

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2016

The East Texas District board met on August 11, 2016 at Jalapeno Tree Restaurant in Tyler, Texas.

Present: Laurie Hurst, Mike Little, Lauren Swetnam, Rubye Kendrick, Stephanie Gage, Josh Megli, Ann Huffstetter. Polly Bowers-Maness provided her report via phone link due to scheduling problem.

The April meeting minutes were approved, with Lauren motioning and Josh seconding.

The upcoming budget was presented and approved. The chair had to go over budget for officer travel, but there are unused funds available, so we will still have a zero budget. The chief delegate's travel will be reflected in the next budget report. More funds will be added for officer travel.

The Pam Thompson scholarship will be expanded to include the program at TJC in Tyler, and to help someone who has been accepted from the ETD to the PTA to DPT bridge program. Thus the district will support the three PTA programs in our district, the bridge program, and the minority PT scholarship. The current amount in the treasury is \$5697.00. The geriatric symposium netted \$3121.00, a major help to the budget.

Rubye Kendrick gave a summation of the activities at APTA House of Delegates, including credentials after signatures, physical therapy's role in promoting health, inconsistencies in residency programs for PTs, overuse of opiates for pain control, review of APTA BOD documents, and other issues.

Laurie reported on Government Affairs with the emphasis on the Texas practice act which will be open during the upcoming legislative session due to Sunset Review. It is imperative that members contact their legislators, since several sections of the act are opposed by interested parties who want to limit areas of physical practice. Patient access is still on the table as well. The CCAP program is up for review, as some parties want it bid out to an outside entity. TPTA can show that the program in its present form has greatly improved the quality of continuing education.

Polly reported that a survey is being prepared to poll former APTA members and to invite them to return for the entire state. We would like to know what "hole" is causing us to lose members and try to plug. The survey will become more of a quality assurance survey and will incorporate some of the Tom Waugh Leadership ideas.

TPTA board meeting-July 23: Laurie reported that the TPTA office has been completely reorganized, with Stacey Mather as the point of contact and Don Hayden returning as executive director. The other members of the office are no longer present. The re-organization will improve responsiveness and efficiency. The ETD hopes to use GO TO

MEETING, at least at Mount Pleasant, to facilitate district meetings and reduce travel to meetings/increase participation. District members need to be educated about Sunset Review and its impact on the practice of physical therapy in Texas.

TPTA PAC has a goal of \$150,000.00 before November 1, which will be most important in helping address our concerns in the upcoming legislative session. There will be a box at district meetings to remind and encourage donations to the PAC. Key contacts with legislators will be very important, as will attendance at legislative day, which usually is in early February.

Scholarship applications need to be prepared.

Mike Little provided the schedule for the upcoming year with some speakers and locations already committed. September 15, 2016: Tyler, November 17, 2016: Kilgore, February 16, 2017: (Wine and Cheese for local legislators) Tyler, April 20, 2017: Mt. Pleasant.

The vice chair position is up for election this year, and interested persons are needed to fill it. The election will be held at the November meeting.

The second annual geriatric symposium is being planned, with Josh Megli as chair. Volunteer speakers need to be located.

There will be a Silent Auction and a formal auction at the September meeting, and an initiation of raffles to be held at the November meeting. Lauren has already set up the silent auction and needs item to sell. She requested that she be contacted ahead of time so she can prepare the auction forms. She also has raffle tickets to distribute.

Raffle prices: meat smoker donated by Laurie: \$5.00 each, 5 tickets for \$20.00.

Turkey/ham: \$2.00 each, 3 tickets for \$5.00.

Respectfully,  
Ann Huffstetter, PTA  
District Secretary