees: Susan Allaben (attachment)-- Encourage membership!!.
  - Director #3** Annual Conference and Spring Membership Planning Committee: Annette Nickle-- Door prizes issued. A Grand Valley Sweatshirt presented to John Wallace.
  - Director #4** Insurance Relations Committee, Paul Roubal (attachment)
  - Director #5** PT Academic Administrative Advisory Committee, PTA Academic Administrative Advisory Committee, Student Relations Committee: Laura LoVasco-- (attachment) PT AAAC committee has met. Doctoral education is focus of discussions. Looking for a chair person for the PTA-AAAC committee. PT applicant pool is up. Student Relations committee continues to develop.
  - Director #6** Public Relations Committee and Publications Committee: Karen Grossnickle has requested a personal leave of absence at this time.
  - Chief Delegate Report:** Janet Downey spoke highly regarding our delegation. Report from HOD is in the Shorelines.
  - Eastern District Chair-**April Church: (attachment)-- Successful cont ed courses and one on serial casting coming up.
  - Northeastern District Chair-**Lucinda Pfalzer: (attachment)-- We are encouraged to go to District website, linked off MPTA page. Reviewed upcoming meetings and topics. Thank you to Ruth Benjamin as treasurer of the District.

**Western District Chair:** Janine Moore (attachment).

**Upper Peninsula District Chair-**Bill Caron has resigned. Geri Connor is the interim chair.

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

**MPTA State & Federal Affairs Liaison:** Teresa Stayer: (Attachment). Attended Washington DC forum in April and also attended States forum. Planning to meet with Michael Cox, Attorney General, regarding POPTS issue. Legislative breakfast was successful.

**Institute for PT education and Research:** Attachment

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

## **IX. Open Discussion**

1. APTA Update: (Jake Kovacek) Medicare Cap and Medicare Direct Access update.
2. Licensure Board Updates (Dave Perry): There is no such entity as Graduate Physical Therapist. There is no temporary licensure. Until licensed, individual can function in employment only as an aide.
3. Continued Competence: PT is part of a State of MI pilot project with Respiratory Therapists and Veterinarian technicians. Will see plan in 2006 and likely have impact in 2007 and 2008.
4. Recap of the BOD meeting: CEU credit process/task force. Task force established to examine district roles. Discussed TheraMatrix carve-out with therapy and issues with traditional BCBS, will be investigating the possibilities. John Wallace spoke about the Medicare Physician fee schedule.
5. Special Olympics--Katie Palazzolo: screening for strength flexibility and balance. Event in Warren next Saturday, need volunteers.

## **X. MOTIONS**

I, Jake Jakubiak Kovacek, move that the speaker of the membership meeting be charged to update the procedures for Chapter business meeting for editorial content and one specific change: each speaker shall be limited to 2 minutes (currently it is 3 minutes). Seconded by Susan Allaben. Support for motion: potentially allows increased participation from members on a specific topic. Motion passed.

I, Jake Jakubiak Kovacek, move that a task force be appointed to study the MPTA CEU certification process to include, but not be limited to 1) reviewing APTA data and other Chapters' methods, 2) how to consistently establish assigning CEU's based on course content 3) how to promote MPTA CEU credits as a non-dues revenue source, 4) possibly draft a policy for future use, and report back to the BOD at the December 2005 meeting. Support: Need a consistent process for the MPTA to use. Seconded by Janine Moore. Discussion held. Motion passed.

I, Janet Downey, move that the following individuals be nominated by the Michigan Chapter for APTA office: President: Pam Duffy, IA; Jayne Snyder, NE; J.Scott Ward, UT; Fran Welk, PA. Vice-President: Joan Bohment, MN; Randy Roesch, CO. Director: Bill Bandy, AR; John Cooperman, OH; Karl Gibson, PA; Laurita Hack, PA; Aimee Klein, MA; Jim Milder, IL; Mary Sinnott, PA; Shaune Soper, VA; John Wallace, CA. Nominating Committee: Meredith Harris, MA; Mary Sinnott, PA. Seconded by Cindy Pfalzer. Rationale: these are qualified individuals and they are ready to serve. Motion passed.

I, Jennifer Nickita, move that the ballots from the 2005 election be destroyed. Seconded by April Church. Rationale: this is proper procedure. Motion passed.

**Announcement:** Donations received today for the MPTA PAC totaled \$1029.00.  
Motion to Adjourn: 6:15pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Nickita, PT  
MPTA Secretary

