First off, I just wanted to say thank you to everyone for allowing me to be in this position. I look at the many individuals who have served in this capacity prior to me and the contributions they have made not only to this organization but also the profession, and I do not take this responsibility lightly.

With that being said, we hit the ground running after the fall 2018 meeting. Andy York, Jake Tesch, and myself held a conference call with Tim Dougherty to discuss our associations movement forward to attain our own independent licensure board. Tim felt based on our timeline and with the change in Governor, it was in our best interest to wait until the 2020 legislative session to pursue our “PT Board.” We have been busy meeting with several individuals in the state that have successfully attained their own independent licensure board, as well as PT’s from other states who were integral in their states successful legislation to attain their own independent licensure board. Tim Dougherty and myself still plan to conduct meetings with the Secretary of Health as well as the Secretary of Labor to solidify our plan but have been asked to wait until the 2019 legislative session has concluded.

With this push for our own board it will be necessary to have ACTIVE participation from our membership to meet with your representatives in your home district and educate them on the necessity for our profession to have its own licensure board.

Any time active membership gets brought up, it is also a good time to discuss membership in general. I’ve read it in every newsletter over the past 9 years, and now I sit here and type it. We need active participation from our members, and we need to achieve quorum at our business meetings. We cannot move our organization forward if we are continuing to have low turn outs. I will be discussing with our board alternative options and/or solutions to this moving forward. However, one thing we can always strive to do is encourage non-member co-workers or PT friends to join the association. Especially if we are moving forward with our own board, there will be strength in numbers!

I want to say thank you to the PT’s who were able to travel to Pierre in early February for the legislative luncheon that we provided at the state capital building. Our association provided a meal for the legislators that went over well. I think they were appreciative that we were present and serving them even though we weren’t pushing legislation this year. We did offer thanks to them personally for voting for our Dry needling bill. Additionally, to that note, our board of directors sent a thank you letter to all the legislators from the 2018 session for passing our legislation, along with a patient testimonial on how much dry needling helped them with their chronic pain.
Andy York took over for Phil Moe as our state legislative chair and did an excellent job getting to know many of the members of the legislative body. Our legislative day for next year was scheduled for **February 4, 2020**, and as we intend to have legislation for our own licensure board present next year, it would be nice to have an overwhelming crowd, so mark your calendars!

I also want to put a big thank you out to Julie Wingen and her Reimbursement committee for all the fine work they are doing. Julie is hosting monthly conference calls regarding any and all changes to reimbursement and challenges that private practice providers are having. If you are interested in getting on one of these calls, please contact either Julie, Shelley DeMarais, or myself and we’ll get you the information.

Once again, Brandie Rainboth and her PR committee continue to do great work for our organization and profession as a whole. Brandie recently was notified that we again this year received the APTA community awareness grant for $3000 to assist with advertising in the Argus Leader and the Rapid City Journal.

Our President-Elect Jake Tesch is heading the newly formed Private practice committee. So far this has consisted of emails to the membership and getting ideas for how private practice PT’s want to see a committee work for them. The discussion so far has been great and there have been a lot of good ideas brought up. I look forward to hearing more about these at our Spring meeting.

I have had 2 calls from PT’s indicating potential term infractions. I have brought them both up to Tim D. and he has looked into each case. Each situation was different, but both were journalistic mistakes, vs intent from either a Chiropractic clinic or an ATC. However, I do encourage all PT’s to stay vigilant on these cases. You are definitely not bothering me by asking me to look into any potential infraction you may see. No one else is going to look out for our profession, so we need to continue to watch out for ourselves.

One last issue I have been receiving notifications on is that when folks were reapplying for their 2019 licenses there was no location to input their 2018 continuing education information on the SDBMOE website. This is a major issue, and quite frankly it’s against the law for the “board” to not include that. Again, Tim D. is aware of this issue and we are following his lead.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing many of you in Deadwood in a few short weeks. Hopefully the weather cooperates so we can have good attendance at our courses and our meetings.

