Effective Grassroots Effort - Our Own Case Study

Barb Sullivan, Legislative Division Chairperson

The legislative process often appears bureaucratic and cumbersome, in a world of its own with no rhyme or reason. It's seen as a game within itself. Cloaked in hierarchy and tradition, with so many unspoken rules, a mere layman may be too intimidated to play and skeptical that an honest result is possible. We depend on others to watch out for our interests...and life goes on. Then, an issue is introduced that stirs our passion. The passion grows and becomes both contagious and motivating. This time it came in the form of HB 2896, a bill presented by the Illinois Athletic Trainers Association seeking to amend their practice act. As many of you know, IPTA had a busy winter contacting legislators and educating them about the ill effects that were likely to arise by ATs expanding the scope of their practice. The rest of this article addresses this recently fought (and, for now, won) battle (more information on the bill can be found on page 7 in this newsletter). What is important is that we played the legislative game by their rules and found The System worked! With passion and momentum, we can make a difference—thank you to everyone who participated!

PHONE AND FAX CONTACT
In the week before the Committee hearing, many PTs/PTAs across the state called or faxed the legislators on the Committee, informing them of our position and concerns on the bill. This effort made such an impression on Committee members that they made special mention of it in the hearing. The impact was greater because it was statewide. It made a difference - YOU made a difference!

LEGISLATION DAY
On the day before the bill was to be heard in the House Registration Committee, 70 of your peers made the trip to Springfield to lobby their legislators. Everyone was dressed in professional attire with name tags, which could be seen all around the Capital Building. The PTs/PTAs were an impressionably visible force that seemed to be everywhere. Many of you were stepping forward for the first time to meet and discuss an issue with your local House and

Senate Representatives. Our members found the legislators approachable, willing to listen and interested in hearing our side of the issue. In fact, by the end of the day a majority of the 17 Committee members were persuaded to not vote for the bill as presented. It was a positive experience for all, and I urge everyone to try to attend the event next year. It is important that each of you develop and maintain those contacts with your state elected officials.

TAKE ACTION
I hope all PTs/PTAs who became involved with the Legislative process this session sees it as less intimidating and worth their effort. Please stay involved and allow us to use you to broaden our membership base for legislative participation for the future. To maximize the visibility we have had in the Legislature this session, we need individual members across the state to follow up and stay involved with the legislators they previously contacted. Call or fax a note letting them know you are aware HB 2896 did not move forward, thank them for listening to your concerns and let them know you think the AT issue is still controversial. If you haven't yet contacted your legislator, use HB 2896 as a reason to do so. Offer to be a resource for them

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President’s Message
Richard Rausch, MBA, PT

This issue of the PT Priority focuses on legislative activities. For those of us who have been monitoring the proposed changes to the ATC practice act over the past several months, this edition is particularly relevant. We have highlighted legislative concerns in past spring editions of Priority but these were usually not very controversial or they dealt with preparations for future initiatives. This year is very different.

As I am writing this, the IPTA is in discussions with the Illinois Athletic Trainers Association. Barb Sullivan’s article in this edition details the events surrounding the bill they put forward. In essence, the IATA wants to change the legislation in order that athletic trainers can perform all forms of rehab with any individual, not just the young, healthy athlete. The IPTA has been and continues to be opposed to this initiative. Hopefully, by the time you read this article, the LATA will have decided not to pursue such changes this year. We anticipate though, that this issue is not dead. This is part of a national movement by the National Athletic Trainers Association to upgrade practice acts in all states. The Illinois proposal will probably be made again next year and in successive years until they meet with success.

We have our work cut out for us if we hope to influence the legislators’ practice act. It is important to recognize what we have recently learned about our preparedness to be effective in Springfield. Several points come to mind:

1. We must consistently be vigilant of all bills related to the medical field. Many of the legislators that we talked to thought this “was no big deal” and were surprised that we had problems with the bill. The trainers had told them the changes were minor and only an attempt to clarify what is already happening in their practice settings.

2. We must do a better job of identifying therapists and assistants in every legislative district who are willing and able to what changes are contact their Senator and Representative about any bill that concerns our profession. Once the trainers’ bill had passed the Rules Committee and was going to the Registration and Regulation Committee, we discovered that we only had a few IPTA members identified in the appropriate districts. Fortunately, we were successful in finding enough physical therapists and assistants in all the committee member’s districts who were able to contact them in sufficient time to stop a positive vote.

3. We must prepare information in advance regarding issues we oppose or support in Springfield. We were able to put together successful talking points to use when dealing with the legislators. We are still finalizing some of the information necessary for discussion with the IATA.

4. We must utilize the technology available to us. Our broadcast email was critical in allowing the IPTA to distribute information quickly and to recruit members to participate in this effort.

5. We must do whatever we can to support legislators who are knowledgeable about Physical Therapy and will go to bat for our issues. This includes volunteer time and contributions to their campaigns. With the election this fall we have a great opportunity to show our support for the representatives who helped us this spring and who we would like to see in Springfield next year.

6. We should do everything in our power to keep Beth Coulson in office as a representative from the northern suburbs of Chicago. Beth is a physical therapist and we all have been very fortunate to have her in the legislature during the past 4 years. She is up for re-election and is expected to have opposition.

All in all, our Legislation Committee, our Chapter leadership and many others were very effective in communicating our concerns to legislators and other interested groups. I expect that we will need to be much more organized if the IATA resubmits a similar bill next year. We should also be ready for other groups to question our practice act or propose changes to their own acts that could affect our profession.

