

EAST TEXAS DISTRICT MINUTES

May 21, 2020

The ETD met via Zoom on May 21, 2020.

Financials: Vivianna Barrientos has agreed to fill the unexpired term of treasurer which ends December 31, 2021.

The current balance in the district account is \$5034.64 as of April 2020.

We raised \$160.00 at our last meeting toward the scholarship fund, and any fees from tonight's lecture will go toward the scholarship fund. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made by going to <https://tptamemberclicks.net.etd>.

There are no travel expenses for the chair due to COVID19.

We will need additional funds for scholarships/Federal Affairs forum/Tom Waugh mentee.

Elections: Total votes: 18.

Results: Arvin Calamba, PT will continue as vice chair for the next 2 years.

Ann Huffstetter, PTA will continue as secretary for the next 2 years.

Thank you to all the officers who volunteer their time and energy into working for our profession.

New business:

Due to COVID19 assembly restrictions, it appears that we will be utilizing the Zoom platform for the near future.

TPTA BOD report from April 18, 2020:

Robert's Rules of Order were approved and will be reflected in the chapter office.

Telehealth: CMS clarified the utilization of PTAs for reimbursement during the Pandemic.

APTA NEXT and TPTA annual conference will be virtual this year. APTA is offering courses at the NEXT conference for \$20.00 for members and \$40.00 for nonmembers. TPTA is looking into offering courses at annual conference for similar prices. A task force has been established for annual conference.

TPTA has petitioned APTA to consider making membership a monthly subscription, and it appeared that the idea was gaining traction.

Several sections and regions have reported furloughs, but with elective surgeries re-opening there should be an increase in demand for therapy services.

The state financials are okay.

The state board wants licensure on time, but will allow a delay of fingerprinting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Ron Short from Longview Orthopedic presented the Barb Melzer lecture: Leadership RVU: How to Supercharge Communication with your Patients Using Tactical Empathy, for 1 CCU.

Respectfully,
Ann Huffstetter,PTA
District secretary