

Academy of Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management
Business Meeting
Friday, February 17, 2017
Combined Sections Meeting
San Antonio, TX

Introduction:

Meeting was called to order by Harriett Loehne at 7:03 PM

Welcome

1. Sponsors were thanked and introductions were made.

Business Meeting 2016 Minutes: (Gallentine)

Motion Request	Presented By	Opposed	Decision
Approve Business meeting minutes of Feb 19, 2016	Gallentine	none	approved

TF Clinical Electrophysiology Academy Membership Report (Gersh):

1. The full report was sent to the Academy by email. Meryl reviewed that at last year's Business meeting a motion was approved to create a Task Force to examine the pros and cons of membership of the electrophysiology arm in the Academy. The Task Force represented all three arms of the section and Meryl was the Chair. She thanked the members for their work.
2. The Task Force first clarified the purpose of the motion as well as the distribution of membership in the Academy. They identified other organizations that serve electrophysiology members. They contacted the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) and determined that there would be no effect on testing if there was a change in membership in the Academy. One can apply for and test without being a member of the APTA. A survey was conducted of the membership to determine distribution of the members and if the Academy is fulfilling expectations. They also sought to determine if there was interest in the formation of a SIG. Pros for maintaining membership in the Academy were: opportunity to exchange knowledge, high degree of support for advocacy, and a chance for PTs to learn from other PTs who practice electrodiagnosis. Cons were that the Academy doesn't identify electrodiagnosis specifically, there is no SIG and no forum for peer reviewed research. The Task Force recommended that electrophysiology stay in the Academy, explore options to recognize electrodiagnosis in the name, and explore formation of a SIG. She noted that we shy away from diagnosis, but that is what we do in electrodiagnosis. This may require a change in the ABPTS specialization title. The Task Force recommends exploring avenues for publication for electrodiagnosis and possibly for biophysical agents. There is the possibility of publishing electrodiagnosis case studies. The Journal of Neurology or Orthopedics may be options. There were 141 responses to the survey which is 20% of the membership.
3. We now have an Electrodiagnostic SIG. This was voted on at the January 17, 2017 CEWM BOD meeting. The charter is being developed.

Overview of 2016 Finances: (McKibben)

1. From a financial perspective, the Academy is in good shape. We finished 2016 with operating revenues above budget and expenses below budget. Our cash position is growing and the cash position is 3.5 times our expenses.

PT PAC: (Marcia Smith)

1. The federal PAC doesn't commingle with the state PAC. The PAC uses money for campaign contributions and fundraisers. Money was contributed to legislators supporting PT, such as the Medicare cap repeal, and student loan forgiveness issues. They supported both Democrats and Republicans with about a 50% success rate. Without PAC, our access to senators and representatives would be limited. If everyone in the APTA gave \$20, we would have the #1 healthcare PAC. Our PAC was #7 this year. Last year we were #8.

Foundation for PT: (Stuart Binder-Macleod)

1. For the first time, in 2016 the Foundation broke the million dollar mark for funding and will do it again in 2017. The Center of Excellence is doing amazing work and is exceeding expectations. They funded 25 different grants and increased funding for post doc awards to comply with NIH standards. The Foundation has shown growth every year for 38 years. Contributions are encouraged.

PT Registry: (Karen Chesbrough)

1. The PT Registry has been launched. They are accepting enrollment at the facility level. Go to PToutcomes.com for more information. At the Section level they are asking for involvement in the development of the registry for treatment modules.

BOD introductions: (Loehne)

1. The rest of the BOD as well as Committee and Task Force Chairs were introduced.
2. Melissa reported as the Federal Affairs Liaison that some states have proposed a rule for prosthetics and orthotics that people will have to prove that they are a licensed provider or certified by the orthotics board. This issue will be going to Congress. It has been delayed due to the inauguration. Also, PTs have been approved to be the manager of care in homecare. Finally, PTAs are not recognized as care providers by Tricare in any setting.
3. Lisa Cabral reported that Calandra Shannon has been appointed as the External Liaison to the AAWC.
4. Another liaison will be needed for the APTA MoveForwardPT program. This person would simply be a liaison so that when the APTA gets a clinical call, they would contact the liaison. The liaison would tell the APTA who to consult as a content expert.

Strategic Plan: (Hack)

1. Laurie will be working as a facilitator with the Academy on a new strategic plan. She met with the WMSIG, and the Clinical Electrophysiology and Biophysical Agents Forums, and gained lots of insight from the discussions. She especially heard the need to focus the goals of the Academy and to increase members.

