

Minnesota Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association 2007 Annual Report

Mission: As a member driven and volunteer-led organization, the Minnesota Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) leads the membership in advocating for and securing the future of the profession of Physical Therapy.

Membership: On 12/31/07, the Chapter had 1625 members and over 600 volunteers working on behalf of our profession. The majority of the chapter activities are planned and implemented by committee through workgroups. Physical Therapist membership continues to be at a record high (1222 July 07), and PT Student membership broke the all-time high in Dec 07 with a membership of 328!

Chapter Finances: 35% of our revenue came from dues and 65% came from non-dues activities including conferences, continuing education, sale of Stand Up and Be Strong brochures, Peer Reviews, Bear Tracks, silent auctions, and web and newsletter advertising.

Autonomous Practice

- Implemented a new staffing structure to support professionalism, quality improvement and regulatory affairs in order to better advance the chapter's strategic plan.
- Created Referral for Profit Workgroup and RFP Taskforce
- Provided Chapter representation on state health care coalitions, councils, and committees



Direct Access

- Pushed Consumer Access bill which was ultimately tabled in the House Health Committee, but the chapter committed to pushing the legislation during the 08 legislative session
- Held 6th Annual Legislative Day at the State Capital, with 220 PTs, PTAs and PT/PTA Students attending
- Separated Government Affairs Committee into State and Federal Government Affairs Committees

Evidence-based Practice

- Prepared evidence for legislative initiatives, including position paper on Manipulation
- Initiated platform model for discussion of student research projects
- Supported quality improvement study groups that use evidence as their basis for discussions
- Held 16 CE courses through CE, Reimbursement Committees and Peer Review
- Held Spring and Fall Conferences with 485 registrants; 66 exhibitors and 13 sponsors

Practitioner of Choice

- Ran MN State Fair Booth for gamer's thumb and backpack fitting-- 111 volunteers distributed 8,500 fans and pieces of educational literature and 5,000 pencils; received \$7,5000 from 17 sponsors.
- Held 7th Annual Bear Tracks run with 290 runners; added 10K run; gave free foot screenings; distributed literature
- Recruited toys for Toys for Tots program; received exposure for profession on KARE-11 TV

Professionalism

- Implemented standards for conference and CE courses
- Celebrated the licensing of PTA's in MN
- Held courses on reimbursement for members and local payers
- Made changes to the peer review program to enhance our activities related to professionalism and quality practice within the profession
- Continued to dedicate efforts toward leadership development within the Chapter
- Sponsored the first Midwest Caucus for the APTA House of Delegates.