SRA 0426/07-14 Productivity

I, Jerry Pica, move that the Ethics Committee of the IPTA develop a position statement on the issue of productivity in the clinic for Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants concerning the expectations/requirements that certain levels of productivity be met by each PT/PTA for how many hours they spend in the clinic per day with a report to be given at the 2015 Assembly of Representatives.

Support Statement:

Expectations/Requirements being made infringe upon the autonomy we have as professionals in determining the appropriate treatment of patients in the clinic taking into account the need for therapy, time spent for each patient depending upon the patient’s diagnosis and progress being made which is determined by our daily assessments of our patients. This will help reduce the need for excess treatments we may feel obligated to do by our employers to meet financial goals. It is inappropriate for nonprofessionals/non-clinicians to determine what we do and how much time we should spend with the patients we see in the clinic. Fees for services can be easily abused by doing more than is necessary in order to meet goals set by others not involved in the treatment of our patients. Integrity, responsibility, professionalism is paramount to our Physical Therapy profession in doing the right thing and keeping one’s job should not be the intent of productivity standards.

Financial Impact:

None.
Old Business – 2013 Assembly of Representatives

SRA 0413/6-13 Impact of HFS/IDPA Policies of Provision of PT Services

SRA 0413/6-13
Short Title: Impact of HFS/IDPA Policies of Provision of PT Services
Passed (majority)

I, Peter Schmitt, move:
Whereas, the method by which HFS (Illinois Dept. of Public Aid) approves payment for physical therapy services to its clients changed effective July 1, 2012:
Whereas, these changes have resulted in long delays to the provision of PT services to these clients:
Resolved, that the IPTA Board of Directors should research the new HFS/IDPA process. The research may include, but not be limited to, (1) developing a summary of the changed payment approval methods, (2) collecting data regarding the impact of the changes on patient care, (3) developing recommendations for an improved process, and (4) communicating with HFS as deemed appropriate. The Board of Directors will report back regarding progress and action taken in this area at the 2014 Assembly.

2014 Report to the Assembly:

At the time SRA 0413/6-13 was passed, IPTA was soliciting responses to an RFP to hire a payment specialist on a contractual basis and leading an effort to respond to SRA 0413/6-13 was to become a part of the payment specialist’s responsibilities. Only one response to the RFP and after evaluation it was determined that our objectives in retaining a payment specialist would not be met by the proposal.
The process of getting approval for PT visits from HFS has posed various concerns over the past year – improving for a period of time but then getting worse. At this point there remain concerns over delays and administrative burden of tracking visits which are impacting patients and clinicians.
IPTA is taking the following actions:
1) Planning a meeting for June 2014 on Payment for PT Services in Illinois that will include members with expertise in payment issues, representatives of the BOD to determine priorities and develop an action plan. Although Medicaid payment will a primary topic of discussion it will not be the sole reason for the meeting.
2) Meet with HFS to discuss approval processing, utilization monitoring and management and referral requirements.
3) Conducting a survey of IPTA members to determine high priority payment issues.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Keehn, PT, DPT, MHPE
IPTA President

SRA 0413/5-13 Health and Wellness

SRA 0413/5-13
Short Title: Health and Wellness
Passed (majority)

I, Jeff Damaschke, on behalf of the Northern District, move that the IPTA Board of Directors appoint a taskforce to explore the role and methods that Physical Therapists and Physical Therapists Assistants in Illinois could play in the area of primary prevention, health promotion, and wellness, within our various practices, our communities, and across the State of Illinois. The task force would report back to the Assembly of Representatives in 2014.

2014 Report to the Assembly:

The task force is working diligently to accomplish the objectives put forth by the 2013 Assembly in exploring the role and methods that PTs and PTAs can play in the areas of prevention, health promotion, and wellness across the State of Illinois. Since January of 2014, the task force composed of 9 members of various practice settings and experience and 1 staff liaison have participated in 3 conference calls and ongoing communication through email. The members of the committee are listed below:
Chairperson: Gail Huber, PT, PhD
Jessica Barreca PT
Jeff Damaschke PT, DPT, MS, OCS
Mary Keehn PT, DPT, MHPE
Louis Cohn SPT
Lynn Batalden PT
Deborah Davey PT
Fred Wendler PT
Jennifer Kick SPT

A draft survey has been developed and is in the preliminary phase to be sent out to selected members to obtain feedback on the formatting and content of the survey. The collection of data will include: current initiatives members have made towards health promotion & wellness; barriers and suggestions as to how the chapter can most effectively assist the membership in promoting health, wellness and prevention.

An interim report will be given at a Board of Directors meeting in the fall and a full report to be presented to the Assembly in 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Huber, PT, PhD
Chair, Health Promotion & Wellness Task Force
President's Report & Executive Director Report

Reports to be delivered at the Assembly of Representatives on April 26, 2014.

Vice President’s Report

See attachment A

Treasurer’s Report

Report to be delivered at the Assembly of Representatives on April 26, 2014.