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**Treasurer’s Report by Wade Fligge PT, DPT, OCS~ Big Stone Therapies**

The SDAPTA assets consist of:

1. Great Western Bank Checking: $10,428
2. Vanguard Money Market: $89,900
3. Vanguard Stocks: $213,541

Total Assets: $313,869.
Delegate Report by Joy R. Karges, PT, EdD, MS, CLT ~ Professor & Director of Clinical Education at the University of South Dakota

Patti Berg-Poppe and I will attend the 2018 APTA House of Delegates (HOD) in Chicago, IL from June 8-12, 2019. Michelle Grant will be meeting with the PTA Caucus in Chicago during that time as well. The Packet I Preview and House Reports will be available on April 1, 2019, while the final version of Packet I with Background Papers will be available May 10, 2019.

In 2016 and 2017 the House adopted motions to review existing Board Policies and HOD Policies respectively. Several of the motions for the 2019 HOD will address the policy “clean-up” by rescinding and amending various policies. The Board of Directors and various Chapters have proposed motions that will be formalized by the time the Packet I Preview is posted. The deadline for Main Motions and Amendments is March 11, 2019.

The Slate of Candidates to be elected during the APTA HOD is as follows:

- **Secretary** (1 to be elected):
  - Kathy Mairella, PT, DPT, MA (NJ)
  - Kip Schick, PT, DPT, MBA (WI)

- **Vice Speaker** (1 to be elected):
  - Kyle Covington, PT, DPT, PhD (NC)
  - Bob Rowe, PT, DPT, DMT, MHS (FL)

- **Director** (3 to be elected):
  - Deirdre “Dee” Daley, PT, DPT, MSHPE (NH)
  - Carmen Cooper-Oguz, PT, DPT, MBA (MS)
  - Aaron E. Embry, PT, DPT, MSCR (SC)
  - Heather Jennings, PT, DPT, Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy (MA)
  - Kathy Swanick, PT, DPT, Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Orthopedic Physical Therapy (FL)

- **Nominating Committee** (2 to be elected):
  - Carole “Carrie” Cunningham, PT (GA)
  - John DeWitt, PT, DPT, ATC (OH)
  - V. Kai Kennedy, PT, DPT (NC)
  - Ann Wendel, PT, ATC (VA)


Please email Joy.Karges@usd.edu, Patti.Berg@usd.edu, and michelle.grant@bigstonetherapies.com with any questions, concerns, or opinions regarding the Slate of Candidates and drafted motions as they become available.
Legislative Report by Andy York, PT, MSPT ~

Another legislative season is coming to a close and for Physical Therapy in South Dakota this was the calm year. Hopefully everyone was receiving the legislative updates each week from our lobbyist, Tim, or staying updated with the APTA PTaction app. While we did not have any active legislation or have any bills that directly impacted our profession, we did have another successful Legislation Day in Pierre as we finally had a day that did not greatly impact travel for our members that came out. We are laying the groundwork with the current legislators and with the new governor's administration to begin the push for establishing a new PT board. We continue to gather information from other states to ensure that our board will function well for us and that we have a good game plan moving forward. As with all changes that have to occur on the political front it will take time and money, so please be patient and be sure to support our PAC.

The state affairs committee is in a transition period as Phil Moe has agreed to stay on for a little while yet as a co-chair with Andy York. Phil's experience and personal connections are impossible to replace but if you are willing to be active on this committee please feel free to contact either Andy or Phil.

Hope to see you all in Deadwood!

FAL Update by John Rounds, PT, DPT ~ Avera St. Mary's Hospital

APTA accomplished quite a bit in 2018 from a federal level including:

- Permanently fixing the therapy cap
- Eliminating functional limitation reporting (FLR) in Medicare
- Adding Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) to the TRICARE program
- Enacting opioid legislation that increases awareness about non-pharmacological treatment options
- Enacting professional liability protections for Physical Therapists (PTs) and PTAs who travel with sports teams
- Securing coverage of PTA services by TRIWEST in the VA choice program
- Securing full payment for electromyography (EMG) in Medicare

2018 has been by far the most productive the Federal advocacy program has been since I've been in my role. APTA accomplished several goals last year, which has given them essentially a “clean slate” moving forward. We are looking into new avenues that we can lobby for.

I believe we will continue to push for PT inclusion into the student loan forgiveness program, Telehealth as well as more inclusion into opioid legislation. I will be attending the Federal Advocacy Forum from March 31-April 2 in Washington D.C. to lobby these issues.

