A Message from MNPTA President Paul Niemuth

Election Season! The mid term elections are just around the corner and that means the MNPTA Government Affairs Committee, led by Kathleen Picard and Anne Johnson, is preparing and planning for the upcoming legislative session that begins January 8th. We have a very aggressive agenda led by our Disability Parking Bill for PT’s.

Being an organization with strong advocacy requires a strong well-funded PAC; Political Action Committee.

The MNPTA PAC is one of the most impactful tools we have to gain access to legislators. Our contributions help remind legislators that the MNPTA is here, serving a vital mission to protect the physical therapy profession. Our PAC makes small contributions to legislators, but does not “buy” votes. Our PAC contributions open doors, allowing us to talk about the huge benefits of physical therapy and the issues that impair our ability to deliver care our patients deserve. It is an important piece of a comprehensive advocacy program and without strong funding, our impact at the Capital is diminished.

The MNPTA PAC, under the leadership of Craig Johnson, has launched a 12 month campaign to raise $25,000 for the PAC. Using a new text message program, MNPTA members will now receive text messages that brings the member directly to the PAC donation page. No more searching or writing checks – just a seamless, secure, private electronic process. We have already launched two campaigns:

*Concerned about limited patient access to care and payment? Text PTPAC18 to 51555 for updates on work from this critical legislative session.*

*Disability parking needs your support to pass! A strong, well-funded MNPTA-PAC will make an impact on this critical legislation.*

Stay tuned for our third message which will be an opportunity to give. If you have not received these messaged, please notify info@mnapta.org to be added to our distribution.

I can’t stress strongly enough how important it is for everyone to respond. If each member contributes just $25, we would far exceed our goal. To put into context – the dollars you spend on a few latte’s could go toward protecting and advancing the physical therapy cause at the Capital.

A cornerstone of the MNPTA’s legislative program has been our lobbyist, Randy Morris. Earlier this year, Randy announced his retirement at the end of 2018. The MNPTA Board established a search team led by Lora Anderson. We are thrilled to announce
that Tom Lehman from the Lehman Group will join our team as our new lobbyist. Tom has a great deal of experience working in health care and will pick up right where Randy leaves off. We couldn’t be more excited to welcome Tom to our Association. We thank Randy for his 13 years of stellar service and wish him all the best in his retirement.

We rely on our database to communicate effectively with you. Please take a moment to log into your MNPTA profile and check all information for accuracy. Always use the "Forgot Password?" feature or contact the office at 651-635-0902 instead of creating a new member profile. Since our database is populated from the national APTA database, PT, PTA and Student Members and Corresponding Members will need to make changes to their profiles at the APTA level. Pay extra attention to your email and mailing addresses, mobile phone number, and specialty areas. We use your information to communicate about important organizational news and disperse information specific to areas of expertise.

Sincerely,

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