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President's Address

It has been an interesting year nationally and here in the State of Arkansas. We have had members live through devastating tornados, earthquakes, massive flooding, heat waves, and now significant drought. Through all of this, your ArPTA Board has continued service to our Association and we are still dedicated to taking care of any of your professional needs. Please contact us if you need our services.

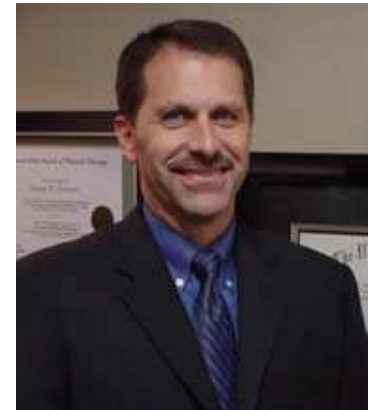
Legislatively, the State legislature met for the first time in two years (biannual sessions) and there was no significant legislation that impacted PT for the first time in as long as many of us can remember. Most of the House and Senate were newly elected individuals but we still have a good group of members who are supportive of our profession and are willing to help us if we need it in the future. Even though we did not have a need to call in any of our friendly markers in this session, all of us need to continue to build personal relationships with our individual representatives. I am sure this can help us in the future in any issue that comes forward from people out to harm our profession. Already, since the end of the session, I have received about 7 questions about how we can address the escalation in co-payments for certain insured individuals in our State. We are already working on this issue and should have something ready to go in the next legislative session.

On the national level, we have only two persons representing Arkansas who have represented us in the past in their present positions, and only one more who has switched chambers of Congress. Rep. Mike Ross, and Sen. Mark Pryor are still representing us in the new congress in Washington. Rep. Ross has supported us in most everything in the past and Sen. Pryor has great

knowledge of our issues. John Boozman is now representing us on the Senate side instead of in the House as he was prior to this year. We recently sent a delegation to Washington, DC for Capital Hill Day on June 8, 2011. The delegation included Bill Bandy, Beth McKittrick-Bandy, Idumange Idumange, Jacob Johnson, Tabitha Rivers, and me. Between us, we met with all 4 House Representatives or their staff and both of the Senators or their staff on all the issues pressing to PT on the national level. They all are eager for input from their constituents and would welcome your input on issues important to you. Please feel free to contact them on physical therapy issues and get to know them and their staff better.

I would like to formally welcome the new DPT program starting in Searcy, AR at Harding University. They have their first class coming into the program in the fall and we are looking forward to a great group of new matriculating students with a highly acclaimed group of professors to bring them proper education. Please support this new program as we have the other existing programs in the State at UCA and ASU.

Our State Association has done very well through the economic downturn, but this is totally because of our diversification financially into higher percentages of our income coming from non-dues revenue. We have dropped membership in this State over the past two years and this trend does not seem to be abating, even with an upturn in the economy. I may be "preaching to the choir", but we only have one group of individuals watching over the regulatory, legislative, and professional issues



**ArPTA President
Steve Forbush**

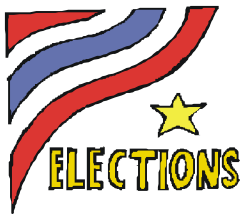
of all physical therapists and this is the APTA and the ArPTA. Without member support, we do not have the clout necessary to create positive change in our profession and advance ourselves into the forefront of health and wellness in Arkansas. We will be starting a few new incentives in the next year for new or lapsed members and need all of you to help in recruiting any persons you know into membership in our professional association. Let us know how we can help you in this endeavor or find us areas where we can help you recruit. We can't do this without all of you and your support and help.

Have a great summer.

Steven W. Forbush, PT

President, ArPTA





Call For Nominations



Nominations are currently being accepted for ArPTA offices/positions with terms to begin January 2012. Candidates will be elected this year to fill the following offices/positions: President--2 years, Treasurer- 2 years, Chief Delegate- 2 years, PTA Caucus Representative--1 year, Nominating Committee (1)—3years.

Election to one of these positions provides excellent opportunities for service and professional development. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one of these offices, please contact Leah Lowe, ArPTA Nominating Committee Chair at leahmlowe@yahoo.com or call 501-428-1243 with the individual's name and contact information. The individual will be contacted to verify the individual's desire to run for office. Candidates for office must have been a member in good standing for at least one year prior to holding office. Please turn in all nominations by July 15, 2011.

The following nominations have been received and accepted thus far:

Presidential Nominee:

Steven W. Forbush

"In the past three years we have become fiscally sound and have greatly increased non-dues revenue which was a considerable problem in the past, but this doesn't help us when we are not representing professionals in our State. The ArPTA has had a problem attracting and maintaining members during the past 8-10 years. We need to focus most of our energies on membership recruitment and improving the percentage of licensees who are members. Other needs would include improved communication and collaboration with insurance companies and improvement in perception of PT by the public in the State of Arkansas. I would hope to accomplish all of these tasks in the next three years."