As always, I am seeking PT’s that would be willing to host a practice visit with either Senator Thune or Rounds, or Congressman Johnson. If you are interested, please contact me.
Public Relations Committee Report by Brandie Rainboth, DPT, OCS ~ Spearfish Physical Therapy

APTA Community Awareness Grant!
Great news, SDPTA has been awarded a $3,000 grant by APTA for our community awareness campaigns, specifically for #ChoosePT awareness. We will be placing #ChoosePT ads in the Argus Leader and Rapid City Journal newspapers and online this fall during National PT Month 2019. We are thankful for the continued support from the APTA.

Social Media Recognition from APTA!!
APTA gave SDPTA a shout out for our #ChoosePT awareness and ad campaigns (pics include billboard on I-29, MoveForwardPT ad in SD Magazine and #ChoosePT ad in SD Medicine Magazine)

SDPTA Legislative Day in Pierre....
Thank you to all who participated in this year’s Legislative Day in February! We had a successful event and delivered Legislators a one-year gift subscription to SD Magazine with handout about physical therapy and the cost effective treatment we provide to South Dakota.

Ad campaigns for 2019.....

South Dakota Magazine Ad Campaign 2019.....
We have continued our SDPTA ad campaign in South Dakota Magazine for 2019 to promote public knowledge of physical therapy and our association. SD Magazine has a readership of over 180,000 which includes all ages. Be looking for our next ads in the March/April, Sept/Oct and Nov/Dec issues.
South Dakota Medicine Magazine Ad Campaign 2019....
We are continuing our #ChoosePT ad campaign in SD Medicine Magazine that is sent to all SD physicians. We have a 1/2page ad featured in 3 monthly magazines this fall. This campaign is aimed at educating physicians on choosing PT as a safe alternative to prescribing opioids. We will also have a digital and program 1/2page ad for SDSMA Leadership Conference in May.

Billboard Ad Campaign 2019....
We have had 2 SDPTA billboards on display on I-29 (Sioux Falls) and I-90 (Rapid City). We have had good exposure with billboards on busy interstates. We typically have billboards up Sept-Oct and considering continuing with this campaign for 2019.

#ChoosePT Ad Campaign 2019....
We have been awarded APTA Community Awareness Grant to support this specific campaign. We will be placing #ChoosePT ads in the Argus Leader and Rapid City Journal newspapers and online this fall during National PT Month 2019.

Volunteer Opportunities for 2019....
This spring and fall there are more opportunities for members to get involved!!

Special Olympic State Summer Games – Vermillion, SD May 16-18th, 2019
*VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY* Assist in providing FUNfitness Screens to Athletes

Senior Olympic State Games – Watertown, SD September 5-8th, 2019
*VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY* Assist USD PT Dept in providing SAFE, Senior Athlete Fitness Exam.
--SDPTA is a proud sponsor of SD State Senior Games event--

USD Medical Student Presentation – Vermillion, SD October 2019
*PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITY* PR Committee hosts a presentation luncheon for USD medical students to education them on the physical therapy profession during National Physical Therapy Month.

If you are interested in volunteering or presenting, contact brandie.rainboth@gmail.com.

PT’s in the News....
We would like to support and encourage members to advocate for our profession and consider offering articles or press releases to local newspapers. Then, go a step further and share on social media platforms. This is a great way to get information to the public about the benefits of physical therapy. If you or a PT colleague or clinic have a feature in the news, please share with the PR committee so we can help share this info on social media platforms. Email info to brandie.rainboth@gmail.com.
The reimbursement committee continues to conduct meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 12 pm CST/11 am MST with a meeting invite sent to all members through the association’s e-mail list serve. We encourage everyone to become involved to increase our effectiveness to improve the reimbursement, utilization and perceived value of our services.

We understand that not everyone is able to join the meetings and have received many requests for the minutes. Our meeting minutes are not made accessible at this point, but we have a payment blog on the SDPTA website to provide members with updates on our current actions and various payment resources that are discussed during our meetings. If you are not receiving a monthly e-mail invite to the meeting or other e-mails we send out, please contact the SDAPTA admin.

Below are some main objectives we have been working towards to demonstrate the value and improve health care coverage for physical therapy in our state.

- **Work Comp**: Since our reimbursement eval rate increase, we have continued to forge relationships with our South Dakota Department of Labor to improve utilization and valuation of physical therapy. Matt Wiegel is our new work comp liaison. He will be attending the Work Comp Summit taking place in June 2019 with hopes to present or have a booth at next year’s event.