Secretary’s Report

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<td>2013 Assembly of Representatives: participated in pre- Assembly conference calls, representative orientation, motion discussions, credentialed/registered representatives, recorded minutes</td>
<td>Assembly minutes approved &amp; submitted to APTA. Bylaws changes made and submitted to Chapter office.</td>
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<td>Served as a member of the Rules of Order Committee to transition districts from Bylaws to Rules of Order</td>
<td>Served as a resource on District conference calls, prepared final drafts of Rules of Order for each District.</td>
<td>Improved consistency and decreased administrative burden at the District levels. Ensured compliance with APTA policies.</td>
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<td>Served as a member of the Strategic Planning Taskforce, including small-group leadership for SWOT analysis, note-taking, and consulting with President on verbiage</td>
<td>Four new Strategic Goals for IPTA established and presented to the BOD and to the Membership.</td>
<td>New Strategic Goals with good alignment and buy-in from the Membership will move the Association, and the profession of physical therapy in Illinois, forward.</td>
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<td>2014 Assembly of Representatives: participated in pre-assembly conference calls</td>
<td>Took notes from calls, available to assist the Speaker as a member of the Reference Committee.</td>
<td>Assembly reps better prepared to present motion information back to their districts.</td>
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UPCOMING PRIORITIES:
1. Complete 2014 Assembly minutes
2. Submit approved 2013 Assembly minutes to APTA
3. Assess Assembly logistics with Assembly officers and assist with implementing identified changes for improvement.
4. Support and assist the rest of the Executive Committee as needed to further the Strategic Goals.
5. Assist Chapter with any bylaw changes from the 2014 Assembly.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:
A big thank you to our wonderful Executive Director and Chapter Staff for their guidance and support, with special recognition to Michael Zumpano (and best wishes for him in his new endeavor). Thanks also to Mary Keehn and Julie Schwertfeger for their leadership and collegiality. It is a privilege to serve as Chapter Secretary.

Submitted by:
Barbara Gutierrez, PT, DPT, NCS
IPTA Secretary 2013-2014

Chief Delegate’s Report

In addition to Illinois Board of Director meetings, as Chief Delegate, since last Assembly of Representatives, the 2013 Illinois Delegation to the House of Delegates remained busy with the following meetings:
June 8, 2013 Full day delegation meeting
June 23-26, 2013 House of Delegates, Salt Lake City: delegates were challenged to ask 3 individuals permission to nominate them for national office. All delegates took on this challenge resulting in a robust list of nominees from Illinois. The APTA Nominating Committee has used this to challenge other components for 2014 and 2015.
August 15, 2013 Post House Conference Call to discuss nominees for 2014 and any potential business from Illinois. I participated in a conference call for the Midwest Caucus on September 27, 2013.

The 2014 Illinois Delegation has been very busy already this year:
January 23, 2013 Conference call to start discussions of motion concepts offered on the House Community.
February 22, 2014 Delegation meeting in Naperville to discuss Illinois presenting motions related to productivity standards and the components of patient care as well as initial discussion of other motions to be brought before the HOD in Charlotte, NC in June.
April 15, 2014 Conference call to finalize Illinois motions and begin discussion of Packet 1 for the pending HOD.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki L. Lee, PT, MAPT
Chief Delegate

Speaker of the Assembly’s Report

RESPONSIBILITIES, ACTIVITIES, AND OUTCOMES:

1. Conduct the business of the Assembly

January 2014:
- Worked with Board of Directors and Finance Committee for Bylaws motions
- Sworn into office on at the January Board meeting
- Worked with Assembly members related to concept motions
- Conducted Assembly Conference Call.

February 2014:
- Worked with Executive Director and staff to plan the 2014 Assembly
  - Letter to contact PT and PTA school liaisons for 2 student representatives from each school to attend the Assembly

2. With the Assembly officers and IPTA Executive Director and staff, was responsible for the registration of Assembly of Representatives
   - THANK YOU to the IPTA Executive Director and staff for their assistance with the 2013 Assembly.

3. Actively participated in meetings and activities of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors.
UPCOMING PRIORITIES AND HOW THEY WILL BE MET:

1. Facilitate effectiveness of the Assembly of Representatives in governance of IPTA
   - On an ongoing basis, work with the IPTA Members, Board, Executive Director, and staff to facilitate member-driven governance through the Assembly
   - Analyze the feedback of Representatives, Assembly Officers, Board Members, Executive Director and staff on the 2014 Assembly

2. Assist with implementation of the IPTA Strategic Plan
   - Hold myself and other Board members accountable for meeting responsibilities delineated in the plan and assigned to me.
   - Fulfill responsibilities as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Maxeiner, PT, EdD
Speaker of the Assembly

PTA Director’s Report

2013 Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Achieve IPTA membership of 3300 full dues physical therapist members and 250 physical therapist assistant members

1. I participated in a PTA Caucus, PTA membership committee. We put together a survey that went out to APTA PTA members.
2. I presented at PTA schools during the last year about the importance of APTA/IPTA membership.

Strategic Goal 2: Influence legislative, political, and other external entities and activities to advance the professional practice of physical therapy

1. Attended Illinois delegation pre and post HOD meetings.
2. Attended the 2013 HOD in Salt Lake City, Utah; representing Illinois as a member of the PTA Caucus

Strategic Goal 3: Achieve unrestricted direct access

1. Supported any planning or implementing IPTA direct access activities.

Strategic Goal 4: Leadership Development: Address the need for strong leadership to achieve IPTA goals by increasing the involvement of current professional leaders in IPTA activities, and creating a pipeline for the development of new leaders

1. Continued to identify and mentor future PTA leaders
2. Had PTA meetings at Fall Conference and Spring Assembly

Strategic Goal 5: Support professional development to advance the physical therapy profession

1. Disseminate information from the APTA Director of PTA Services, Janet Crosier, PT, DPT, Med in the article after the HOD.
IPTA 2014-2015 STRATEGIC GOALS AND HOW THEY WILL BE MET:

**Strategic Goal 1:** IPTA will increase awareness and understanding of physical therapy among consumers, legislators, other health care providers and payers.