What occurs in Springfield at the legislative level can have a significant effect on the delivery of physical therapy services in Illinois. If we believe that physical therapy services must be delivered by or supervised by physical therapists, we need to be prepared to participate in the legislative process as actively as we have in recent months. That is a significant challenge, but one that we must meet.
Grassroots, continued from front page
on this or any other medical issue that may come up, now
or in the future.

Offer to assist a legislator you respect by working for his/
er her re-election campaign. A small investment of time is
very valuable in making an impression with the legislator.
It will maintain your relationship with your legislator on
the athletic trainers' issue and others important to your
profession.

PAC
The IPTA PAC, the chapter's political action committee, is
small and underfunded when compared with other medical
professions. We can't compete with the Medical Society
and Chiropractic associations when comparing PAC
funds—getting PAC contributions to legislators is all part
of the process of advancing and protecting our profession.
Give generously to protect our profession. The Spring
meeting in May will include PAC fundraiser for which we
will ask for your support. In addition, we will have a silent
auction for you to bid on items with the proceeds going to
the PAC. And don't forget the IPT-PAC Golf Outing in
June! You can contact Jim Milder, PAC Committee Chair,
at Milj@aol.com for more information on contributing to
the PAC.

LEGISLATION DIVISION
The IPTA legislative division has much to learn from the
events of this legislative session, and we're already working
on ways to improve communications, networking and
educational information. If you have suggestions or addi-
tional feedback—please email your district chair, any
legislative member or me. You can reach me at
sullivan.barb@mhsil.com. A list of district legislative
committee representatives can be found on the IPTA
website at www.ipta.org.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in Legislative
Day and to all of you who took the time to contact your
representatives regarding HB 2896. Your work really paid
off! Congratulations!
Bylaw Motions

The following motions are being presented for vote at the Spring Assembly. This notice shall serve as the 30-day notice required for bylaw motions. Please contact your District Chair, district representatives or the Chapter Office with questions.

A. Motion: Financial Obligations to Special Interest Groups
   Change Article V: Chapter Structure, Section 1, B. Obligations by adding to 1. or special interest groups following "district" so it would read:

   Article V: Chapter Structure, Section 1, B. Obligations
   B. The Chapter shall not be obligated for any debts incurred by a district or special interest group unless the district or special interest group has been specifically authorized in writing by the Chapter Board of Directors to act on behalf of the Chapter.
   Rationale: This would place the special interest groups at the same level of financial responsibility on the part of the Chapter as districts and prevent incurring debt not approved by the Chapter.

B. Motion: Division Director Appointments
   Change Article VII, Chapter Board of Directors, Section 4. C by adding Division Directors following "...appointment of" so it would read:

   C. The Board shall approve the President's appointment of Division Directors and committee chairmen except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.
   Rationale: This addresses the new Division leadership in the Chapter organizational structure and is consistent with appointment of all other non-elected positions of the Chapter.

C. Motion: Term for Director at Large
   Change Article VII, Officers, Section 7: Director at Large by substituting the sentence "This office shall be mandatory for only one term" for the sentence "The term shall be one year".

   B. The term shall be one year.
   Rationale: This clarifies the length of time that is considered a term for the Director at Large.

D. Motion: Speaker of the Assembly Responsibilities
   Change Article VIII, Officers, Section 8. Speaker of the Assembly by adding new:
   D. Be responsible for the orientation of new representatives to the Assembly.
   E. Organize and facilitate discussion forums at state meetings.
   Rationale: This readily identifies the need for new representative orientation and fulfills the request of FY '99 Fall Representative Assembly to continue and have the opportunity to discuss pertinent Chapter issues at the Fall Educational Conference since the elimination of the Fall Representative Assembly. This motion further ensures that discussions can continue at times other than the Fall Conference, in the event that future conferences are not held in the fall.

E. Motion: Divisions
   Change Article XI, Committees, Section 2 by adding a new B. and re-lettering the items so that they would read as follows:

   B. Divisions
   1. Names
      a. Practice
      b. Legislation
      c. Membership
      d. Public Relations
      e. Education

F. Motion: Delegation to the House Attendance
   Change Article XIV. Delegates to the House of Delegates, Section 1 by striking the words at least and third so it reads:

   The Illinois Delegation will represent the Chapter at the Association House of Delegates every year.
   Rationale: This recognizes the importance of Illinois representation at the House of Delegates and is in line with the delegation's responsibilities in years past.

G. Motion: Alternate Affiliate Delegates
   Change Article XIV. Delegates to the House of Delegates, Section D, by adding Alternate Delegate in front of Affiliate Delegate so it reads:

   5. Affiliate Director.
   6. Alternate Affiliate Delegate(s).
   Rationale: This gives recognition to the role of the Alternate Affiliate Delegate for the National Assembly of Physical Therapist Assistants and responsibility to participation in Delegation activities.

H. Motion: Delegate Term of Service
   Change Article XIV. Delegates to the House of Delegates, Section D by striking all after one (1) and inserting "two (2) years, with one-half (1/2) of the delegates elected each year." so it reads:

   D. Other than for officers, the position of delegate shall be classified as an office with a minimum term of two (2) years, with one-half (1/2) of the delegates elected each year.
   Rationale: Increasing the length of terms for the delegates allows continuity of business from year to year with opportunity to build on activities initiated in the prior year. For newer delegates this gives a longer period of time to gain confidence in conducting business in the House and become familiar with House policies.

