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Happy National Physical Therapy Month! Celebrate with an APTA membership...you deserve it!

Annual Phone Meeting 12:00 p.m. October 27, 2017

We want to be your friend! Please connect with us on Facebook to be in on the latest happenings at the state and national level!
PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

What now?

The WYPTA's goals for the upcoming year are to establish better communication with the membership and to offer more resources for the members. At the 2017 Spring Conference in May, we discussed the new communication network, BaseCamp. We have been testing, within the board and committee members, a better way to communicate and correspond projects. Although, there are always some bumps in the road, we have gotten great feedback from the initial use. Be on the lookout in the next couple of weeks for an email inviting you as one of our members onto the network. Here we hope to have all communications, including new matters that need the attention of the membership including legislation issues, state association specific discussions, journal club, job postings, and other topics that matter to the state of Wyoming. This is a chapter of many but a widely separated many and our hopes are that this online network will bring us closer together and stronger.

We also continue to discuss, as we did at the Spring Conference, the question that always arises of how can we get more members involved and how do we get the current membership excited about being a member? And then, how can we get those members energized to step up and do more for the Wyoming chapter and public? I want you to ask yourself the question: If not you, then who? If not now, then when? We hope by more communication we can generate some more awareness as well as enthusiasm, especially the excitement to join conferences.

I believe we live in a great state, where we can see Physical Therapy at its finest and we still get reimbursed better than most states in the US. But we still need to get out at the grassroots level and educate our consumers about what Physical Therapy is and what we do for our patients on a day to day basis. We are not manual physical therapist, neuro physical therapists, pediatric physical therapists,
or acute care physical therapists. We are Physical Therapists and we need to let Wyoming hear about us and not just hearing about us because a physician prescribed physical therapy. Please get out there and in the next months to educate two people that are not your patients on what physical therapy is and what we do for our patients. Spread the word!

Not only is this a question for our local chapter but this was well discussed at CSM in San Antonio this year. We heard from chapters that drum up support for the profession and have a $10,000 media budget to run commercials about PT to the public, sponsor 5k runs, and other chapters that give $2000 to $10,000 scholarships to PT and PTA student. Although our budget is not quite as large as these larger states, we hope as an organization we can start to sponsor events such as scholarships, races or golf tournaments, perhaps even newspaper ads or television ads that educate the public on what physical therapy is.

Not surprisingly, this continues to be a "hot topic" in our chapter year after year. This state is comprised of many aspiring clinicians both young and older, experienced and just starting out of the gates. When we have the opportunity to get together as a group, such as at conferences, you join this camaraderie of people who are in the same "trenches" waging the same battles. It was amazing to stand back during both the fall conference at Brewguards in Cody and Pub Night at Snake River Brewery at the spring conference in Jackson and watch the interactions at the Saturday night events. Even get a chuckle or two about the challenges with patients or referral sources that seem to be replicated no matter which part of the state you are in. What great things will happen if we could all agree, PT and PTA, members and non-members, on the one common attribute we all have in common, Physical Therapy. On that note: We hope that we can continue this tradition across the state for more months and years to come, so be sure in to join the next conference.

In January, I had the opportunity to speak at legislation regarding dry needling with preparation assistance from Kathy Blair, Lynda Brown, Norene Christenson, and our lobbyist Wendy Lowe. And then had the fortunate experience to collegially talk to one of the acupuncturists who started the grassroots efforts to forming a board, hopefully we can continue to see this collaboration of the professions for years to come.

Brent Kaufman also spear headed the great Workman's Comp effort with a partnership from Kathy Blair, the WYPTA and the Wyoming Occupational Therapy
Association president Phylicia Nieft. We are in the midst of a multitude of payment challenges impacting payment across our practice settings. The current dilemmas that we are facing right now are beginning to show up since the introduction of the tier evaluation system. The WYPTA is working with payers to better define and describe the currently proposed guidelines as well as better educate the referral sources the benefits of physical therapy rather than the wait-and-see model. Brent continues to work on relationships with Workman's Services with the physical therapy agenda upfront.

The WYPTA and LCCC's PTA program director Sarah Hughes are also working on collaboration efforts with hopes of stirring up some excitement for graduating PTA's to join WYPTA and integrating student PTA's into our semi-annual conferences with potential presentations. I hope all the current happenings can lead to overall excitement from both the student PTA, new PT's and PTA's and current membership as we try to work in partnership and establish an improved base of communication (again look for BaseCamp email invite).

Cheers!!

Jamie Everett, PT, DPT, Orthopedic Manual Fellow in Training

President

SAVE THE DATE

WYPTA SPRING PAIN CONFERENCE

In our effort to play a role in fighting the opioid crisis and miss-management of those with pain, The Wyoming Physical Therapy Association is offering a weekend “Pain” seminar in Cheyenne, Wyoming May 20 & 21. Our objective is to educate health professionals including physicians, nurses, and therapists about the neurophysiological basis of pain, patterns to look for when evaluating someone with pain, as well as changing the language and practice patterns across all disciplines. We wish to create a multidisciplinary conversation with better informed practitioners to develop collaborative treatment plans for the patient in pain. This is going to be an awesome conference that you won’t want to miss out on. Please stay tuned for more information.
STATE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Acupuncture Bill

We worked well with the acupuncture group to help pass HB 165 for acupuncture licensure. They have created a board and are now working on writing rules and regulations. We will keep our eyes on those when published and make comments to protect our practice as needed. During the legislative session, WYPTA asked for exemption language to be added to the acupuncture bill that would not prohibit PTs from dry needling. The bill was amended without challenge so this bill does not prevent PTs from performing dry needling under our rules and regulations.