1. I will support and assist in any planning and development of programs.

**Strategic Goal 2:** IPTA will maximize the value of membership in APTA and IPTA for all categories of membership.

1. Will continue to present to PTA students about the benefits of membership.
2. I will continue to inform PTA members about the current initiatives from the PTA Caucus at the HOD.

**Strategic Goal 3:** IPTA will reduce barriers to consumer access to physical therapist services.

1. I will support and assist in any planning and development of programs to reduce consumer access to PT services.

**Strategic Goal 4:** IPTA will engage members in all categories in association activities

1. I will continue to identify and mentor future PTA leaders
2. I will continue to inform PTAs about new areas to grow such as Advanced Proficiency.

- I would like to thank the current and past PTA District Representatives for your participation in your district. I would like to invite you to join me as a guest at a Board of Directors Meeting.
- I would like to thank the PTAs that have gotten more involved and are making a difference in our state.
- I would like to thank those of you that were very supportive during my mom’s illness this past year.

Meetings Attended Since the beginning of 2013:

- January 25, 2014  Board of Directors Meeting
- January 14, 2014  PTA Caucus Membership Committee Conference Call
- January 21, 2014  Assembly Conference Call
- January 23, 2014  HOD Conference Call
- February 3, 2014  PTA Town hall meeting at CSM in Las Vegas
- February 12, 2014  PTA Caucus Membership Committee Conference Call
- February 18, 2014  Presentation to DPT students at UIC about PT and PTA Collaboration
- March 12, 2014  Northern District Meeting at ECC

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Wallace, PTA
IPTA PTA Director
## Central District Report

Central District 2013 Annual Report  
Central District Chair: Gerald Pica  
Central District Co-Chair: John Flickinger  
Central District Secr./Treas.: Michael Vogel

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| District Meeting-March 20, 2013  
Bloomington/Normal, Illinois  
9 members attended  
1 nonmember attended  
Committee reports  
Business Meeting  
Program  
Colleen Flannery, IPTA Executive Director  
a. “Current Issues in Physical Therapy: What IPTA Can Do for You” | Reported on:  
1) Direct Access – discussion continues with Illinois Medical Society  
2) Co-Pay legislation  
3) Legislator visits  
4) Referral for profit  
5) Governor’s state committees – need IPTA representation  
6) IPTA continued competency task force – no recommendations  
7) April 6 & 7 cervical spine course at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center  
8) IPTA spring assembly – April 13 | Informed attending members on what is happening at the state level concerning Physical Therapy Practice  
Providing a Local CE Course for our membership |
| Attendance at the Spring Assembly-April 13,2013 | We were represented by our District representatives minus our PTA representative | Participation in the Assembly meeting process- valuable experience for our new representatives, lunch and New Lobbyist’ overview on what is ahead for the IPTA legislatively. |
| CE course- hosted Evidence Based Treatment of Cervical Spine Pain – Three Approaches (11.5 CE Hours) on April 6 & 7, 2013 at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Bloomington, Illinois | Presented 3 Different Approaches to the Treatment of Neck Pain at one venue- allowing participants to become familiar with each approach and see live patients treated by each approach for an Assessment and a Day 2 visit | Provided a CE course for PT/PTAs at a reasonable cost for sponsoring District members close to home |
| District Meeting-August 15, 2013  
Champaign, Illinois  
11 members attended  
1 student attended  
Committee reports  
Business Meeting & Networking dinner meeting | Reported on:  
1) the IPTA Board voted to centralize chapter finances through the chapter office  
2) successful in moving SB 1626, the PT Provider Co Pay Equity Act, out of the Senate Insurance Committee.  
3) the IPTA Board has selected a property in the Naperville area to purchase.  
4) IPTA website has been updated  
5) upcoming IPTA Fall Conference is scheduled for November 8 and 9 at the Marriott in Normal | Provided attendees to network with each other along with informing them on what is happening at the state and local levels of our organization |
6) Direct Access currently on hold until probably at least 2016
7) Delegates’ report – adopted a new (more simple) vision statement

District Meeting-Dec. 16, 2013
Champaign, Illinois
19 members attended
1 nonmember attended
Committee reports
Business meeting and CE
Presentation:
1. Guest Speaker
   Lora Mock, PT – “Tai Chi for Rehabilitation”

Reported on:
1) Gave a Summary of fall conference
2) Spring 2014 district CE on the extremities – motioned and approved
3) 2014 budget proposal – motioned and approved
4) Thank you to Chris Dillon for serving as District Delegate

General discussion:
a) Obamacare sign-up
b) Fee-for-service reimbursement model
c) Practice excellence series
d) PTA education requirements above the associate degree level
e) APTA position of PTA as the sole treatment extender

Updated attendees on:
Summary of elections
Chair Two Year Term: Jerry Pica
(Vice Chair Two Year Term 2013-2014: John Flickinger)
Secretary/Treasurer Two Year Term: Michael Vogel
District Delegate One Year Term: Heidi Tippner
Delegate At Large One Year Term: Jeannette Elliott
PTA Assembly Representative: No Candidate or write in
PT Assembly Representative Two Year Term: Jerry Pica, Heidi Tippner, Jeannette Elliott, Chris Dillon
PT Assembly Representative One Year Term: Lora Mock, Ben Kim, Dianne Hergenrother, John Flickinger
Nominating Committee Chair One Year Term: Shane Gosnel