CSM: (Pignataro)

1. A huge thank you to Rose Pignataro for all of her work on CSM for our Academy!
2. Thank you to everyone who spoke, had an abstract or a poster presentation. Thank you to everyone who staffed the booth.
3. Rose stated that the call for abstracts for CSM 2018 has gone out. We held two successful precons. She has heard nice feedback from other Sections sharing compliments about our educational sessions.

Recognition: (Loehne)

1. Members were recognized for activities, contributions to the profession and specialty certifications and asked to stand.
2. Two wound text books were raffled off.

Certificates of Appreciation: (Gibbs)

1. Meryl Gersh, Deb Wendlund, Lynn Freeman, David Hutchinson, Louis Ianuzzi, Zane Larson, Rodney Schlegel, Pam Unger, Ed Shrenk, and Kristen Thurman were recognized for all of their work this year.

Awards: (Oguz)

1. The Award for Professional Merit was presented to Jaimee Haan.
2. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Harriett Loehne.

Nominating Committee: (Turkos)

1. Karen Gibbs was reelected as Vice President.
2. Mohini Rawat was elected as the new Nominating Committee member. The new Chair of the Nominating Committee is Tom Nolan.
3. Please consider taking a leadership position in the Academy. In November we will be electing a new Treasurer, Secretary and a Nominating Committee member.
4. Karen and Mohini were installed in their positions.

New website: (Loehne)

1. The new website is up and running. It is a work in progress, so please give feedback if you see errors or have ideas for improvements.

Bylaw Change: (Gibbs)

1. There were minor changes to the bylaws which were sent out in the reports prior to CSM, mainly referring to a position which no longer exists in the Academy.

Motion Request	Presented By	Opposed	Decision
Accept all changes to Bylaws as per the report	Gibbs	none	passed

Membership: (Oguz)

1. Thank you to everyone for helping at the booth and especially to Eddie for being in charge of the booth. We have some volunteer opportunities available. Please consider those. Please let us know which component of the Academy you are interested in.
2. Membership is about the same as it was in 2014. The committee has worked hard on reaching out to the PTA Caucus and Student Assembly. Student membership is the highest it's been in 3 years. PTA membership is the highest it's ever been. The PT membership has had some decrease. The highest membership of PTs was January 2015 when there were over 500. We have lost about 100 members since then. Carmen has been reaching out to members to ask why they joined and why they drop membership. We have had a surge in lifetime memberships which have increased from 2 to 86.

Electrodiagnosis Clinical Specialist:

1. The subject was raised regarding approaching the ABPTS about the proper mechanism to change the nomenclature from Electrophysiologic to Electrodiagnostic Clinical Specialist. There are program memorandums from CMS paying attention to electrodiagnosis. It was recommended that we look into the implications for reimbursement that a nomenclature change could result in.

Motion Request

Examine the implications for reimbursement and the proper mechanism to request a nomenclature change from ABPTS from Electrophysiologic to Electrodiagnosis Clinical Specialist

Presented By	Opposed	Decision
Dmitros	none	passed

Multibriefs and listerv:

1. Clarified for membership what these are and the difference between the two.

Academy name:

1. The question was raised if it is possible to have multiple titles for the Academy – the Academy of CE, the Academy of WM, the Academy of BA. We are incorporated so we cannot have printed legal materials with three separate names. We could have printed materials with the name of a SIG on it. Others present disagreed with the idea of having separate titles. They felt it was good to show the collaboration with one title. It is a strength to have diverse but complementary clinicians. There was some concern that there be the ability to give a streamlined and focused message which may be more difficult with a title that includes more than one practice area. It is possible that the new formation of the Electrodiagnosis SIG may help with that.
2. The question was asked if we are working to identify the members of the different arms of the Academy. We've asked the APTA to let people declare their interest when they join, but they have said it isn't possible. Moving forward, we are reaching out to new members to identify their area of interest and we've updated the membership brochure accordingly. We can explore the option of having to sign up for a SIG at the website each year. The questions was asked if we could send a survey to members asking which arm they are interested in. We did this with the TF and got a 20% response rate. We should continue to encourage people to join the listservs.

Miscellaneous:

1. Matt reported a CSM update – there are 14,215 attendees. Membership in the APTA is up to 98,000 and we may have over 100,000 by NEXT. A new student debt initiative has been launched. There have been 3,000,000 unique hits on the Move PT website.
2. Biophysical agents may be overlooked at times. Should there be a discussion to include it in a name change to the Academy. We should ask the Practice Chair her opinion. (She had to leave the meeting by this point). In the past she has felt that they don't have enough people to have a SIG and has expressed that biophysical agents isn't a practice area.
3. Is the electrodiagnosis group interested in a name change? That group can consider and bring it forward.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Gallentine, Secretary

