



**Academy of Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management, Inc.**

**Annual Meeting Minutes**

Boston, MA

Friday, February 16, 2024: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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**Board Members in Attendance:**

*Stephanie Woelfel, Pamela Unger, Mark Brooks, Quinn Millington, David Levine, Patty Larkin-Upton, Mohini Rawat, Christie Krueger*

**AGENDA**

- I. Social (6:30-7:00)
- II. Welcome – Stephanie Woelfel, President

*Stephanie gave her welcome.*

- i Board & Exec. Director introductions

*Board and Executive Director were introduced.*

- ii Call for additional agenda items

*The call for additional agenda items was given and there were no new agenda items to add.*

- iii Recognition of sponsors

*Recognition was given to Arjo, ASP Global, Reapplix, Sigvaris Group, Urgo, and Wound-Health, our current sponsors.*

- III. Treasurer’s Report – Mark Brooks, Treasurer

*Mark Brooks gave the membership the year in review financial report. Some of those highlights are as follows:*

- *We had an operating loss but the loss was less than expected and the loss was less than the previous year.*
- *Overall, the revenue was up slightly.*
- *Our cash on hand is the same as previously.*
- *CSM revenue was up but our CSM sponsorship numbers were very low for 2023.*
- *Membership dues continue to be down.*
- *Expenses for 2023 had increased including the AOPT contract for managing services and expenses for JCEWM.*
- *We had moved our investments from Vanguard to LPL Financial Advisor.*

*A few of the financial goals for 2024 are as follows:*

- *Increase membership*
- *Increase Sponsorships*
- *Provide direct education programs.*

*The floor was opened for some discussion and questions. There were questions surrounding the dollar amount of JCEWM expenses. Some of the expenses were addressed with the encouragement for more discussion and follow up after the meeting.*

#### IV. Leadership Reports – Stephanie Woelfel

*Leadership reports were given to the membership via email. The floor was opened for questions or discussions. None was brought forth. Encouragement was giving to contact Christie if you did not receive the membership report.*

#### V. PT PAC – David Qualls

*David Qualls was invited to speak. Some good news is that giving to the PT PAC is at the beginning stages of recovering from COVID.*

#### VI. Foundation for Physical Therapy Research

*Brenda spoke for the Foundation for Physical Therapy Research. The Foundation produces high level PTs up to and through the Doctorate stage. Donations help ensure well qualified PTs and the ability to give scholarships. Please consider donating.*

#### VII. House of Delegates – Pam Unger, Chief Delegate & Vice President

*Pam reports that there is a change in the election cycle and to stay tuned for the impact. Pam is attending the North East Caucus. Please submit ideas and issues that you would like addressed to Pam to present to the Caucus.*

#### VIII. New Business

##### i ACEWM Electrodiagnostic Laboratory Accreditation Program – Mark Brooks

*Mark invites Quinn Millington to speak. Quinn presents the need for a Electrodiagnostic Laboratory Accreditation Program to combat fraud and abuse. Most mobile labs are not sufficient. Greg Ernst continued to give the history of FELA the first accreditation service and recognition to the individuals that created it. There is legislation that is furthering the need for a Laboratory Accreditation Program as well as insurance companies increasing their denials for payment without accreditation. Some ideas for accreditation were laid out and is as follows:*

- *The FELA Accreditation would come under the ACEWM. This would given the accreditation more clout and ease for states to want this program under their profession*
- *Those who have FELA accreditation would be grandfathered in.*
- *Electrodiagnostic Laboratory Accreditation would need reviewers.*
- *Electrodiagnostic Laboratory Accreditation would need its own board.*
- *Electrodiagnostic Laboratory Accreditation would increase more insurance providers, increase membership and increase revenue.*

**Motion:** *Seeking approval to further develop Electrodiagnostic Laboratory Accreditation*

**Motion brought by:** *Stephanie Woelfel*

**2<sup>nd</sup> By:** *Quinn Millington*

**3<sup>rd</sup> By:** *Pam Unger*

**Discussion:**

1. Is there a cost?
  - a. Yes, there would be costs for administration and website costs
  - b. Initial costs would be low
2. Fees and incentives???
3. Insurance would be more apt to pay.
4. Legislation is also in play and is looking to accreditations for labs.