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Pica, PT
Central District Chair

East Central District Report

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<td>March 2013 District Meeting</td>
<td>Two educational sessions for district members- “Accelerating Motor Learning through Support for Fundamental Psychological Needs” and “Neurological Rehabilitation Strategies for Maximizing Intensity Across the Rehabilitation Continuum”- Thank you to Melissa Burns and Sarah Keller for presenting</td>
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<td>Review of district restructuring, district budget, and Assembly 2013 preparation</td>
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<td>SSIG presentation- Thank you to Meghan for presenting</td>
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<td>Colleen Flannery- presentation on Chapter office and legislative activities Thank you Colleen for presenting</td>
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<td>Assembly 2013</td>
<td>District members present to discuss and vote on Chapter legislation</td>
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<td>April 2013 New Professionals Meeting</td>
<td>Initial meeting for District New Professionals</td>
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<td>Discussion on Chapter initiatives, how to get involved in the IPTA, and round table to discuss professional development and preparation for PT practice.</td>
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<td>September 2013 District Meeting</td>
<td>Education Session for district members “Dynamic Stretching”- Thank you to Anny Bierman for presenting</td>
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<td>HOD 2013 update on what the HOD passed this year and how it impacts our members- Thank you to Indira Dubsky for presenting</td>
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**Eastern District Report**

I would like to thank all of the Eastern District members and volunteers for their work toward the following activities during the past year. In particular I would like to thank Stephanie Dillon, outgoing Eastern District Secretary.

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| Eastern District Business Meeting and Presentation (March 13, 2013) | • 47 attendees  
• Colleen Flannery presented regarding professional updates | Addressed former strategic goal #1 (membership), #2-3 (update on professional and legislative issues), #4 (leadership development), and #5 (professional development for new professionals) |
| New Connections Networking Event (March 19, 2013) | • 17 attendees, including several new New Connections attendees | Addressed former strategic goal #1 (membership), #4 (leadership development), and #5 (professional development for new professionals) |
| IPTA Assembly of Representatives (April 13, 2013) and managing Assembly Reps | • Promoting Assembly attendance, active participation (by Peter Schmitt)  
• Informing reps of boundary change and action that is needed  
• Recruiting new Representatives from guests at Assembly (contact info given to Nominating committee)  
• Asking Reps to plan ahead for next year’s motion ideas. | Addressed former strategic goals # 2, 4, & 5 (professional development, leadership development, healthcare entities) |
| Practice Excellence Committee CEU Presentation (May 11, 2013) | • Gerald Pica presented “Introduction to Mechanical Diagnosis and Therapy for Low Back Assessment and Treatment-The McKenzie Method” | Addressed former strategic goals # 1 (membership) and #5 (professional development) |
| Leadership Team Conference Call/Executive Committee Meeting (May 20, 2013) | • To engage current leaders and potential future leaders | Addressed former strategic goals # 4 (leadership development) and #5 (professional development) |
| Eastern District Business Meeting and | • 41 attendees  
Blake Stahl Presented APTA House of | Addressed former strategic goal #1 (membership), #2-3 (update on |
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<th>Presentation (May 23, 2013)</th>
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| District Restructuring      | • Members residing in the following communities will be reassigned from the **Eastern District to the Northern District**: Addison, Arlington Heights, Bensenville, Bloomingdale, Buffalo Grove, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Hanover Park, Itasca, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights, Wood Dale.  
• Members residing in the following communities will be reassigned from the **Eastern District to the East Central District**: Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Hinsdale, Lisle, Lockport, Lombard, Oak Brook, Oak Brook Terrace, Villa Park, Westmont, Willowbrook, Woodridge. | Addressed former strategic goal #1 (membership) to make participating in district meetings more accessible. |
| New Connections Networking Event (June 13, 2013) at Diag (2586 N. Southport). Coordinated by Mike Brown and Efosa Guobadia | • ~15 attendees, including several first timers.  
• Engaged New Professionals, Early Career PTs and PTAs, and students, and introduce them to the profession. | Addressed former strategic goal #1 (membership), #4 (leadership development), and #5 (professional development for new professionals) |
| ED New Connections Event (September 17th, at Derby) | • 18 attendees  
• To engage New Professionals, Early Career PTs and PTAs, and students, and introduce them to the profession. | Addressed former strategic goal #1 (membership), #4 (leadership development), and #5 (professional development for new professionals) |
| Leadership Team Conference Call/Executive Committee Meeting (November 2013) | • To engage current leaders and potential future leaders | Addressed former strategic goals #4 (leadership development) and #5 (professional development) |
| ED Business Meeting (November, 20 2013 at Northwestern University PT - tentative) | • 36 attendees total (11 students)  
• To engage members in the business of the district. To inform members regarding the new IL healthcare exchange rules. | Addressed former strategic goal #1 (membership), #4 (leadership development), and #5 (professional development for new professionals) |
| Reached out to the initiators of Chicago's PT Pub Night to determine whether there could be positive overlap between the PT Pub Night efforts and our New Connections Efforts | • Several IPTA members attended the inaugural PT Pub Night (Dec 7, 2013 at Goose Island on Clybourn) with the purpose of networking with passionate PTs who are less involved in the IPTA or nonmembers. | Addresses former strategic goals #1 (membership) ) and #2-3 (update on professional and legislative issues to share with members and nonmember attendees) |
| Participated in the Strategic Planning Work Group | • Will ensure that the members of the eastern district and their interests (research, students, membership concerns) are represented in the group | Addresses former strategic goals #1 (membership) and #4 (leadership development) |
Maintaining an active Membership Committee (currently led by Manasi Bohra and Jennifer Solverson)  
- Continue reach out to welcome new members and contact lapsed members  
- Support member recruitment and retention (Strategic Goal 1)  