- **CMS Eliminates Functional Limitation Reporting**: On November 1, 2018, the final 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) was released by the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The rule contains changes to the Quality Payment Program, including to the new requirement for certain physical therapists to participate in MIPS beginning in 2019. (Review more information on MIPS). The final fee schedule also eliminates functional limitation reporting and establishes 2 new therapy modifiers to identify the outpatient therapy services furnished in whole or in part by physical therapist assistants or occupational therapy assistants beginning January 1, 2020.

- **US Center for Medicare Services (CMS) PTA Reimbursement Reduction**: The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 requires payment for services furnished in whole or in part by a therapy assistant at 85 percent of the applicable Part B payment amount for the service effective January 1, 2022.

  CMS is proposing to establish two new therapy modifiers – one for PT Assistants (PTA) and another for OT Assistant (OTA) – when services are furnished in whole or in part (>10%) by a PTA or OTA. These are to be used in conjunction with the three existing therapy modifiers that have been used since 1998 to track outpatient therapy services that were subject to the therapy caps. The new therapy modifiers for services furnished by PTAs and OTAs are not required on claims until January 1, 2020.

- **According to South Dakota Codified Law 58-17-54.1, the insurance co-pay for physical therapy services cannot exceed the co-pay amount by the insured primary care physician. Self-Funded Health Plans and federal plans, such as Medicare Advantage programs, are not required to adhere to South Dakota Insurance Law. PTs need to communicate the value of physical therapy to local organizations with self-funded health plans, and we also need our patients to submit complaints to the South Dakota Division of Insurance. We have linked a Patient complaint form and a white paper from the Private Practice section on our payment blog to assist you in these efforts.

- **We have received complaints from members regarding various Utilization Management companies (Optum/United Health Care, OneCall). All members are strongly encouraged to negotiate their contracts to reflect the true value of our services. Please do not devalue our profession by accepting low reimbursement rates; that greatly affects the future of our profession. Please continue to reference the Payment Blog for more resources on successful contract negotiations.

I would like to thank everyone that has been involved in our past meetings, and I strongly encourage others to listen in and get involved to help make some positive changes in our state. We will only see improved reimbursement and access to physical therapy if we have an active local chapter. South Dakota does not currently have near the issues that other states are experiencing in regard to decreasing reimbursement, increased administrative burden, access to PT, etc. It is up to us members to fight for remuneration that is fair and equivalent to the value we provide our patients.
I am excited to begin my new role as the Education Committee Chair vacated by Lynn Simon. I want to take this time to thank Lynn for her outstanding work as the committee chair over the past 5 years and for helping make my transition into the role an extremely smooth process. However, we will not be losing Lynn altogether, as she has decided to remain on the Education Committee and continue her service to the SDAPTA. If you see Lynn at the conference, please thank her for her service and leadership on the committee.

We have an excellent line up of courses for this year’s State Conferences!

**Spring 2019 – March 23/24, 2019 at The Lodge at Deadwood**

- **Institute of Clinical Excellence’s Modern Management of the Older Adult**
  - Speakers: Christina Prevett, PT, MSPT, CSCS, PHD(C) and Dr. Dustin Jones, PT, DPT

- **Waltke Cancer Rehabilitation Academy – Cancer Rehabilitation: treating the cardiopulmonary and musculoskeletal dysfunctions from cancer surgery, chemotherapy and radiation.**
  - Speaker: Leslie Waltke, PT, DPT

**Fall 2019 – September 28/29, 2019 at Avera Sioux Falls**

- **Dementia - If you treat patients with dementia, you MUST attend this course. It WILL change how you treat your patients!**
  - Teepa Snow, OT will provide education on dementia. Teepa Snow is one of the leading educators on dementia and the care that accompanies it, in the US and Canada. The person-centered approach she developed evolved to meet the complex and unique needs of individuals using effective and structured technique.