**Motion Carries:**

*Unanimously approved with none opposed.*

ii Economic Value of PT in the United States – Stephanie Woelfel

*Ryan Boggs was recognized as a valuable researcher and resource that represented ACEWM well in the Economic Value Report. This report will be scheduled to push out on Social Media channels through out the year. ChoosePT.com has marketing materials available to use for APTA members.*

iii JCEWM Updates – Mohini Rawat

*The second issue of JCEWM is now accessible. Within this edition, there are articles that pertain to all 4 SIG specialty areas.*

iv Specialization – New specialists, Council & SACE recognition

*On Wednesday evening we had 22 people recognized for Clinical Electrophysiologic Specialty and 11 people recognized for Wound Management Specialty. Thank you to all who contributed to the content for the specializations and being on the Specialists Council.*

v Wound Management Residency updates – Teri Biven

*A Wound Management Residency Task Force has been created. So far there has been roughly 300 hours of daunting work. There is a need for people to provide content, develop modules, and do peer reviews.*

vi Open Positions – Teresa Bachman, Nominating Committee Chair

*We have many places for members to plug in. Our top three open positions that need to be filled are:*

1. *Communications Chair*
2. *Research Chair*
3. *Membership Committee Chair and co-chair*

*Job descriptions were available at the meeting or can be obtained by contacting the nomination committee or Christie Krueger.*

vii CSM 2024/2025 – Deborah Wendland, Program Chair

*The attendance numbers for CSM 2024 are 14,734. There are 3,554 students that have registered to attend. Thank you to all of our presenters and those who have volunteered to be a moderator.*

CSM on Demand will be available until either March 15 or April 15. Plans for CSM 2025 have already begun. Proposals are due February 28<sup>th</sup>.

viii Discussion Topics from the Floor

Rose spoke about accreditation numbers and the specialization numbers. Those who complete the process are quality physical therapists. Please be sharing this resource with other physical therapists.

VI. Awards – Stephanie Woelfel & SIG Chairs

Academy Awards, Service recognitions, and out going leadership were recognized. See the list below.

<b>Award</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
<i>Award of Excellence in Academic Education</i>	<i>James Bellew, Pt, EdD, MS</i>	<i>Award of Excellence in Academic Education</i>	<i>Art Nitz PT, PhD, ECS, OCS</i>
<i>Award of Excellence in Clinical Education</i>	<i>Kyle Martinos PT, DPT, ECS</i>	<i>Award of Excellence in Clinical Practice</i>	<i>Mark Simmons PT, DPT, DSc, ECS</i>
<i>Award of Excellence in Research</i>	<i>Carol GT Vance, PT, PhD</i>	<i>Award of Excellence in Service</i>	<i>Rose Hamm PT, DPT, CWS</i>
<i>NMSKUS Service Recognition</i>	<i>Vicki Buchanan</i>	<i>Significant Contributions as a JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Lynn Sturgill</i>
<i>Significant Contributions as a JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>James Bellew</i>	<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>David Hutchinson</i>
<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>John Halle</i>	<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Elizabeth Painter</i>
<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Kathryn Panasci</i>	<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Sarah Murnane</i>
<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Anne Gallentine</i>	<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Deanna Dye</i>
<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Gregory Dedrick</i>	<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Greg Ernst</i>
<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Jon Umlauf</i>	<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Alain Belanger</i>
<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Beshoy Ghaly</i>	<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Arthur Nitz</i>
<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Stephanie Woelfel</i>	<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>James McKivigan</i>
<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Scott Shaffer</i>	<i>JCEWM Reviewer</i>	<i>Karen Gibbs</i>
<i>WM SIG Service Recognition</i>	<i>Ruth Burns</i>	<i>WM SIG Service Recognition</i>	<i>Brian Odom</i>
<i>WM SIG Service Recognition</i>	<i>Tami Bonebrake</i>	<i>WM SIG Service Recognition</i>	<i>Paula Fries</i>
<i>WM SIG Service Recognition</i>	<i>Irene Fernandez</i>	<i>BPA SIG Service Recognition</i>	<i>Thomas P. Nolan Jr., PT, MS, DPT</i>
<i>BPA SIG Service Recognition</i>	<i>John Tawfik, PT, DPT</i>		

<b>Recognition of Out Going Leadership</b>	
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Stacy Fisher</i>
<i>Nominating Committee Chair</i>	<i>Teresa Bachman</i>
<i>Communications Chair</i>	<i>Lisa Cabral</i>
<i>BPA SIG Chair</i>	<i>Daryl Lawson</i>
<i>Research Chair</i>	<i>Greg Ernst</i>

VII. Installation of Officers – Teresa Bachman, Nominating Committee Chair

*The following officers were sworn in:*

- *Rick McKibben – Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> Term*
- *Mark Brooks – Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Term*
- *Amy Bala – Nomination Committee Member, 1<sup>st</sup> year*

*Meeting was adjourned.*