I. Motion: Election of Alternate Affiliate Delegate
   I. Vicki Lee, move to change Article X, Elections, Section 2, D. by adding the word Alternate after "...and the" so it reads:

   D. One member of the Ethics Committee, one member of the Nominating Committee, and the Alternate Affiliate Delegate(s) shall be elected each year.
   Rationale: This identifies how the alternate delegate is elected. This individual would represent members at the RBNA in the absence of the Affiliate Director.
Call for Endorsements

The IPTA Nominating Committee is seeking endorsements for the following positions:

- President (1)
- Vice-President (1)
- Secretary (1)
- Ethics Committee (1)
- Nominating Committee (1)
- At-Large Delegates (5)

Responsibilities, eligibility requirements, and selection criteria used by the Nominating Committee are in the IPTA bylaws printed in the 2000 Membership Directory starting on page 135.

The slate of candidates and ballot will be mailed to each member by September 5, 2000. Please identify qualified members in your district and encourage them to consent to serve if nominated.

**Election Schedule:**

- Publish Call for Endorsements: April, 2000
- Deadline for close of nominations: June 30, 2000
- Deadline for Consent to Serve and biographical data forms: July 28, 2000
- Deadline for preparation of slate: August 7, 2000
- Ballot package to printer: August 21, 2000
- Ballot in mail to membership: September 5, 2000
- Ballot deadline, Ballots to Teller: October 6, 2000
- Publish results in *PT Priority*: December, 2000

**IPTA Endorsement for Nomination Form**

Instructions: Complete this form when endorsing a person as a nominee for election. The endorsed person must have been a member of the Association for at least two (2) years prior to the election date of October 6, 2000. He/she must be qualified to execute the duties and responsibilities of the elected position(s). You may endorse a person for more than one elected position on this copy of the form. The completed form must be received by the Nominating Committee no later than June 30, 2000 by mailing or faxing it to Paula Eppenstein, Nominating Committee Chair.

1. Name:  
   Position Endorsed for:  
   Address:  
   
2. Name:  
   Position Endorsed for:  
   Address:  
   
3. Name:  
   Position Endorsed for:  
   Address:  
   
4. Name:  
   Position Endorsed for:  
   Address:  
   
Name of person submitting this form:  

**District Endorsement**

- District Office and District:  

**Individual Endorsement**

- District:  

**Self Endorsement**

Return this endorsement form by June 30, 2000 to:

Paula Eppenstein  
9120 Shady Drive  
Hickory Hills, IL 60457  
Phone: (630) 462-4222  Fax: (630) 462-4442
House Bill 2896 effectively died 3/3/00

Barb Sullivan, IPTA Legislative Division Chair

House Bill 2896, an Act to amend the Athletic Trainers Practice Act, was not called to the House floor for 3rd reading by 3/3/00, missing the deadline for moving forward in the legislative process. HB 2896 was introduced by Representative Brunsvold last fall as an attempt to expand the scope of practice of the Athletic Trainers. The bill was moved from Rules into the Registration Committee, and heard in Committee on February 16, 2000. At the Committee hearing, the bill was amended to a shell bill, and passed out of committee on the agreement between Representative Coulson, bill sponsor Representative Brunsvold and Committee Chair Representative Saviano that bill language would need to be agreed upon by all interested parties prior to being moved forward. Revised language was proposed by IATA for IPTA consideration on Monday Feb 28th, which inadequately addresses IPTAs concerns with the bill and agreement was not met prior to the March 3rd deadline.

Next steps—HB 2896 is gone and cannot be resurrected. However, if modified AT Practice Act language can be agreed upon by all interested parties, this modified language can be amended onto a bill which has already moved along in the process and is now being considered in the Senate. Presumably this could be passed since there would no longer be any opposition to the language. This could happen any time between now and the end of session, i.e., end of April. The IATA is pursuing discussions on language, so we assume they are pursuing consensus language yet this session. The key to this is that agreement must be reached and signed off by all parties. It won’t happen if any controversy still exists. If consensus is not reached by the end of April, we can continue to work with the ATs over the summer on language to be introduced next year. Of course, since next year is a fresh start, the ATs have the option to introduce, or not, any bill they see fit. Although the issue is not yet resolved, we appreciate the way chapter members have come together and worked on this legislative effort to date!!! 

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Geneva, Illinois 60134

Legislative Day Comments

Mary Wilson, PTA – Attending this year’s Legislative Day was my first such experience. I found it both interesting and productive and encourage others, PTs and PTAs, to become involved in the process!

Sister Donna Marie Wood – I was pleased with how relatively easy it is to get in to see our legislators. I feel it is important to attend Legislative Day and recommend the event to other therapists.

Dawn Piech, PT – It was an inspiring day for me – from Rick Rausch presenting on HB2896, to actually sitting down with my Representative. I believe the 65+ of us there really impacted the bill – as one Representative said, “Are you a Physical Therapist too?” With the changes in healthcare, it is extremely important for all of us to become more involved, especially since “numbers talk” in Springfield. I would definitely recommend attending Legislative Day to other therapists.
Member Get-A-Member Campaign

In support of APTA's membership recruitment effort this year, the "Extend Your Reach" Member-Get-A-Member campaign, the IPTA Membership Division has developed its' own incentives to see who can increase the membership of IPTA the most. Prizes will be awarded at both the District and the individual level. These are in addition to prizes awarded nationally by APTA. The District garnering the largest percentage increase in new members will win two free conference registrations to the IPTA Fall Conference in November, 2000 and a trophy celebrating their accomplishment. The IPTA will also recognize the top three individuals who recruit the most new members (students are not included in recruitment numbers as they partake in their own membership drive – the Campus Competition). To be eligible for prizes, a minimum of five new members must be recruited. First place prize is total payment/reimbursement of APTA/IPTA dues for one full year, excluding section membership. The second place finisher will receive his or her IPTA component dues paid or reimbursed. Third place receives a $50.00 voucher for the purchase of APTA merchandise.