Areas of Service:

Bylaws Chair, Reimbursement Chair, Vice President, President Arkansas Physical Therapy Association

Nominating Committee, Task Force Member Georgia Physical Therapy Association

Vice Chair Northern District, Nominating Committee, Director at Large (x3), Practice Chair, Reimbursement Chair, Executive Committee, Assembly Representative Florida Physical Therapy Association

16X Delegate, Payment Policy Advisory Committee APTA

Nominating Committee, Bylaws Chair, Board of Directors Health Policy and Administration Section

Chief Delegate Nominee:

Bill Bandy

"I believe the House of Delegates should not only continue to guide the APTA and members toward Vision 2020 – but begin to develop and work toward an updated Vision for 2040."

Areas of Service:

Elected to APTA Board of Directors- 2006-2009

Chief Delegate- 1990; 1998-2000

President, ArPTA- 1994-1998 (two terms)

Delegate- 1995, 1997, 2001, 2002, 2003

PTA Caucus Representative:

Jennifer Beard

"As a representative of PTA's in the state of Arkansas, I would like to emphasize to insurance providers that PTA's are competent, skilled professionals whose services deserve reimbursement. I personally would like to see the APTA reconsider advancing the PTA's degree level to a bachelor's degree. Due to the increased number of schools beginning PT doctoral programs, PTA's should also be given the opportunity to advance their degree as well. Promoting APTA membership to PTA's is also a goal of mine along with the recommendation of offering PTA's more options of paying for memberships."

Areas of Service:

Member of the Home Health Section of the APTA

Enrolled in Masters of Health Science- Health Care Management program at Arkansas State University

Involved in community program to promote health and wellness for women

Kristi Neely

"Reimbursement is a critical area right now. Also, both the ArPTA and APTA need an increase in membership and advocacy. Also, the PTA Caucus supports the advancement of the PTA education to a Bachelor's Degree."

Areas of Service:

Served as PTA Caucus Representative- 2010, 2011

*Currently no nominations for treasurer of nominating committee have been accepted:

Treasurer- The Treasurer shall collect and keep accurate records of all moneys collected and disbursed by the Chapter. The Treasurer shall serve as Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Nominating Committee Member- For elections of Officers, Chief Delegates, Delegate, PTA Representative and members of the Nominating Committee, the Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate consisting of at least one name for each vacant office, as is appropriate for each vacancy to be filled, and submit this slate by mail to the members. It is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to seek out candidates for vacant offices, to review their qualifications, to ascertain their willingness to serve, to nominate a candidate or candidates for each office. The Nominating Committee is also responsible for election mail-outs, counting the returns and certifying and reporting the election results.

Facility Membership Challenge



Achieve 100% APTA membership among your facility's physical therapists and physical therapist assistants and gain recognition among your patients and peers.

All facilities that employ PTs and PTAs are eligible to participate in the Facility Challenge. This includes acute care settings, academic programs, privately-owned facilities, and more.

You'll receive:

An [1x13 certificate](#) that lets your patients know that your staff is committed to the highest quality of health care

Recognition at APTA conferences and on APTA.org

Take the Challenge

Submit the Facility Challenge Application (available at www.apta.org), along with a roster of all PTs and PTAs employed by your facility, via e-mail or fax (703/706-8575), or mail to:

APTA Facility Challenge
Membership Development Department
1111 North Fairfax St
Alexandria, VA 22314

An APTA staff member will contact you as soon as we've verified your facility's membership status.

Meeting the Challenge

Sadly there are no facilities in Arkansas currently recognized as meeting this challenge though Executive Director Becky Sewell states, "I personally know of some who meet the criteria." She will be encouraging those of you who already are eligible to submit their application and get recognized.

Renewing the Challenge

Facilities must reapply **annually** to receive ongoing recognition. The renewal form is also available at www.apta.org or you can contact Becky Sewell at 501-499-6163 or rehabnet@alliancecable.net and she can forward you the form.

Questions? Contact: *Daniel McGill*, Assistant Director, Membership Development, 800/999-2782 (ext 8577) or danielmcgill@apta.org.

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Conway, AR 72033

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Upcoming Courses

Mark Your Calendars

Track 1—Assessing and

Treating the Trunk—Shoulder Complex Post Brain Injury: A Critical Link to Trunk and Hip Stability

Instructor Nicky Schmidt, PT, C/NDT

And

Track 2—KT3: Clinical

Concepts and Advanced

Taping Methods

Instructor Randall Alford, OTR, CHT, CKTI

NSC 2011: October 21-23, Minneapolis, MN

For more info on any ArPTA courses call Becky at 501-499-6163 or 501-548-6003

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Introduction

This document is meant to provide information on activities of the 2011 House of Delegates. It is a summary of actions, not a verbatim record of motion language.