- **Institute of Clinical Excellence’s Manual Therapy Management of the Cervical Spine**
  - Learn, Refine, and Excel in current best evidence principles in the management of neck pain.
  - Speaker: Dr. Jeff Moore, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT
Awards Committee Jody Verhey, PT~ Avera

1. **SDPTA Awards:** the established awards include the following:
   1. PT of the Year
   2. PTA of the Year
   3. Hall of Fame PT
   4. Contributor of the Year
   5. Genesis Award

Qualifications: Nominees should have at least 1 of the following qualifications:

- Active in the SDPTA and in good standing (active is defined as a member of a committee, special project, or attending a SDPTA event)
- Demonstrates dedication to the advancement of the profession through lifelong learning and practicing in accordance with APTA guidelines

AND demonstrate the following:

- SDPTA/APTA membership for a minimum of 75% of the time during their career as PT/PTA
- Attends 1 continuing education opportunity per year
- Shows commitment to continuing education

**PT of the Year and PTA of the Year:**

- May be awarded more than once
- Must be nominated

**Hall of Fame PT:**

- Current or past member of the SDPTA
- May be an active member, retired, or deceased
- Has a long history of contribution to the SDPTA and/or to the profession of physical therapy

**Contributor of the Year:**

- Has provided skills, knowledge, services, funds etc to the SDPTA (Physicians, Educators, Individuals, Corporations, Hospitals, etc)
- NOT a member of SDPTA

**Genesis Award:**

- Have worked as a PT or PTA for 0-5 years
- Member since being a student (minimum 75% of the time)

Nomination forms are available at any time on the Association website. Nominations are usually due in late August.
Awards Ceremony: Congratulations to the following recipients:

PT Hall of Fame Award

PT of the Year Award-Pat Hauer

Hall of Fame Contributor Award

Adjournment of Awards Ceremony

Start of Membership Meeting: 12:30 pm

Quorum: not met

1. Approval of Spring 2018 Meeting minutes
   a. Pat H motions, Brian W seconds

2. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Assets:
      i. Great Western Bank Checking: $9,886.00
      ii. Vanguard: $305,253.00
      iii. Total: $315,139.00
   b. Continuing education Income- $40,906.00
   c. Dues: $30,313.00
   d. Expenses: $91,090.00
   e. Total income: $80,485.00

3. Committee Reports
   a. Ethics: Brad Thuringer
      i. No formal ethical complaints have been submitted to the President of the SDAPTA and given a formal case number. Over the last 6 months the Ethics Committee has responded to two (2) episodic ethical dilemmas, including concerns with patient referral, and the appropriateness in using “physical therapy” in advertisement
   
   b. FAL: John Rounds, Committee Chair-2019 affairs
      i. sports licensure clarity act: licensed PT can cross state lines to treat athletes, covers liability
      ii. house and senate passed item for providers to use alternatives for opioids, PT at top of list
      iii. medicare private contracting-PT to opt out, bill has been idealized but not put out yet
      iv. education and work force, student loan repayment plan, has been introduced
      v. telehealth services
      vi. self-referral, Stark Law. Providers getting kick backs for referring to own clinic
c. Reimbursement: Julie Wingen, Committee Chair

- Highlight Past Year Events:
  - Monthly meetings with a proactive committee
  - Initiated Payment Blog on website for members only reimbursement resources
  - Julie Wingen & Matt Weigel attended State Policy and Payment Forum: great forum to learn current payment issues, network with other state pay chairs, and strongly encouraged to seek improvements in payment at local level.
  - Starting July 1, 2018, all evaluation codes (97161, 97162, 97163) increased reimbursed rate to $106.10 — regardless of complexity. 97161 increased by 231% and 97162 increased by 103%.
  - Investigating South Dakota Codified Law 58-17-54 (the insurance co-pay for physical therapy services cannot exceed the co-pay amount by the insured primary care physician). However, self-Funded Health Plans and federal plans, such as Medicare Advantage programs, are not required to adhere to South Dakota Insurance Law.
  - Conversations with State’s AG regarding PT co-pays & SDCL
  - Developed a patient complaint form for PTs to provide to their patients to contact the SD Department of Insurance.
  - Acquired committee members who are serving as our liaison in specialty payment areas:
    - Work Comp: James Whitcher, SPT
    - Home Health: Robert Plemel, PT


d. State Legislative Affairs: Phil Moe/Andy York, Committee Chair

- Committee has nothing to report
- Phil Moe has stepped down as SLAC Chair
- Andy York has accepted the position

e. House of Delegates: Joy Karges, Committee Chair

- Info in newsletter SDPTA website
- Eliminating group of policies and procedures
- Continued push for SPTs to participate in legislative activities

f. PAC: Leonard Suel, Committee Chair

- The current PAC balance is $8,328.68
- This election cycle we will probably spend this down to approximately $2,000
- We will be supporting all candidates who sponsored PT legislation over the past
- It is suggested we raise approximately $15,000 for the PAC in a year that we want to bring forth legislation for a PT board
- Checks may be made to SD PT PAC and send to 1822 Eisenhower Circle, Aberdeen SD 57401