APTA will award prizes to the components that reach their membership goal as well as to the top three individual recruiters nationwide. The top three recruiters will be awarded with APTA Cash: $500 for first place, $250 for second place and $125 for third place. APTA Cash can be redeemed for APTA products and services.

APTA developed the "Extend Your Reach", Member-Get-A-Member campaign, in an effort to increase the number of physical therapy professionals represented and advocated for. The campaign challenges current members to take an active role in protecting their careers and advancing the physical therapy profession. As Association numbers increase, so does our influence with state and federal legislators. We have seen what we can do when we unite as one voice, as evidenced by the opposition mounted against the ATC bill in Springfield this past winter, but it's not over and we will face other challenges in the future. Imagine the impact we could have with even more voices! The Member-Get-A-Member campaign is special because it encourages current members to share their Association experiences and benefits with non-members. Personal stories, peer contact and one-on-one question and answer sessions are a great motivating factor.

Getting Connected
Weekly E-mail Literature Updates

Teri Elliott-Burke, MHS, PT

Did you know you can get a weekly e-mail literature update designed specifically for you? Doody Publishing provides such a service.

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- search for the latest literature in any specialty
- see the newest books and electronic media
- access MEDLINE, which links directly to the National Library of Medicine’s site.

So sign up today for the free weekly e-mail literature update and GET CONNECTED!

The "Extend Your Reach" campaign ends on August 31, 2000! Just four months left! Contact your District Chair or the IPTA Chapter Office for membership forms. Be sure to have your new recruits include your name in the special "Extend Your Reach" box on the form, otherwise you won’t get credit for recruiting them!
Students Share CSM Experiences

William B. Koc – Governor’s State University
This year’s CSM proved to be an exceptional learning experience. I enjoyed the diverse nature of the event. The variety allowed me to expand my knowledge base and afforded me the opportunity to hear presentations on very specific specialties in the field. I’m amazed at the number of familiar faces I saw at the meetings. The courses and exhibit hall provided a place to make connections that can assist in future problem-solving and networking. I would like to thank Jennifer Hilb and the IPTA for making scholarships available for CSM.

Una Curran – Northwestern University
The multiple courses that were offered at CSM, along with the exceptional exhibition hall, made attending the event an excellent learning experience. I was impressed with the wide range of interesting courses offered. Fortunately, I had the opportunity to attend many sessions. The material presented was extremely useful and complemented much of my coursework. The presenters were knowledgeable and enthusiastic and provided up-to-date, useful information. At the exhibit hall, I found a wide range of services and products available to physical therapists. I have never been to an exhibit hall that offered as much as this one did. I really enjoyed learning about products that are popular in physical therapy as well as ones that are new to the field. Additionally, I had the opportunity to have my resume critiqued by an expert in the field, who provided me with useful suggestions. I was amazed with the number of people who attended the conference. I found the conference to be a great opportunity to meet new people. I would like to congratulate APTA for choosing such an attractive location to have CSM, as well as on the superb organization of the conference. Also, I’d like to thank IPTA for the financial assistance to attend the conference. I appreciate your generosity.

Geeta Sood – Northwestern University
CSM offered many courses that were both educational and exciting. These expanded the knowledge and skills I have learned at school and in my clinicals. The exhibit hall was an excellent forum to network and learn about the new technologies that are emerging in the field. The turn-out this year was amazing…1200 students! Thank you to Jennifer Hilb and the IPTA for contributing to the SSIG and making these scholarships available.

Bylaw Motions
The following motions will be presented at the Representative Assembly for vote on May 6. This shall serve as the 30-day notice required for bylaws changes.

SRA Motion 1: Selection of Student Representation at the Assembly
On behalf of the Student Special Interest Group, I, Jennifer Hilb, move to amend Article VI Assembly of Representatives, Section 3, A.2. Student representatives by replacement with the following:

2. Student Representatives
Prior to the Assembly Meeting, the Student Special Interest Group shall elect its Board of Directors which will represent it at the Assembly.

Rationale: The Student Special Interest Group is moving toward a more organized representation of students in the programs in Illinois. This is an extension of that organization and is more in alignment of the past several years of student representation as representation from all schools has not happened.

SRA Motion 2: Number of Student Representatives
On behalf of the Special Student Interest Group, I, Jennifer Hilb, move to amend Article VI Assembly of Representatives, Section 3, B.3. Student Representatives by replacement with the following:

3. The Board of Directors of the Student Special Interest Group shall represent students.

Rationale: This identifies specifically who represents students and will be needed if the previous motion passes.
In Brief...

McMillan Scholarships Available

The Foundation for Physical Therapy announces its Mary McMillan Doctoral Scholarships for the year 2000. Scholarships are for physical therapists who have been accepted by a doctoral education program and are beginning their first semester. Six scholarships will be awarded in the amount of $5,000 each. Completed scholarship applications are due August 15. Award recipients will be notified in November and awards will be disbursed in December, 2000. To request an application, call the Foundation at 800-875-1378 or email foundation@apta.org. 

