

Board Members:

Greg Hartley, President
Cathy Ciolek, Vice President
Kate Brewer, Treasurer
Myles Quiben, Secretary
David Taylor, Delegate
Sue Wenker, Director
Ken Miller, Director
Tamara Gravano, Director
Jackie Osborne, Director

Guests/Staff:

Stephen Smith, Caduceus (Webmaster/IT)
Christina McCoy, Executive Director
Jeanne Weiss, staff
Rachel Connor, staff
Kim Thompson, staff
Chris Caple, staff

Sue Griffin, RP (also a member) served as parliamentarian during the meeting.

A roster of the individuals who connected to the virtual meeting is available upon request.

Call to order: 8 pm ET

Welcome

Hartley went over some housekeeping: attendees are muted, cameras are disabled. Aside from invited guests and staff as noted above, only APTA Geriatrics Members were invited/permitted to attend. During Member Meeting, speakers will be recognized and called upon. He thanked and played a video from the meeting sponsor, Fox Rehabilitation.

Awards

The following were recognized during a video presentation of the Awards Ceremony

- Carole B. Lewis Lecture award - William Staples, PT, DPT, DHSc
- Adopt-A-Doc - Jeremy Graber, PT, DPT and Valerie Shuman, PT, DPT
- Excellence in Research - Valerie Shuman, PT, DPT
- Fellowship for Geriatric Research - Pam Dunlap, PT, DPT, PhD
- The Best Publication in JGPT - Gunay Ardali, PT, PhD
- Outstanding PT and PTA Student - Krystal Emerson, SPT and Lindsay Bishop, PTA
- Student Video contest winners
- State Advocates of the Year - Beth Castellini, PT and Tiara Stingly, PT, DPT
- Distinguished Educator Award - Danille Parker, PT, MPT, DPT, GCS, CEEAA
- President's Award
 - Co-Chairs, DEI Task Force, Talina Corvus, PT, DPT, PhD and Stephanie Long, PT, DPT
 - Rolando Lazaro, PT, DPT, PhD
- Joan M. Mills Award - Kate Brewer, PT, MPT, MBA

Outgoing Leaders

- Nominating Committee - Jill Heitzman, PT, DPT, PHD
- Online Education Committee Chair - Rolando Lazaro, PT, DPT, PhD
- Academic Education Committee Chair - Dale Avers, PT, DPT, PhD, FAPTA
- Section Programming Chair - Kathleen M. Walworth, PT, DPT

Hartley also thanked the outgoing State Advocates and welcomed the 2021 Academy leadership. Finally, he introduced Bob Nithman, Chair of the ABPTS Geriatric Specialty Council who congratulated the 2020 new and renewed Board Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialists.

Members Meeting

- Hartley shared a list of open positions for the APTA National Board of Directors and Nominating Committee. Recommendations are accepted until March 1. He also shared the positions that will be open for the Fall 2021 APTA Geriatrics elections, including treasurer, two (2) directors and some SIG leadership.
- APTA Geriatrics has about 5,100 members and remains the fifth largest section of APTA.
- An external audit was conducted of fiscal year ending 2020. We ended the year in a strong financial position, largely due to a positive performance of investments. A balanced budget was passed in alignment with the new strategic plan.
- The strategic plan includes three key outcomes: 1) Becoming a trusted resource for best practices, 2) Leading in knowledge translation to facilitate lifelong learning and professional development, and 3) Promoting the value of our industry and awareness of the geriatric specialty through advocacy.

Bylaws Discussion and Vote

MOTION from the Board to amend the bylaws as presented to the membership in the notice provided January 22, 2021.

SUPPORT STATEMENT: The last time the bylaws were updated was in February 2016. The Board followed APTA's bylaws review process, which requires a draft of revisions be sent to a parliamentarian for review. Additionally, the Board did its own due diligence, which included sending the bylaws to a Virginia-based non-profit attorney, as APTA Geriatrics is a 501c3 non-profit organization, incorporated in the state of Virginia. Many of these changes came from the attorney after a thorough vetting by our Governance Review Task Force, which consists of current and former Board members. Members were given notice on January 22, 2021, which is compliant with our bylaws, regarding notice of this meeting to discuss recommended changes in our bylaws. All changes included accompanying support statements, and additionally, members were encouraged to submit questions in advance regarding these bylaws, which were all addressed ahead of the meeting.

A debate time limit was established for a total of 45 minutes without objection. Attendees wishing to signify an objection were asked to raise their hands in the webinar Attendee's box. Proposed changes were addressed item by item, with a total of 12 items. Members wishing to speak were limited to two (2) minutes per item.

Amendments to the proposed language were brought forward using the questions box. Amendments required a simple majority to pass. The main motion required a 2/3 majority to pass. Student members were not permitted to vote.

Item one (1) is related to changes in the house of delegates, with conforming changes as presented in the notice to the membership. We received no questions but did receive one (1) proposed amendment.

MOTION by Bill Staples: an amendment to Article VIII: Standing Committees Section 3, B. by STRIKING: ... ~~appointed by the Board.~~ and INSERTING: *The Alternate Delegate shall be the member receiving the second-highest vote total in the election for Chief Delegate. In the event of an unopposed election, the Alternate Delegate position will be filled by Board appointment.*

SECONDED by David Taylor

There were 95 votes in the affirmative, and 2 votes in the negative. MOTION PASSED.

item two (2) is related to removing the objective from the bylaws. We received no questions or amendments regarding this item.

Item three (3) is related to qualifications and tenure for the board of directors, including similar tenure language for the finance committee. We received no questions or amendments regarding this item.

Item four (4) is related to the board of directors specific and general duties. We received seven (7) questions and no amendments regarding this item. All questions were addressed on the questions and answers Google doc and directly with members who asked the questions and provided their contact information.

Item five (5) is related to the board of directors and their conduct of business. We received no questions or amendments regarding this item.

Item six (6) is related to special interest groups. We received five questions, and no amendments regarding this item. Based on questions received, the Board recommended to strike letter C from Section 1 of Article 5. Seeing no debate or discussion, AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Item seven (7) is related to meetings. We received no questions or amendments regarding this item.

Item eight (8) is related to the executive committee. We received no questions or amendments regarding this item.

Item nine (9) is related to the nominating committee. We received no questions or amendments regarding this item.

Item ten (10) is related to finance. We received no questions or amendments regarding this item.

MOTION by Jill Heitzman to amend Article 9, Section C, #1 by inserting language that reads, "...The dues for each Membership category shall be determined no more than annually by the Board. No approved dues increase may exceed 20% of the current dues amount."

SECONDED by Paula Johnson

There were 53 votes in the affirmative, and 44 votes in the negative. MOTION PASSED.

Item eleven (11) is related to limitation of liability and indemnification. We received no questions or amendments regarding this item.

Item twelve (12) is related to dissolution. We received no questions or amendments regarding this item.

FINAL VOTE TO AMEND BYLAWS (as amended in items 1, 6, and 10)

There were 102 votes in the affirmative, and 4 votes in the negative. There was a 2/3 majority and the MOTION PASSED.

Seeing no announcements or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 ET.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Weiss
APTA Geriatrics staff