| Many new volunteers have stepped up to take on leadership activities within the district. | Gwen Pessis Gola (Legislative committee) | Addresses former strategic goals # 1 (strengthening membership committee), #2 (strengthening legislative committee), and #4 (leadership development) |
| Philip Kushner (Vice Chair) | Kate Dibbin (Secretary/Treasurer) | |
| Julie Rosen (Chair) | |

I would like to thank all of the new and current leaders in the Eastern District, for their continued work to achieve the strategic goals of the IPTA.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Miriam Rafferty, PT, DPT, NCS  
Outgoing Chair, Eastern District

**North Central District Report**

**NO REPORT**

**Northern District Report**

The past year has been another engaging year in our District with a continued commitment to our members through meetings at various locations in our region. Members enjoyed a variety of topics for the educational component of each meeting and engaged in discussion during the business portion as well. The following list is a summary of the dates and locations for the 2013 meetings.

- March 12 – RIC Northshore, Northbrook
- June 4 – Diamond Physical Therapy, Algonquin
- September 18 – Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, North Chicago
- November 6 – Elgin Community College, Elgin

I would like to personally thank each of these venues who supported our strategic goal of maximizing the value of our membership, in providing excellent continuing education and a time to reconnect and engage with other PT, PTA and student members. In continuing this commitment, we also are planning the following meeting dates for Northern District meetings.

- March 12 – Elgin Community College, Elgin
- May 7 – Advocate Condell Medical Center, Libertyville
- October 7 – Women’s and Children’s Hospital at St Alexius, Hoffman Estates
- December 2 – Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, North Chicago

At the Chapter level, members continue to support our Association through participation in the Assembly. Elections conducted in 2013 filled all positions and conference calls are planned to prepare for the 2014 Assembly of Representatives in Naperville.

Again, I would like to personally thank the outgoing officers of the Northern District for their work in the past years. Jeff Damaschke and Micaela Banks provided the guidance and leadership that continued to help reach out to members and move our Association forward. Your volunteer work in attending Board of Director meetings, forwarding important and time sensitive information to members, participating in conference calls and connecting with students was a huge commitment and is duly noted. Thank you again for serving in your positions as representatives of the Northern District. The next year is forecast to be another year of growth in our profession and I look forward to being part of that progress.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Jonas, PT  
Chair, Northern District
## Southern District Report

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<td>CEU presentation – Pediatric Knee Injuries by Dr. Guy Venuti Presentation by IPTA staff Business meeting</td>
<td>Promotes membership through education on current professional and legislative issues</td>
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<td>II. April 11 – District Meeting at Southwestern Illinois College</td>
<td>CEU presentation – Cultural Competence in Physical Therapy, Bob Lutz PTA Business meeting</td>
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<td>III. September 10 – District meeting at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale</td>
<td>CEU presentation – Total Hip Arthroplasty, Anterior Approach, Dr. Bret Miller M.D.</td>
<td>Promotes membership through education on current professional and legislative issues</td>
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<td>IV. September 21, 2013 – Hosted a Practice Excellence Course at Southwestern Illinois College</td>
<td>6 CEU course Fall Prevention: From Motor Control Problems to Clinical Practice Guidelines</td>
<td>Promotes membership through education</td>
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<td>V. December 5, 2013- District meeting scheduled</td>
<td>Canceled meeting Dec. 5th due to the beginning of the POLAR VORTEX</td>
<td>Represented Southern District/IPTA members’ interests</td>
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Active representation at the IPTA Assembly of Representatives, the APTA HOD and the IPTA BOD meetings.

I would like to thank all the Southern District members and especially the District Officers for all their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Varel PT
Southern District Chair

## West Central District Report

Louise Dolvig and Valerie Cain are on the New Connections Committee and held the first New Connections event for PTs / PTAs with less than 5 years' experience in our district. Plan to have 2 events this year.

Several members of the WCD represented us at the IPTA Fall Conference in Bloomington, IL in November 2013 for fun, quality education, and networking with new and old friends. Thanks for all of those who participated.

Thanks to last year’s officers for their hard work, especially with transitions in Secretary and Treasurer positions. Thanks to new officers for accepting nominations. New officers include Ryan Schallenberg as Vice Chair and Representative to the House of Delegates, Jane Winders as Assembly Representative, Gail Johnson as Assembly Representative and Nominating Committee Member, Genny Wagner as Secretary / Treasurer, Assembly Representative, and Nominating Committee Member and John Gee (outgoing IPTA Treasurer) as Assembly Representative. Thanks to Fred Wendler and Louise Dolvig for their continued service as Representatives to the Assembly.