Chicagoland Physical Therapy Directors Forum

An invitation is extended to Illinois licensed PTs and PTAs who hold management positions to join the Chicagoland Physical Therapy Directors Forum. This group meets monthly at locations around the Chicago area. It provides education, an avenue for members to communicate and network, share information on innovative management, leadership, business and clinical practice, and promotes leadership development. For information on joining the group, please contact Elena Kurth, PT at ekurth@cath-health.org or phone: (773)388-7392.

Bike Ride to Benefit AIDS Research

IPTA member Lori Walter will be riding 500 miles on a bicycle this summer to help fight the AIDS virus. Lori has signed up to ride in Alaska from Fairbanks to Anchorage and is committed to raising $3,900 - all of which will be donated to fund research for an AIDS vaccine. It is through her work as a PT that she sees how this disease affects its victims and decided to help fight it. If you are interested in learning more about the ride or sponsoring Lori, please contact her at lwalte1@aol.com.

PTs Needed!

We recently learned of an opportunity that one of our members is participating in this summer. Julie Dewerd has signed up to be the physical therapy crew manager for the Avon 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk from June 16-18, 2000. Over 4,000 walkers have already registered for this event! They will walk 60 miles during the walk, which runs between Kenosha and Chicago. Julie and her crew will be helping walkers with their sore feet!! This is a great event and an excellent opportunity for exposure within the communities! If you are interested in helping out with this event, please contact Julie at jdewerd@aol.com.

CEUs Found on Website

Members who are looking for CEU courses can now find a list on the IPTA website. All courses that have been approved for IPTA CEUs are listed on the site, under the Education Division. We hope this listing helps members identify courses that they may be interested in taking. You can also download a CEU application for any courses that you may be teaching or involved in setting up and want IPTA CEUs for. Simply, download, print and fax or mail it back to the chapter office. The IPTA website can be accessed at www.ipta.org.

APTA Launches Legislative Advocacy Center

Early this year, APTA launched its’ online, interactive State Legislative Advocacy Center. This feature is designed to stimulate and facilitate grassroots activism at the state level. The site enables APTA members to obtain information about their state government and participate in the political and legislative processes that affect physical therapy. The Center can be accessed at www.apta.org/advocacy. It includes a guide to each state’s governor, representatives and senators; current bills, legislation and information on how to contact your state representatives. All you need to know is your home address!

Delivering Effective, Comprehensive Therapy Services: The New Multiple Sclerosis Guidelines

Saturday, June 24, 2000
8:00 AM-5:00PM
Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Featuring: Cinda Hugos, PT, MS
Lois Copperman, PhD, OTR

Cost: $60
Call IPTA for a brochure.

Sponsored by: IOTA and IPTA
Please Join Us
as we welcome

APTA President

Jan K. Richardson, PT, PhD, OCS
to our Spring Meeting!

When: Saturday, May 6, 2000

Where: Lisle Hilton in Lisle, IL

What: IPTA Spring Meeting -
Board of Directors Meeting 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Chief Delegate's Forum 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Representative Assembly 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
IPT-PAC cocktails and silent auction 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION ($250) 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Dinner and Program ($60) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Dance and Live Auction 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Who: All IPTA Members. You are invited to hear President Richardson speak on APTA's Vision 2020, attend the Illinois Chapter's annual legislative meeting (the Representative Assembly) and support the IPT-PAC!

RSVP: Call the IPTA Chapter Office at 630/571-1400 or fill out the form found on the reverse side of this sheet and fax it to 630/571-1406.

Space is limited! Reserve your spot today!

All proceeds from this event will go to the IPT-PAC to support physical therapy legislative efforts in Illinois. PAC contributions are not deductible for income-tax purposes. A copy of our report will be filed with the State Board of Elections and is/will be available for purchase from the State Board of Elections, Springfield, Illinois.

Please see the article on page 4 for additional information about the Spring Meeting and activities.
2000 Spring Meeting and PAC Fundraiser
Registration Form

Name: ____________________________  Nickname for badge: ______________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

Daytime phone: ___________________  Fax: ________________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________________

Please select which function(s) you plan to attend. *Payment must accompany registration.*

( ) Box Lunch for Chief Delegate’s Forum  $15  ( ) Check enclosed

( ) IPT-PAC Dinner-Dance  $60  ( ) Mastercard

( ) President’s Reception  $250  ( ) Visa

TOTAL: ____________________________

Method of Payment: ____________________________

Credit Card #: ________________________  Expiration Date: __________

Cardholder’s Name (please print): ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________

* Please make checks payable to IPTA.

** Attendance at the President’s Reception is limited to 25. The cost includes dinner and the evening’s program. Attendance at the dinner is limited 120.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 21, 2000

Mail or fax the completed registration form to the IPTA Chapter Office.
1010 Jorie Boulevard, Suite 134 Oak Brook, IL  60523
fax: 630/571-1406;  phone: 630/571-1400
CALL FOR PRESENTERS
Illinois Physical Therapy Association - 2000 Fall Conference

The IPTA Conference Committee is seeking members who are interested in presenting at this year's Fall Conference. The conference takes place November 10-12 at Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, Illinois. To receive consideration, all proposals must be received in the Chapter Office by 5/1/00. Please type or print legibly.

PRIMARY PRESENTER
Name: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Institution: ________________________
Address: __________________________
City, State, Zip: ____________________

SECONDARY PRESENTER
Name: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Institution: ________________________
Address: __________________________
City, State, Zip: ____________________

SESSION TYPE
____ 2 hour workshop
____ 1 hour technical session

CONTENT AREA(S)
____ Administration
____ Industry
____ Neurology
____ Geriatrics
____ Home Health
____ Pediatrics
____ Academics
____ Research
____ Orthopedics
____ Other

TARGET AUDIENCE
____ Entry
____ Intermediate
____ Advanced

Title of Presentation (8 words maximum)

Program Description (30 words or less for conference brochure)

Abstract (300 words or less for committee decision. Please use a separate page.)