The minutes of the House will be available by early September.

The minutes serve as the formal record of the House of Delegates.

To see the full language for each RC as it was presented to the House:

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RC 1-11 Amendment of the Bylaws of the American Physical Therapy Association, Article III. Functions, F. – Packet I - PASSED

Amends the APTA bylaws, Article III. Functions, F., to be consistent with International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF) language.

RC 2-11 Amend: Standing Rules of the American Physical Therapy Association, 18. Consent Calendar – Packet I - PASSED

Amends the APTA standing rules, 18. Consent Calendar, to allow for the development of a consent calendar after Packet I has been made available to delegates.

RC 3-11 Physical Therapist Responsibility and Accountability for the Delivery of Care – Packet II - PASSED

A new position that will become effective July 1, 2012, states that APTA recognizes and supports physical therapists' abilities to utilize appropriate support personnel, including but not limited to the physical therapist assistant, when directing and supervising selected aspects of physical therapy intervention.

Refer RC 4-11 through RC 12-11 to the Board of Directors – Packet II - PASSED

RC 4-11 through RC 12-11 were referred to the Board of Directors to review the current model of the physical therapist (PT), the physical therapist assistant (PTA), and the physical therapy aide as the only participants involved in delivery of physical therapy services and identify potential models of delivery that:

describe patients and the care management required

identify participants that could support the PT in potential new models

are consistent with potential new payment models

identify strategies for success

investigate changes to the education and scope of work of the PTA

A task force that shall include House and Board members, com-

ponent representatives, other experts, and APTA staff, will be appointed to conduct the review. Any necessary motions will be submitted to the 2012 House of Delegates.

RC 13-11 Full Payment for Physical Therapy Interventions – Packet III – WITHDRAWN

Would have created a position that the APTA supports appropriate payment for physical therapy interventions whether provided by the PT alone or by the PT/PTA team

RC 14A-11 Amend: Supervision of Student Physical Therapist Assistants – Packet III - PASSED

Amends Supervision of Student Physical Therapist Assistants (HOD P06-00-19-31) so that physical therapist assistant students can be supervised by a physical therapist assistant who is working under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.

RC 15-11 Amend: Transparent Disclosure of Physical Therapy Benefits by Health Insurance Companies – Packet I - PASSED

Amends Accurate Transparent Disclosure of Physical Therapy Benefits by Health Insurance Companies (HOD P06-08-13-17) to indicate that APTA supports:

health insurance policies that provide coverage for physical therapy services and full representation of the details of that coverage;

legislation that would limit the patient's/client's financial responsibility to less than the actual amount paid by the insurance; and,

change in legislation that would require development and use of consistent terminology regarding physical therapy coverage, written in "plain language."

RC 16-11 Reducing the Burden of Current Copayment Systems – Packet I - PASSED

Charges APTA to help chapters pursue options for changes in insurance policies and/or legislation with the goal of reducing the financial burden of current copayment systems on patients/clients receiving care from physical therapists.

RC 17-11 The Role of Physical Therapy in Hospice and Palliative Care – Packet I - PASSED

Creates a new position stating that APTA endorses the inclusion of physical therapy care in hospice and palliative care, and outlines concepts to be included in hospice and palliative care—such as continuity of care, appropriate and adequate access to physical therapy services, and an interdisciplinary approach to care.

RC 18-11 Plan to Promote the Role of Physical Therapy in Hospice and Palliative Care – Packet I - PASSED

Charges APTA to develop a plan to promote the concepts outlined in The Role of Physical Therapy in Hospice and Palliative Care, with a report to the 2012 House of Delegates.

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RC 19-11 The Physical Therapist's Role in Concussion Management – Packet I - PASSED

Creates a position that APTA recognize that concussions should be evaluated and managed by a multidisciplinary team of licensed health care providers, and that physical therapists are an integral part of the multidisciplinary team. An individual suspected of having a head injury should be removed from participation in organized activity for assessment of concussion. Physical therapists or other licensed health care providers should evaluate the individual and determine clearance for return to participation.

RC 20-11 Principles of Governance – Packet II - PASSED

A new position stating that governance entities in the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) will:

- have defined roles and responsibilities that minimize duplication of efforts;
- emphasize collaboration and cooperation among the governance entities;
- maximize member inclusiveness and engagement; and,
- be transparent and open in their deliberations and decision making processes.

As the voice of the profession, the primary role of the governance entities of the association will be that:

- the House of Delegates has the predominant role in setting policy and provides leadership and direction to the profession;
- the Board of Directors has the sole fiduciary responsibility for and provides leadership and direction to the association;
- APTA staff implements the decisions of the House and Board and manages the association;
- sections serve as a key resource for content knowledge; and,
- chapters focus on jurisdictional scope of practice and payment issues; and,

And, that APTA supports collaborative governance between the House and the Board.