Interested in doing more for the District and Chapter? The nominating committee is accepting nominations for officers for the 2015 year. It will be an exciting change of pace as the new officers will be oriented in Fall 2014! Contact Valerie Cain, Genny Wagner, or Gail Johnson if you are interested in getting involved. Let’s keep looking ahead. We are in this together!
Western District Report

Western District meetings held:
February 7, 2013: business meeting only
September 12, 2013: one hour continuing education class provided “The Principles of Seating and Mobility”, dinner provided, business meeting conducted (a member benefit).

April 6-7, 2013: Western District cosponsored a continuing education course with IPTA Central and West Central Districts. It was held in Normal, Illinois titled “Three Approaches and Treatment of Cervical Spine Pain” and speakers were Mary Kate McDonnell, PT, DPT, OCS, Jason Rodeghero, PT, DPT, PhD(c), OCS, ATC, FAAOMPT, Hugh C. Murray, PT, Diploma MDT. This course was offered at reduced cost for APTA/IPTA members of the sponsoring districts (a member benefit).

Participated in:
March 13, 2013: Western District caucus conference call for IPTA Assembly of Representatives business
April 13, 2013: Elected district representatives attended and participated in the IPTA Assembly of Representatives

Information provided by Lisa Kirker, PT, Western District Chairperson 2012-2013

Submitted by: Jean Kestner, PT, MS
Western District Chairperson 2014-2015
## Awards Committee Report

The Illinois Physical Therapy Association gives several awards that recognize the efforts of clinicians, educators and leaders toward the advancement of the physical therapy profession. The Awards Committee reviews all of the award nomination packets and creates a slate of award recipients that are presented to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors makes the final determination of award recipients.

### The current membership of the awards committee is as follows:

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### Nominations and Selections

- **January 1 - February 14, 2014:** Nominations accepted by the Chapter office
- **February 14, 2014:** Nomination packets forwarded to Awards Committee members
- **February 20-March 4, 2014:** Awards Committee members communicated by conference call and email to review nomination packets and selected potential award recipients
- **March 4, 2014:** Names of potential recipients submitted to IPTA Board of Directors

### IPTA Awards Manual

This year, the Chapter Staff developed an IPTA Awards Manual with input from the Awards Committee. The Board of Directors approved the manual in time for this year’s award cycle which began in December 2013. The manual standardized criteria for the development of new awards and formalized roles and responsibilities for nominations and selections of awardees.

### Streamlining of Nomination Process

IPTA loves to recognize its members. We do not want the work of preparing a nomination packet to deter members from nominating colleagues. The Awards Committee is working on ways to reduce the burden placed on nominators.

### Thank you!

Many people work together to make the awards program a success. I would especially like to thank

- Nominators who prepared and submitted nomination packets.
- Awards Committee members for all of their committee work.
- IPTA staff for drafting the Awards Manual and working with award nominators to complete nomination packets.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra J. Levi, PT, PhD
Awards Committee Chair

## Ethics Committee Report

NO REPORT

## IPT-PAC Committee Report

NO REPORT
Member Services Committee Report

In 2013, a primary goal of the IPTA Members Services Committee was increasing membership of PT/PTA/SPT/SPTAs with a strategic plan target of 5350 PT full members, 2055 PTA full members, 684 SPT members, and 123 SPTA members. The following Chapter-wide programs were in place to work toward this goal:

- New Member Welcome
- Member Retention
- New member recruitment events
- Student presentations
- iMAP
- New Professional/Early Career Events

Member Services Committee members worked in small groups on these programs and met at 1-2 month intervals by conference call. See the IPTA website for notes of meetings.

Highlights of 2013 include:

iMAP
The iMAP program continued to be a valuable member benefit. In 2013 the program was further developed and a record 45 mentor-protégé pairs were active. A welcome packet/resource manual for iMAP participants was completed under the leadership of Sarah Jacobsen, PT. Thanks to Sarah Jacobsen, PT, for her leadership during her term as Chair and Dan Czajowski, PT as Vice Chair. In 2014, Dan Czajowski, PT will serve as Chair and Lisa Zemaitis, PTA, was appointed as Vice-Chair.

Student Presentations
In coordination with the Student Special Interest Group, 14 presentations were made to PT/PTA education programs in the Chapter. 254 PT students and 205 PTA students (354 nonmembers) attended these presentations which were lively, informative, and increased the likelihood that participants would become/renew IPTA/APTA membership. Many thanks to Matthew Nicholas, Colleen Flannery, members of Student Special Interest Group and PT/PTA education faculty for leading this effort. This program is anticipated to continue; interested faculty/student leaders should contact the Chapter office to make arrangements for a presentation.

New Professional Events
Ninety-eight people (15 nonmembers) in the early phases of their physical therapist/physical therapist assistant career attended nine New Professionals networking events for members and nonmembers. In 2013 the location of events was expanded to five of the districts. Seven new members were recruited as a result of these events. This program is anticipated to continue.

New Member Recruitment Events
Chapter staff, Board members and Member Services committee members represented IPTA at the exhibit halls of several events, including the ATI Sports Medicine Summit on 8/3/13 and the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Conference on 8/21/13.

Member Retention
The annual recognition of members celebrating APTA/IPTA 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, and 45-year “anniversaries” was held at the Assembly of Representatives and members were recognized with a listing in a special brochure and presentation of an anniversary lapel pin. The online newsletter, “Keeping You Connected” was regularly emailed to all members and was informative and helpful to highlight member benefits.

Other
Volunteers staffed the IPTA Member Services and iMAP “booths” at IPTA events, including the 2013 Assembly of Representatives and 2014 Fall Conference.