Audio-Visual Needs
____ Overhead projector
____ Flip Chart
____ Slide projector
____ TV/VCR (VHS or 3/4”)
____ Other

** Please note, LCD projectors, such as those used for Powerpoint presentations are not available through Eagle Ridge. Presenters needing LCD projectors are asked to provide their own or work with other presenters who may have projectors to loan them.

Please return this form and your abstract to:
Illinois Physical Therapy Association
1010 Jorie Boulevard, Suite 134
Oak Brook, IL 60523
Phone: (630) 571-1400
(800) 552-4781 (IL only)
Fax: (630) 571-1406
Good-bye Message
from IPTA’s First Executive Director

Kristine S. Hillmer, MBA, CAE

It is with mixed feelings that I write this message. As many of you know, I have resigned my position as Executive Director and will be moving to the Milwaukee area in April. My last day at the IPTA was on March 31.

I am very proud of the work that we have accomplished over the past four and a half years. It has been with immense pleasure that I have worked closely with a great number of dedicated, professional people who put in tremendous time and effort to further the purpose and goals of the association. I also leave behind a very dedicated and competent staff without whom I would never have been able to accomplish as much as I did. Because of this dedicated team of staff and volunteer leaders, I know that I leave the IPTA in better shape than it was when I started. The IPTA has a very bright and successful future ahead of itself and I am very pleased to have been part of its history.

As I close this particular chapter in my life, I eagerly await and look forward to the unique challenges that the future holds for me. This move brings me closer to my family and will allow me the opportunity to stay at home with my children, Kimberly and Alex. Although I will miss all my colleagues and friends in Illinois, I look forward to doing some of those activities that are not always possible when you are a working mother. I have left my contact information with the staff for any members wishing to contact me in Wisconsin.

IPTA is in my thoughts and prayers as it continues to face the challenges that present themselves. Thank you for the opportunity to have made a difference.

Sincerely,

Kristine S. Hillmer
Diversity 2000 - Destination: CHICAGO!!!!

That's Right! APTA's annual black tie fundraiser for minority scholarships is coming to ILLINOIS this year! Join in on the fun at the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago on the evening of October 14, 2000!!

In the eight years that the fundraiser has been in existence, 69 students and one faculty member have been awarded a total of $147,000!!! You can help support this great investment in the future of the PT profession!

As the host chapter, we are asking all members to consider attending or supporting this great event. Make sure you let all of your colleagues know about this fun-filled evening!

HOW CAN YOU HELP??? Consider sponsoring the event as a group or individually. There are many different levels of support available!

- Purchase ad space in the souvenir book.
- Be a sponsor and underwrite parts of the event.
- Encourage vendors that you know to participate.
- Raise money as a work group - any level of contribution is welcome!
- Attend the event!!
- Donate raffle and/or Silent Auction Items

The Academic Administrators Special Interest Group of the Section on Education is also meeting in Chicago this same weekend. Support for this group is needed as well. The tentative location for this event is the Palmer House Hilton.

The IPTA Chapter Office has ticket purchase/contribution forms available. Please call 630/571-1400 to receive one.

Call Johnette Meadows, PT, MS or Eva King at APTA 1-800-999-2782, ext. 3143 or 3144 for more information on how YOU can help make Diversity 2000 the most successful yet!

“Diversity 2000: Physical Therapy Scholarships for a Diverse Future”
To: Kris Hillmer -

Best Wishes from IPTA  
Leaders - Past and Present

Many thanks for all of your personal and professional support. You've certainly helped prepare us for the 21st Century. Best Wishes!

Bibette Sanders

Thanks for all your help and continued joy and success in all you do.

Tom Holway

Kris, you were always professional, with a smile on your face! We'll miss you!

Denise Ethan

Kris, thanks for helping IPTA rise to a higher level of professionalism. Your dedication has meant a lot to all of us.

Berta M. Menan

Kris, you have made a difference here. Thanks

Toni Sanders

Kris, you have made the IPTA work the way that it should. You leave us with a wonderful foundation and the tools to keep building upon it.

Paul Trumbull

Kris, you have been wonderful to work with and a joy to know! Good luck and warm wishes!

Don Jackson

Kris, wishing you the best of everythingalways! You will be missed!

Tim Lance

Kris, good luck from the Southern District. We will miss you

Jay Pandey

Taking time to enjoy your family is well worth it. We will miss your organization and hard work!

Diane Davis

Kris, best wishes as you move on to a new adventure!

Alice Saltzman

Kris, thanks for enhancing the quality of the IPTA services. Best of Luck!

Nancy Young

Kris, best wishes to you and yours. Great working with you!

Carmela A. Ruffalo

Kris, you will be missed.

Judi Holeman

Thanks for your dedication to the IPTA. May sunshine and rainbows always fill your life.

Debbie Strauss

Kris thanks for everything  
Your efforts and opinions will be missed

Rick Sautch

Please keep in touch, looking forward to seeing you at the golf outing.

Ann McQuaid

You will be missed! (Will IPTA pay for a long-distance pager?)

Paula Hope Appnotated

Thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

Mickey Bonk

Kris made working with the IPTA office a pleasure. She is a logistics whiz and usually had all details addressed before I could even think of them.