RC 21-11 Recognition of Physical Therapy as a Distinct, Self-Determined Profession – Packet II - PASSED

Charges APTA to advocate for physical therapy to be recognized as a distinct, self-determined profession, and that efforts should include pursuing appropriate opportunities to eliminate the terms “allied,” “allied health,” and “ancillary” when used in association with or classifying the profession of physical therapy and the physical therapist, with a report to the 2012 House of Delegates.

RC 22-11 Beyond Vision 2020 – Packet II - PASSED

Charges APTA to review and revise Vision Sentence for Physical Therapy and Vision Statement for Physical Therapy to look beyond 2020 and clearly articulate the profession's commitment to society. Concepts to consider while reviewing and revising the vision should include enhancing collaborative relationships to achieve cost-effective care, advancing health policy that supports the vision, engaging in innovative models of care, and promoting wellness and prevention, with an interim report to the

House of Delegates by 2012 and introduction of a revised vision to the House of Delegates by 2013.

RC 23-11 Assistive Technology – Packet II - PASSED

Creates new position that states APTA supports the provision of assistive technology that is appropriately suited to the patient's/client's needs, which may include complex rehabilitation technology and related clinical services for people with disabilities. Additionally, physical therapists should be recognized and appropriately paid for furnishing services related to complex rehabilitation.

RC 24-11 Development and Implementation of Standardized Elements for an Annual Physical Therapy Examination – Packet I - PASSED

Charges APTA to support the promotion and implementation of Annual Visit with a Physical Therapist (HOD P05-07-19-20) by coordinating the development and promulgation of best clinical practice screenings and exams to meet the needs of all individuals. The association also will develop resources and tools to help PTs track individual patient outcomes and a plan to enhance public recognition of the need and benefit of an annual exam.

RC 25-11 Temporary Exemptions for Declared Disaster or Emergency – Packet I - PASSED

Creates new position stating that APTA supports a temporary exemption to state licensure for: (1) PTs or PTAs who are licensed in one US jurisdiction and enter another to provide services during a declared local, state, or national disaster or emergency; or (2) PTs or PTAs who are forced to leave their jurisdictions during disasters or emergencies and want to continue providing services elsewhere. APTA calls on state chapters and regulatory boards to include such language in their state practice acts and to review emergency management plans to ensure continuity in the event of a disaster or emergency.

RC 26A-11 Funding for Delegates – PASSED*

Charges APTA to assess financial obligations or barriers related to service as a delegate with a report to the 2012 House of Delegates that provides recommendations for minimizing or eliminating those barriers.

*Note: this motion was made from the floor as a substitute for RC 26.

RC 27-11 Student Member Access to Section Web Sites – Packet I - DEFEATED

This motion charged APTA to encourage sections to provide APTA student members with access to the section web sites free of charge.

RC 28-11 Recognition of Health Volunteers Overseas – Packet I - PASSED

This motion recognizes Health Volunteers Overseas for 25 years of contribution to the advancement of global health initiatives and health care provider education in developing countries around the world.

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National Office Election Results



Treasurer (1 to be elected)

	Votes	Winner
Elmer Platz, PT	312	X
Steve Tollefson, PT, DPT, ATC	<u>89</u>	
Number Eligible to Vote	401	
Number Ballots Cast	401	
Number of Votes Cast	401	
# of Votes Necessary for Election	201	
Number of Illegal Votes	0	

Speaker of the House (1 to be elected)

Shawne E. Soper, PT, DPT, MBA	<u>400</u>	X
Number Eligible to Vote	401	
Number Ballots Cast		401
Number of Votes Cast	401	
# of Votes Necessary for Election	201	
Number of Illegal Votes	0	

Director (3 to be elected)

Jennifer E. Green-Wilson, PT, MBA, EdD	230	X
Kevin Hulsey, PT, DPT	227	
Kathleen K. Mairella, PT, DPT, MA	339	X
Dave Pariser, PT, PhD	367	X
Write-In: Stephen Levine	1	
Write-In: Colleen Kigin	<u>1</u>	
Number Eligible Vote	401	
Number of Ballots Cast	401	
Number of Votes Cast	1165	
Number of Illegal Votes	0	

Nominating Committee (2 to be elected)

Ben S. Braxley, PT, DPT	232	X
Sundi M. Hondi, PT, OCS	61	
Babette S. Sanders, PT, DPT, MS	275	X
Jerry A. Smith, PT, ATC/L, MBA	<u>215</u>	
Number Eligible to Vote	401	
Number of Ballots Cast	401	
Number of Votes Cast	783	
Number of Illegal Votes	3	