g. Public Relations: Brandi Rainboth, Committee Chair

- SDPTA celebrating National PT Month!
  - USD Medical Student Presentation October 4th – Hosted over 40 USD medical students for presentation on physical therapy and benefits.
  - SDPTA/MoveForwardPT ad in SD Magazine
  - #ChoosePT: ½ page ad in SD Medicine (sent to all SD physicians)
  - #ChoosePT: print and digital ad campaigns in next 2 weeks in Argus Leader and Rapid City Journal
  - Billboards have been displayed last 2 months on I-90 near Rapid City and I-29 N of Sioux Falls
h. Education: Lynn Simon, Committee Chair

- Mark Peterson will be taking over as Chair
- Fall 2018 Conference: 25 signed up for each course:
  - The Lumbar Spine: From Manipulation to Stabilization and Everything In Between: Scott Brown, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS, Cert DN and Jeff Schmidt, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS, Cert. DN, From Orthopedic Physical Therapist Specialists
  - TMR for Tots & Teens Level 1: Susan Blum, PT
  - Spring 2019 – March 23/24, 2019 at The Lodge at Deadwood
  - Modern Management of the Older Adult: Christina Prevett, PT, MSCPT, CSCS, PHD(C) and Dr. Dustin Jones, PT, DPT
  - 2nd speaker TBD
  - Fall 2019 – September 28/29, 2019 at Avera Sioux Falls
    - Teepa Snow, OT will provide education on dementia. Teepa Snow is one of the leading educators on dementia and the care that accompanies it, in the US and Canada. The person-centered approach she developed evolved to meet the complex and unique needs of individuals using effective and structured technique.
    - Cervical Spine: Manual Therapy Management: Dr. Jeff Moore, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMP

i. Membership: Chris Barrett, Committee Chair

- Membership is focusing on those who drop every month.
  - 497 total members
  - 341 PT
  - 44 PTA
  - 112 students
  - PT in motion magazine: SD #3 per capita

j. Awards: Kim Cockrum, Committee Chair

See above

k. Technology: Andy York, Committee Chair

- Video conferencing to Spearfish & Watertown
- Currently unable to count for quorum
- Video conferencing for fall mtgs, working on spring mtgs

l. Nominating: Amber Jansen, Committee Chair

- SDAPTA Elections 2018 Ballot
  - President Elect (2 year term)
    - Jake Tesch
    - approved
  - Secretary (2 year term)
    - Erin Vogel
    - approved
  - Chapter Delegate (4 year term)
    - Joy Karges
    - approved
  - Nominating Committee (3 year term)
    - Jody VerHey
    - approved
4. Old Business
   a. Continuing education-no hard audits this year
   b. Dry needling-direct questions need to go to licensure board
   c. PT Licensure Board- John Rounds
      - Plans for licensure board will be dependent on governor election results
      - Licensure board will be funded through licensure fees
      - Continue to educate legislators, need good attendance at legislative day

d. SDPTA PT/PTA Scholarships: any PT/PTA student who is a resident of South Dakota and/or planning to practice as a PT/PTA in the state upon graduation is eligible to apply for scholarships awarded by the SDPTA. This would negate the requirement that the applicants must be a student at USD or LAT.

5. New Business
   a. The SDAPTA Board would like to amend the Association by-laws pertaining to State dues in order to be in alignment with APTA Career Starter Dues Program. If someone is an APTA member at graduation, and they renew their membership within 6 months after the expiration of the student membership there will be a 50% reduction in State dues. The following will pertain to members who are 2 to 4 years post-graduation:
      * Second Year Post graduation: 40% reduction in State dues
      * Third Year Post graduation: 30% reduction in State dues
      * Fourth Year Post-graduation: 20% reduction in State dues
      This by-law change will be voted on during the Fall membership meeting Saturday October 13th.
      **Voting results: TBD no quorum**
   b. Funds allocated to Membership (new members & retention of present members) & PAC events
c. Funds to assist membership participation in crucial matters

d. The APTA is adding additional chapters into the MoveForwardPT.com geolocation pilot project. This project is managed by the APTA with input from state chapters to highlight PT to consumers. Here is the web address: MoveForwardPT.com/SD

e. Other new business: none

Adjourned: 1:23pm
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