

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2015

The ETD met April 16, 2015 at CORE in Longview, Texas. CORE and Therapy 2000 provided the dinner. The presentation on "Total Joint Replacement: The Continuum of Care" was by David Penn, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAO, MPT and Tom Lorren, PT, CEES. Mayra Medina, PHR, represented Therapy 2000.

Budget items: Carla Gleaton, PT, chair of the district will attend the April TPT BOD meeting, and will need a reimbursement in the amount of \$403.96. As the district's chief delegate to APTA HOD she will need an extra night in the hotel in June, and a reimbursement of \$140.61. The federation of educators will pay for her flight.

Delegate update: Carla has copies of the summary of motions available for members. Among the hot topics involving the 23 motions are PTA motions concerning voting for PTAs, and allowing PTs to order x-rays and certain medications, as in the military.

Direct access: HB 1263 has passed out of the House Committee and on to the calendar committee. Emails and phone calls are asked of the membership to urge the calendar committee to send the bill to the floor. Artis is working on the senate side to get more sponsors. Senator Kevin Eltife will sponsor the bill if it comes to his committee.

Federal: The exceptions cap has been approved for another 2 years. The SRG has been repealed. Artis Newsome, P.T. will attend the government affairs forum in June.

Summer CCU course update: Choice will sponsor the venue for \$500.00, which will probably be in Longview at GSMC at the Healthy Living Center. The projected dates: June 19-20 (first choice), June 12-13 (second choice) or July 24-25 (third choice).

Summer BOD meeting: We will meet at Lauren Sweatnam's, PTA house on June 16 at 6pm to plan budget and next year's meetings.

Officer elections: Laurie Hurst, P.T. will be chair, Stephanie Scudder, PTA will be treasurer and Rubye Kendrick, P.T. will be chief delegate.

Treasurer report: The report included April expenses, but dues from APTA had not arrived.

Emails: Go to TPTA.ETD@gmail.com to add or to change your email.

PT on Tap: The networking group will meet at Applebee's in Mt. Pleasant on April 21 at 6:30pm. More meeting sites are requested for networking opportunities.

Next district meeting: The district will meet September 17, 2015 in Nacogdoches. Mike Little is making arrangements.

Respectfully, Ann Huffstetter, PTA, District Secretary