Jay Lowell
4th Annual IPTA Golf Classic

Are you itching to hit the links? We can help you! RSVP today for the 2000 IPT-PAC Golf Classic! This year's event takes place on Friday, June 23, 2000 at Country Lakes Golf Course in Naperville. The shotgun start begins at 8:30 a.m. The tournament is a scramble format, with several contest holes, including a $10,000 hole-in-one contest! Prizes will also be awarded for overall lowest net score, and lowest net score in the Hospital Challenge and the School Challenge. Don't forget the silent auction and be sure to get your raffle tickets!

The cost for individual golfers is $100 ($75 for students) and includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, driving range, all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), on-course beverages, and a gift pack. In addition, Betsy Voyles, PT of Body Balance, will be holding a golf clinic Injury Prevention = Performance Enhancement before the start of dinner. For those interested in attending dinner only, the cost is $30.

The physical therapy profession is being challenged on a regular basis. Issues at both the state and federal level require our constant vigilance. PTs, PTAs and students are encouraged to participate in this outing to help ensure the vitality of this profession and patient care. Net proceeds of the event will benefit the IPT-PAC.

Last year we had 96 golfers. Let's try to beat that number this year! RSVPs are needed by June 9, 2000. You may contact the Chapter Office to request a registration form. Sponsorships are available and begin at $50. In addition to the sponsorship, we are accepting donations and prizes for the silent auction and raffle. You may contact the Chapter Office for sponsorship levels and details. Please contact Tim Caruso at (630) 628-8176 or CarusoPT@ameritech.net for information on the School and Hospital Challenges.

PHYSICAL THERAPY CHICAGO is the oldest physical therapy practice in the Loop. We remain 100% physical therapist-owned. Our 3,100 sq. ft. clinic features individual treatment rooms equipped with mobilization tables, a spacious orthopaedic gym, modern, versatile equipment, and views of Grant Park and Monroe Harbor. Our facility and equipment enable us to treat all orthopaedic PT cases including spine, TMJ, feet, and hands. We also have an industrial and consulting practice. Ob/Gyn, Feldenkreis, lymphedema, arthritis, ergonomics, and many other niche PT practice areas could be developed within our facilities.

Do you know physicians who will refer patients to you if you are in private practice? Have you gained the confidence of case managers who will refer patients? Do you have corporate or extensive social contacts that form the nucleus of a referral base? Do you have potential for a consulting practice? If so, I would like to discuss partnering with you.

You supply your professional expertise and your own patient referrals. We will supply your infrastructure: an attractive, efficient clinic with smooth billing & collections operations, computer use, full time reception, PT equipment, an established business and clinical reputation, and friendly, skilled orthopedic colleagues to interact with.

This opportunity is available for a few hours a week or full time. Create your own schedule. Build your practice slowly (keep your regular job and start private practice part time). Or, if you are ready now, quit that job, and build your "practice within a practice" immediately.

Please call me between 7AM and 5PM to discuss this unique opportunity.

Peter J. McMenamin, MS,PT, OCS
Fax: 312-855-9208
Phone: 312-855-1711

PHYSICAL THERAPY CHICAGO
55 E. Washington, Suite 1320
Chicago, IL 60602
Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, the hub of the Rush System for Health, is one of the nation's premier research and teaching hospitals. Located one mile west of the Loop, Rush offers leading-edge medical treatment to patients from Chicago and across the nation. Our reputation as Chicago’s most progressive, stable and world class environment is earned every day by vision, innovation, skills and knowledge.

SENIOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST
We have an exciting opportunity for a PT for our Rush Home Care Network. This individual must be interested in working in a collaborative interdisciplinary setting. Responsibilities include acting as a resource to clinical staff by providing field supervision, education, participation in patient outcome studies and evaluation. 3 years home care experience required. Advanced clinical skills preferred. Job Code: CW-ChmPT.

PHYSICAL THERAPY MANAGERS
We are seeking two quality driven PT Managers to lead our progressive departments. These individuals must have excellent clinical skills in Rehab and/or Acute Care and be able to supervise others in collaborative interdisciplinary settings. At least 2 years of supervisory experience, IL-license, BS degree, excellent employee relations and communication skills required. MS degree and advanced clinical skills preferred. Job Code: CW-61551.

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT
Graduation from an accredited Physical Therapy Assistant program and Illinois licensure is required. New grads encouraged to apply. Job Code: CW-3623.

Interested candidates may forward a resume and salary requirement, indicating job code, to Recruitment & Career Services, RUSH-PRESBYTERIAN-ST. LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER, 729 S. Paulina, Chicago, IL 60612. E-mail: hr@rush.edu Or visit our Web site at www.rush.edu EOE. M/F/D/V.
Eastern District Election Results

District Chairperson: Julie Rosen
Vice-Chairperson: Julie (Giers) Cook
Delegate: Nora Francis
Nominating Committee: David Scalzitti

Assembly Representatives:
Gail Huber, Don Jackson, Julie Rosen, Cindy Weinstein, Jay Lamble, Jeanne O'Neill McCoy, Jonella Black, Sandy Hummel, Debra Howe Popovich, Don Straube, Paula Goga Epenstein, David Scalzitti, Maria Sobel, Mark Jones, Betsy Elsaesser, Pauleen Brannigan, Robert Trippichio, Marjorie Johnson, David Pleva, Danielle Chams, Matt Boebel, Julie DiGiovanni, Laura Crosby, Kathy Semelka, Mary Carter, Dawn Piech, Debbie Childers, Kellie Cunningham, Julie Laws

Alternate Assembly Representatives:
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Part-time Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant

- 15-20/hrs per week
- private practice in Sycamore, Illinois
- manual therapy experience preferred
- potential for full time if desired
- competitive salary
- full time candidates may apply

FAX resume to Lynn 815-899-7596
Creative Therapeutics, Ltd.
Sycamore, IL
Dateline

Submissions to Dateline should be sent to the IPTA Chapter Office. Inclusions in the calendar are as space permits and are at the discretion of the editor. Priority is given to IPTA events. Cost per listing is $25 for non-IPTA events.

