

East Texas District Meeting  
February 18, 2016

\*The East District met in Palestine, Texas at the Palestine Regional Medical Center-up the hill (East Campus).

\*Present for the board meeting: Mike Little, Laurie Hurst, Josh Megli, Lauren Swetnam, Ann Huffstetter, Carla Gleaton, Stephanie Scudder, Artis Newsome, and Rubye Kendrick.

\*Treasurer reported that Laurie's expenses from a BOD meeting will be re-imbursed at the next billing cycle.

\*Laurie reported that she attended the last TPTA BOD meeting and that the incoming chair had received training for the office of chair.

The new CEO for is TPTA Don Hayden [don@tpa.org](mailto:don@tpa.org). He served previously as the CEO, so will get up to speed quickly.

At the next legislative session in 2017, TPTA will try again for patient access, perhaps as "standard of care".

A major issue for TPTA is that the board of physical therapy and occupational therapy examiners is up for sunset approval at the legislative session in 2017.

There was a discussion about increasing the chapter dues for PTAs which was dropped.

There was a lot of PT support for NOT increasing the chapter dues for PTAs.

\*March 3, 2016: There will be a legislative summit & health seminar (free, except meals) sponsored by the Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce. Thirty legislators will be coming. More information is available from the C of C.

Key contacts for legislators are needed. Laurie is the contact for Louie Gohmert for Nacogdoches. If someone has a personal relationship with a legislator, please let Laurie Hurst know.

\*The November minutes were approved.

\*Mike Little provided the schedule for the rest of 2016 and the beginning of 2017.

\*Polly Bowers-Maness had prepared a membership report to given via phone, but there was no signal within the meeting area.

\*Artis Newsome reported that the APTA will have the Federal Advocacy Forum on April 3-5, 2016 in Washington, D.C. and that it is Ann's turn to go. \$950.00 has been budgeted for the forum.

\*Rubye Kendrick presented a delegate report indicating that monthly conference calls among the Texas delegation began in January. Five motions being discussed include:

- 1) Definition of professional scope of practice
- 2) The role of the Association and its members in advocacy for active transportation in walkable/bikeable communities
- 3) Bylaw amendment for Post-Doctoral research fellows
- 4) Professional branding through credentials
- 5) Public and professional awareness of board certified clinical specialists

Michigan asked Texas to be a co-sponsor of #2, but we need more information.

Florida asked us to co-sponsor #3, and we have agreed.

HOD will meet June 6-8, 2016 in Nashville, TN.

\*Education:

The remote meeting arrangement is not working well. A computer tech would need to be at each site, to facilitate the set-up and get the meeting in a timely manner.

The long course: Geriatric Symposium was finalized for April 15-16, 2016 in Tyler at the Robert M. Rogers Nursing and Health Sciences Center on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. It is the new TJC health sciences building. IT support for the entire symposium will be required at \$30.00 an hour. There will be no expense for the room, and meals are being sponsored by different entities.

Friday: 6-8pm Ethics

Saturday: 8am-4:30pm the rest of the symposium

Cost: Friday only: \$35.00 for members; \$40.00 for nonmembers

Friday and Saturday pre-registration: \$250.00 for members; \$300.00 for nonmembers

Friday and Saturday on-site: \$300.00 for members; \$350 for nonmembers

Flyers are being sent to various facilities. OTs are being invited to attend, with CEUs being requested from their professional bodies.

\*next meeting: April 21 at Arabella in Longview. Speaker: Jonathan W. Fontenot, MD.

Topic: Disk Replacement.

Respectfully,  
Ann Huffstetter  
Secretary