Counts of members in each membership category (as reported by APTA) can be found on the Member Services Dashboard at www.ipta.org.
In November and December, members of the Member Services Committee provided input to the IPTA Student Support Task Force.

*Thank you*

Many thanks to the Committee members for their service and to Colleen Flannery, Michael Zumpano, Matthew Nicholas, Cindy Oria, and many other IPTA staff and member volunteers for their support of the IPTA Member Services Committee in 2013. In 2014, the Chapter looks forward to engaging as many members as possible in meaningful way with the assistance of new IPTA Member Services Manager, Sharon Meyerhoff.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca (Becky) Wojcik  
Member Services Chair

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**Nominating Committee Report**

A change in our election process timeline was determined at the January Board meeting. An earlier election schedule allows for new leadership orientation to take place in the fall, so the newly elected are better prepared when they officially take office in January. Orientation would also include attendance at Board or other meetings, shadowing current leader, and involvement in the budgeting/planning process.

The new election schedule is as follows:

- Call for Nominations Jan through March
- Slate prepared April 1
- Candidates campaign at Assembly late April
- Election voting May 1 - 20
- Election results May 25

Offices that are up for election this year (terms start 2015):

- President-Elect
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Nominating committee
- Ethics committee
- Delegates at large

The IPTA and the Nominating Committee would like to thank Karen Goodlow for three years of exemplary service on the Nominating Committee (2011-2013).

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Frank  
PT, MBA  
Nominating Committee Chair

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**Payment Committee Report**

IPTA Payment Committee report for 2014 Assembly

**Medicare, Part B**

The “Therapy Cap” and exceptions process continued for all settings for outpatient physical therapy in 2014. There was a change in the manual medical review process that occurs once a recipient reaches the $3700 threshold, with the reviews being done by Recovery Audit Contractors (RA). Illinois is a pre pay review state, meaning they will review...
the claim BEFORE it is paid. The approval process to get exceptions to the $3700 threshold no longer exists, all cases are reviewed. APTA put forward many education opportunities and information to prepare members for the changes. Perhaps the most significant change this year came with the implementation of Functional Limitation Reporting for all Medicare B claims. It went into effect July 1, 2013. IPTA and APTA provided educational opportunities for members to prepare for this implementation.

**Medicaid,**

Due to the financial situation of the state, the SMART Act remains in effect and there continues to be a 20 visit limit for outpatient PT for all persons 21 and older who are covered by Illinois Medicaid. The paper approval process is still burdensome and contains problems, but those providers who still see Medicaid patients seem to be dealing with the process. The procedure is one of technical review/ approval with criteria such as provider credentials, length of care plan no more than 3 months, how many visits have been approved, and they continue to use only pre approval of visits, not actual completed visits, to determine what each person has in their allotment.

**Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Illinois**

Though it was announced that BCBS/IL would begin implementation of a utilization management program with Orthonet for some plans covering City of Chicago workers in 2013, that implementation did not actually go into effect until January 2014. IPTA payment chair had a phone conference and much ongoing communication with BCBS/IL about concerns from members’ past experience with Orthonet and barriers to ongoing provision of PT services to members. BCBS/IL has said they intend to manage this process directly and all claims will be paid by them as well as all appeals will be heard by BCBS/IL. The tiering took place in late 2013 with all professional providers informed of their tier based on their practice claims history with BCBS/IL. The Payment committee communicated with members, APTA, and other associations throughout this year regarding this program. It does certainly identify the need for the profession to come up with some methodology/ criteria to offer to payers who are concerned about the variations in care and wanting some way to manage escalating costs for rehabilitation care.

**Payer’s Forum**

We decided again this year not to host a “Payer’s Forum” due to the poor response in the past years. It is not our intent to provide this presentation again in Illinois, but to assist with the national APTA Insurance Forum when it is held in Chicago every other year.

**Continuing Education for members:**

The payer committee along with the chapter office arranged:  
**Webinar/ Audio Conference: Functional Limitation Reporting Under Medicare**

To help members understand the CMS implementation of Functional Status reporting for therapy services. This was a 2 hour presentation presented by Rick Gawenda ,PT March 18, 2013  
**Payment Policy and Compliance for Today and Tomorrow - March 15-16, 2013 – Chicago, IL**

Course Type: Live Seminar  
Author(s): Helene Fearon, PT; Stephen M. Levine, PT, DPT, MSHA; Gayle Lee, JD; Roshunda Drummond-Dye, JD; Heather Smith, PT, MPH

**Other activities**

I attended the 2013 State Payment and Policy meeting this year in Omaha, NE. I have participated in several audio presentations regarding the changes by CMS (mostly FLR and manual medical review) for therapy services in 2013 and implementation of ICD 10 in 2014.

The members continue to submit comments and concerns via phone or e-mail and I try to do my best to respond or refer the questions appropriately. There are several members in the state who assist in answering questions in areas where I am not so knowledgeable; Julie Rosen for IRF and SNF, Jim Milder with Workers Comp. I thank them for this assistance.

The RFP for a Payer Relations Specialist did finally yield one potential candidate in 2014, but the expense was considerably above what the budget could allow. More discussion on payment issues as a strategic initiative in 2014 need to be held, the committee structure may not be the most effective way to handle this growing member issue.

Respectfully submitted  
Diane M Davis  
Payment Committee Chair
Federal Affairs Liaison Report

In the past year, your Federal Affairs Liaison has been actively engaged in organizing, with the considerable assistance of APTA and IPTA staff, the lobbying of our federal legislators on important topics to our profession and our patients.

