

## WPTA Southwest District Business Meeting

January 20, 2007

### I. Call to Order

Blase Strobl called meeting to order, chair.

### II. Officer Reports.

Congratulations extended to new officers Blase Strobl, chair, Matt VanderKooi, vice chair (appointed to complete term vacated by Blasé), and Teresa Cattaneo, treasurer. As vice chair, Matt will also serve as chair of the Bylaws committee.

Chair Report: Blasé Strobl

Report from WPTA Body meeting: (fill in)

Treasurer's report: Teresa Cattaneo, absent. Blase reported current account balance \$7,417.93

### III. Committee Reports

Program Committee – Kristi Hallisy, chair. Kristi is looking for someone to replace her. Responsibilities include arranging for speakers for 2-3 district meetings per year and organizing one full-day CE course per year for the district. For 2007, speakers for the district meetings are already set so the next event to be planned will be a full-day CE course one year from now. The program committee chair for the district also serves on the state program committee with responsibility to coordinate programming when meeting occurs in SW district (once every three years). Benefit provided from State Chapter is 50% off conference attendance while serving in this capacity.

Membership Committee – Kathryn Lyons, chair. Kathryn recently assumed responsibility as district chair and has met with members of the state committee twice via conference call. Currently working on updating the new member packet and a letter sent to members who recently dropped. Point of discussion at recent conference call centered around scheduling site visits to the PT professional educational programs to inform student PT's of the importance of membership in APTA. Also discussed possible site visits to large employers of PT's to meet with staff and describe the benefits of membership but recognized the burden of time on members of the committee since it would require taking time off work. Recommended that we continue to focus on recruiting students/ new graduates through site visits. The committee plans to coordinate with WPTA academic liaison committee to figure out how to connect with new grads that change addresses following graduation.

Legislative Key Contacts – Kathryn Lyons. February 28, 2007 is slated as Physical Therapy Legislative Day, from 9AM – 3PM in Madison. Will meet at Concourse Hotel for AM session with visits to legislators in the PM. Check [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org) for more information if you did not receive a brochure. Will be updating the list of state senators and assembly reps that represent members of SW district to provide to physical therapist key contacts. Am still looking for key contacts for:

Senate district 14 (Baraboo/Wis Dells/ Pardeeville/ Green Lake/ Scan/ Iola)

Assembly districts 40 (Waupaca/ Scandinavia/ Iola)

41 (Princeton/ Green Lake)

42 (Baraboo, Wis Dells)

38 (Columbus)

50 (Reedsburg)

51 (Dodgeville)

77 (Madison)

81 (Madison/ Waunakee)

Nominating Committee – Carrie Schwoerer, chair. This year the offices of secretary and vice chair are up for election. Carrie is soliciting names of individuals to run for these positions. If you would consider serving but would like to know more about what is involved, please contact Carrie or the current office

holders, Jane Bernatovich, secretary and Matt VanderKooi, v-chair or Blasé Strobl who recently served as v-chair. Carrie is also looking for someone to replace her as nominating committee chair because of commitments at the state and section level.

Public Relations Committee – Marcella Andrews not present. No report. Brief discussion of 2006 event volunteering at Madison IronMan. Those who volunteered agreed that it was an effective means of increasing the public’s awareness of physical therapy with a minimum of organizational effort as compared to Wee Wellness.

#### IV. Student Membership Reports

UW Madison PT program update (Phi Theta President). Thanked SW District for working with Phi Theta to organize today’s CE to help raise money for student group. Will continue this cooperative effort next year.

Blackhawk PTA program update: no report.

#### V. New Business

Review survey results: \_\_\_\_\_

SW District 2007 goals: #1-5 are continuations of 2006 goals.

1. The SW district will have at least 10 members nominated for the 2007 WPTA Physical Therapist of the Year Award.
2. The SW district will provide PT education for its members to include topics on ethics/ jurisprudence to help PT’s meet the CEU requirements for licensure.
3. 80% of the current State of Wisconsin legislative districts for the SW District will have an identified WPTA member serving as a key contact.
4. The SW District will organize volunteers for participation for an event to promote public awareness of physical therapy (IronMan, Wee Wellness, Women’s Health Expo are examples).
5. There will be a full slate of candidates running for open positions on SWD Executive Committee in Fall of 2007 ( Secretary and vice-chair)
6. The SW district will increase attendance at district meetings by 10% (motion by Chantel Hasman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Gibbons).

Motion to accept above goals as goals for 2007 made by Matt Gibbons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathryn Lyons. Motion passed on voice vote.

#### IV. APTA, WPTA, SW District Announcements

Upcoming 2007 events:

February 14-18	APTA CSM in Boston
February 28	PT Legislative Day, Madison Concourse Hotel
April 19-21	WPTA Spring Conference in Fontana/ Lake Geneva
	WPTA BoD meeting
May 1 (Tues)	SW District meeting with 1 hour CE on manual therapy by Matt Vander Kooi, site TBA
June 1 (Fri)	WPTA Strategic Planning meeting
June 2 (Sat)	WPTA BoD Meeting
June 2-6	World PT Conference in Vancouver, BC
June 27-30	APTA Annual Conference in Denver
October 4-6	WPTA Fall Conference in Green Lake
	WPTA BoD meeting
October 22 (Mon)	SW District Meeting with 1 hour CE at UW Research Park, Madison

Submitted by K. Lyons for Jane Bernatovich

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