APRIL

5  IPTA Eastern District Meeting  
   Location: Grant Hospital, Chicago  
   Time:  5:00 p.m.  
   Please call Cindy Weinstein at (847) 570-2060 for additional information.

6-9  McKenzie Method - Part A: Lumbar Spine  
    Instructor: Elaine Gilman, PT, Dip. MDT  
    Location: St. Francis Hospital of Evanston, 355 Ridge  
    Avenue, Evanston  
    For more information, please contact the McKenzie Institute at 1-800-635-8380.

12  IPTA East Central District Meeting

30  March of Dimes WalkAmerica  
    Location: Chicago (Eastern District)  
    Anyone interested in more information on this event can contact Kristine Brandel at (773) 929-2822.

MAY

6  IPTA Spring Meeting and PAC fundraiser  
    Location: Lisle Hilton, Lisle, IL  
    Spring Assembly Speaker - Jan K. Richardson of APTA

6  Geriatric SIG Meeting  
    Location: IPTA Spring Meeting, Lisle, IL  
    Time:  9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
    Schedule: Business portion presentation  
    Speaker: Christine Largo  
    Topic: Becoming a Geriatric Clinical Specialist.  
    Please contact Ann McPhee at 847/336-8356 or mcpr4@aol.com for more information.

6  Student SIG Meeting  
    Location: IPTA Spring Meeting, Lisle, IL  
    Time:  9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
    Contact Jennifer Hilb at j-hilb@nwu.edu for more information.

18  IPTA Western District Meeting  
    Location: Galesburg  
    Topic: Legislative Issues  
    Time:  6:30-7:00 pm social; 7:00-9:00 pm meeting.

19-21  McKenzie Method Part B: Cervical and Thoracic  
       Instructor: Phil Burchell, PT, Dip. MDT  
       Location: St. Francis Hospital of Evanston  
       For more information, please contact the McKenzie Institute at 1-800-635-8380.

20-21  The Hesch Method of Treating Sacroiliac Joint Dysfunction:  
       Integrating the SI, Symphysis Pubis and Lumbar Spine  
       Location: Sports Medicine & Occupational Orthopedic Clinic, Decatur, IL  
       Cost: $395  
       Target Audience: PTs and PTAs  
       Content: Intermediate and Advanced  
       Contact: Jerry Hesch at (505) 242-4440 or Karen Hill at (217) 428-6222.

JUNE

9-10  APTA Clinical Instructor Education and Credentialing Program  
    Location: Northern Illinois University, DeKalb  
    Contact: Dot Thullen at (815) 753-8996  
    This program is designed for persons interested in or involved with clinical education (clinical instructors, center coordinators of clinical education, academic coordinators of clinical education) and is recognized by the APTA.

14-17  APTA Annual Conference and Exposition  
    Location: Indianapolis, IN

16  IPTA Alumni and Schools Social at APTA Conference  
    Location: Grand Ballroom 3, The Westin Indianapolis, 50 South Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-3425  
    Time:  7:00-9:00 p.m.

23  IPT - PAC Golf Outing  
    Location: Country Lakes Golf Club, Naperville, IL  
    Time:  Shotgun start, approximately 8:30 a.m.  
    Cost:  $100 ($75 for students)  
    RSVP by June 9, 2000 to the IPTA Chapter Office.

23-25  McKenzie Part B  
       Location: St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. Louis, MO  
       For information contact the McKenzie Institute at 1-800-635-8380.

IPTA Seeking Executive Director

The Illinois Physical Therapy Association is seeking an Executive Director. This position is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Chapter and serves as the liaison to the BoD. Requirements include: experience in managing subordinates, finances and budgeting, meeting planning and strong computer skills. This is a full-time, exempt position. A more detailed job description is available from the IPTA Chapter Office. Interested persons should fax their resume to Rick Rausch, MBA, PT, Chapter President at 312/944-7593.
IPTA Supports the March of Dimes

Diane Davis, IPTA PR Division Director

The IPTA is participating in the MOD WalkAmerica in the months of April and May. Each District is encouraged to get a team together to complete the 10K walk and gather donations for the March of Dimes. Last year the IPTA raised $6,797. 42 walks are planned around the state this year. The IPTA PR Division will be selling tee-shirts for our teams to let everyone know who we are! They will be available by the end of March. There is no registration fee to walk, but we ask that all donations be submitted with our team code, 0134, so IPTA gets credit for the donations. Let’s try to get a great display of support for this statewide activity! Get a group of PTs together, gather some pledges and get ready to walk!!!! For more information about walks taking place in your area, contact your district representative/team captain or Diane Davis at 773/702-6926; email: davis3@uchicago.edu.

The following members are team captains for the districts:

Central District - Aaron Perkins
East Central District - Karen Born
Eastern District - Kristine Brandel
North Central District - James McKinley
Northern District - Ted Burke
West Central District - Paul Trumbull
Western District - Michelle Ograzek

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