Meeting Minutes

OPTA SSIG Conference Call

Date 01/06/19  Call to Order 08:30 P.M. EST

PT Co-Chair Report: Roxana
- CSM January 23-26
  - Download the APTA conferences app by searching “APTA Conferences” in your app store to help organize and maximize your time at the conference

PTA Co-Chair Report: Elizabeth
- PT Pub Nights/District Events
  - WC District: Vestibular Fundamental Part 2: 1/6/19, 6:30 PM, Middletown, OH
    - Registration ends 1/15/19, free for OPTA student members

Vice Chair Report: Emma
- Student Involvement
  - Fill out this google form to be added to the SSIG Roster
    https://goo.gl/forms/BIYLo54hYtsbcxHy2
  - How to sign up to be a school representative: https://www.ohiopt.org/page/SSIG
- Early Professional SIG update
  - Still working on electing members to committees
  - Still writing procedures, but looking at building a relationship with the student SIG

Secretary’s Report: Kayla
- Email harris.2631@osu.edu to be counted in attendance
- No new business

CORE Ambassador Report: Norah

CSM
- Conference Connections for CSM
  - Sign up ends on 1/15/19
- The APTA Student Assembly will have a general membership meeting at CSM
- The exhibit hall at CSM will have a Student Neighborhood- an area for students to meet/network
- Federal Advocacy Forum, 3/31/19-4/2/19 in Washington D.C.
  - Application deadline for the OPTA Student Scholarship is 1/21/19
- Ohio Advocacy Day - 4/4/19
- Transform 2019: OPTA’s Annual conference - 4/519-4/6/19
● National Advocacy Dinners - email Norah at aptasa.coreoh@gmail.com if you're interested in learning more or hosting one!
● House of Delegates, 6/9/19-6/11/19, Chicago, IL
  ○ Application deadline for the OPTA student scholarship is 2/11/19

Student Challenge Report: Malerie
● Trivia madness update
  ○ Sign up to play on the OPTA website
  ○ Must be signed up for at least one day of conference
  ○ Will be adding members from the Early Professional SIG

Activities Coordinator: Grace
● 8 schools participating with the addition of Cleveland State since the last meeting
  ○ It is never too late to join and I would love if we could get a few more PTA programs in the mix. Sign-up on the website.
● January Hour Updates
  ○ U Toledo 304
  ○ Cincinnati 216
  ○ Walsh 115
● Updates will be posted to the website and social media

● An idea that was brought up at a previous meeting was giving some incentive for PT and PTA schools collaborating on service events. This is something we want to move forward with for the remainder of the challenge, but are looking for input and ideas on what it should look like.
  ○ The initial idea was doubling the hours for any events where a PT and PTA program collaborate.
    ■ No objections were stated

Report on Website: Tyler
● No new business
● Feel free to post to social media about events and updates in your programs

Advisor Report: Carolyn
● Looking for candidates for upcoming board of directors!
● See website for role descriptions
● Email cmhinkle9@gmail.com with any questions
● More help needed for the Therapy Madness subcommittee, contact Malarie if interested

Member Engagement Specialist Report: Marie
● Transform 2019 will have a “meet and greet” for outgoing and incoming board members
● OPTA Student Scholarships
  ○ 2 scholarships available for FAF, deadline 1/21/19
Guest Speaker: Dr Tonya Apke OPTA President

- #bettertogether: how can we work together to ultimately better our patients and the community
- Membership is essential to the #bettertogether movement
- Being a member of your professional organization is really important to not only your professional development, but also the development of the profession
- Advocacy effort of APTA
  - CMS rules regarding therapy students in the inpatient rehabilitation setting initially stated that minutes provided by students could not be billed
  - This sparked the association to confront CMS and CMS came out with a statement clarifying that students are qualified to provide services under supervision
- Avenues for getting students more involved in the OPTA
  - State affairs committee
  - Advocacy Day
  - Get involved with grassroots efforts
    - Ex. send a letter to a legislator, invite a legislator to speak
- How to get classmates more involved
  - The APTA works on a lot of different issues, so the APTA takes some of that burden off of you and allows you to focus on the things that you want to focus on
  - Being a members also helps you stay on top of evidence based practice
  - A good resource for networking
  - Career Starter Dues
- The Early Professional SIG can be a great way for students to transition

How to approach a CI who is not a member
- Ask them why they are not a member and think about benefits of membership that they could relate to
  - Approach it with curiosity and as a discussion

HB 131
- Our practice act now includes the act of making a PT diagnosis
- Passing a bill has shown that we are able to negotiate and advocate for what we feel is important for the profession
- What’s next:
  - Collaboration with other healthcare professionals - especially with the opioid crisis
  - Co-pay issues and better access to care

Report on Upcoming Events:
- Next call February 10, 2019