The 2017 State Policy and Payment Forum will be held September 16-17 at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan.

This event is designed to increase your involvement in, and knowledge of state legislative issues that have an impact on the practice and payment of physical therapy, and to improve your advocacy efforts at the state level. Programming will focus on physical therapy payment & legislative issues at the state level and will include presentations on state scope of practice issues, payment issues, state

Fear no more, Basecamp is here! Basecamp is our central hub for the WYPTA to stay connected with the members. With today’s craziness and yesterday’s mess, Basecamp will make it all better. All WYPTA members will be emailed an invite for Basecamp to stay connected and with recent activity happening in the state as well as national level. If you are a member and have not yet received an email, please email Kathy Day at wyomingapta@outlook.com.
legislative advocacy, Medicaid, infringement challenges, effective legislative testifying, state licensure issues, and much more!

You will hear from influential public policy makers and other physical therapy advocates; collaborate with colleagues in developing your chapter or section's advocacy efforts; and network with other professionals from across the country. Chapter presidents, legislative chairs, reimbursement chairs, chapter executives, lobbyists, students, and anyone interested in state-level advocacy should attend!

If you are interested in attending, please contact Kathy Blair at kblair@windcitypt.com.

The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact is based on the establishment of a commission—a governing body comprising representatives from every state that participates in the compact—that oversees rules, applications, and the issuing of privileges to practice in other participating states. Once the system is up and running, PTs and PTAs will be able to select the additional participating states in which they'd like to practice and apply for privileges, all while maintaining licensure in only their "home" state. A Physical Therapy Compact Commission has been established to adopt rules, set fees, and establish the systems that will need to be in place before licensees can begin applying for compact privileges in other participating states. It is anticipated that all of the necessary pieces will be in place and the new system operational for licensees sometime in 2018.

Kathy Blair, PT, DPT, OCS

State Government Affairs Committee Chair

CHIEF DELEGATE REPORT

Once again, I would like to thank the members of the Wyoming Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association for the opportunity to serve as the Chief Delegate. The 2017 session of the House of Delegates was very successful in continuing to move our profession forward. With the implementation of yearlong governance and the Western States Chief Delegate meetings the efficiency of the House of Delegates continues to improve each year. The following is a brief description of some of the more far reaching and progression motions that were passed. For a full list and
complete descriptions of all motions that were presented, visit the House of Delegates page on the APTA website.

The APTA Board of Directors was tasked with creating and maintaining the mission statement for the association. This mission statement shall align with the vision for the physical therapy profession created by the House of Delegates. The professional scope of physical therapist practice, was passed unanimously, an individual physical therapist’s scope of practice is influenced by professional, jurisdictional, and personal scopes of practice. The APTA will explore and, if feasible and advisable, develop model(s) of innovation centers to expedite the creation and growth of effective transformational innovations that revolutionize physical therapist practice and positively impact society. In addition, the American Physical Therapy Association is tasked with advocating for prevention, wellness, fitness, health promotion, and management of disease and disability. It includes developing collaborative, inter-professional and partnering relationships with health care and community organizations and individuals. Collaborative relationships would have the potential to advance the vision for the physical therapy profession. By June 2018, the American Physical Therapy Association, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, identify and begin to implement best practice strategies to advance diversity and inclusion within the profession of physical therapy. Also, physical therapists will be qualified to determine the mobility status for patients and clients applying for disability placards, disability license plates, or para-transit services. Lastly, APTA will explore the administrative burden of providing physical therapist services and describe its impact on the patient, the cost of care, and the profession. By June 2019, APTA shall develop and implement a plan to ameliorate the burden.

Michael Jacketta, PT, DPT, OCS

Chief Delegate
In 2016, the WYAPTA had total income of $38,349 and total expenses of $25,158. The overall net income for the 2016 year was $13,191. Please refer to the table below for a detailed breakdown of all inflows and outflows for 2016. The WYAPTA voluntarily elected to have a compilation service conducted by McGee, Hearne, & Paiz, LLP, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants for the previous year’s financial information. A compilation service requires the accountant to read all financial statements and look for obvious clerical or accounting-principle errors. The current balance for the business checking account for WYAPTA as of April 30, 2017 is $67,731.22.

**WYAPTA Cash Flow Report for 1/1/2016 through 12/31/2016**

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**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT**

Congratulations to the APTA for reaching 100,000 members!

One of our goals this year is adding value to our membership. Getting a better grip on why non-members have chosen to not participate has been my personal quest. Time and time again I hear cost being the main reason why therapists have chosen to not be members. I decided I would break the cost and see if this at all tempts you to step out of the dark into the light.

On average the total amount spent on an APTA membership is $468. This is $1.29 per day. If one spends $4/day on a daily coffee or snack, your daily APTA membership is ¼ of this price. If you spend $1,788/year for cable/internet package ($149/month), again your APTA membership is ¼ of this price. Many times, employers will reimburse for membership or take on a percentage of the cost. Check with your employer to see if this may be an option.
We would love to hear from you so that we can better serve you! Please feel free to contact us either through our personal emails listed on the website or through Facebook.

Taryn Kilty, PT, DPT, OCS

Membership Chair