In January of 2013, APTA staff and several IPTA Members (Angela Wilson Pennisi, PT and Carole Oser, PT) organized a PT practice visit with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (9th Congressional District). Angela and Carole, with very little coaching from me, organized and executed a very successful meeting between the Congresswoman, their patients, and themselves/staff to discuss important patient and provider issues.

On April 14-16th, 2013, I and five fellow IPTA members (Jennifer Hungate, PT, Gregory Monson, PT, Claire Myśliwy, SPT, Julie Schwertfeger, PT, and Blake Stahl, PT) attended the Federal Advocacy Forum (Washington, DC) and summited Capitol Hill to lobby our respective federal legislators on the topics of repealing the Medicare Outpatient Therapy Cap, adding Physical Therapists to the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), and Reform of the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) Formula. Following this event, additional co-sponsors were added among our IL legislators. Likewise, relationships, if not co-sponsorships (yet!), with new legislators were undoubtedly sparked as a result of this successful event.

In the summer of 2013, as a follow-up to the Federal Advocacy Forum, APTA staff and I assisted several IPTA Members in organizing legislator practices visits. Congressmen John Shimkus (15th Congressional District) and Peter Roskam (6th Congressional District) both visited PT facilities in their home districts. Thanks to all who participated in these practice visits but most importantly to Tina Frank, PT, Patti Naylor, PT, and Julie Schwertfeger, PT.

Likewise on April 6-8th, 2014, I and a group of your colleagues from IL, including approximately five students of Physical Therapy, will be attending the 2014 Federal Advocacy Forum. We will be lobbying our federal legislators on behalf of our patients and our profession.

In the coming year, look for additional information on federal initiatives in the IPTA electronic newsletter, Your Advocate. This year will undoubtedly be another active year in terms of federal legislation affecting healthcare. If you are interested in discovering more about legislative affairs, or would like to host your legislator in a practice visit, I am always available to provide you with an update or assistance.

Chris Egizio, PT, MPT
Federal Affairs Liaison

Early Career Board Liaisons Report

As the first IPTA Early Career PTA Liaison, I am honored to stated that the first year has been very rewarding and full of great experiences and accomplishments. During the first year, we manage to initiate many New Connections outings which were very successful and due to the success we plan to continue this year however, we hope to expand them more or to mix them with other opportunities in the area maybe even mix them with the famous APTA Pub nights in Illinois and keep meeting more and more great people in our PT community.

The other great thing we manage to do was our New Connections newsletter. Which was done monthly and included information about upcoming events and small articles that were about common questions a new grad might have to even a suggestion about keeping up with technology to assist you with your current treatments at your current workplace. Now, due to the great use of media we decided to continue with the newsletter and link them to our Facebook and LinkedIn accounts and expand them more if needed in case more questions arise from those simple articles written each month and help assist our fellow therapist who follow them or like them.

Once more like I mentioned, being the IPTA Early Career PTA Liaison, it's great honor. It pleases me to know that my advice can make a difference to a therapist initially in their career or while having a crisis in their career. Also being in this position has grant many opportunities to grow as an individual and meet amazing people who have inspired me to be a better clinician and love what I do each day. The goal continues to be the same since the day I accepted the position to
introduce and guide others into feeling the same way I do about the PT field and so far as the IPTA Early Career PTA Liaison, and what has been accomplished in the first year and the plans suggested for the year to come, I do believe my goal is being accomplished and is on the road to success to make a difference.

Respectfully Submitted,
Berenice Soto, PTA
Early Career PTA Liaison

Chapter Office Reports

Communications & Marketing

Illinois Physical Therapy Association uses many social media platforms in order to connect with our members. A 2012 study revealed that 83 percent of marketers believe that social media is important for their business, and more than nine in ten (92 percent) spend six or more hours online each week maintaining their presence on these channels. The values that social media platforms provide for the IPTA are they are affordable, able to reach large audiences, instant, the capacity to interact, and most beneficial is the ability to track results. Below is the year end for 2013 social media and communications annual report.

LinkedIn:
The IPTA joined LinkedIn on October 25th, 2011. Chapter Staff created a group named “Illinois Physical Therapy Association” to post updates on PT, start discussions between members, and provide connections between members through the professional association. In January 2013, the group started with only 337 members. In December 2013 that number grew to year ending count of 812 members. The week of August 12th, 2014 the largest spike in group members occurred, 36 new individual members joined the LinkedIn group. It is noted that 51% of the members in the group are employed in Healthcare services, 8% in education, and 5% in operations. 47% of our members are in entry level positions, and 7% of the members are owners of a company. The largest demographic of the group members live in the greater Chicago land area at 56%. 4% of the members live in the greater St. Louis area, and 2% of the members in the group live in Peoria, IL. The month of August 2013 created the most activity for the LinkedIn group with 8 discussion and several comments from members.

Facebook:

Over 1 billion users worldwide utilize Facebook to connect, share, and advertise on the web. The IPTA has a few Facebook pages that help grow and link our membership.

LinkedIn: The IPTA created the A.D.A.P.T Page to spread of the message of Direct Access to Illinois users. The utilization of this page created an outlet for members to easily share the message of Direct Access and collect online donations towards the movement. The group started in July of 2012, the number of “likes” was at 72, by the end of

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December 2012 the number of “likes” has grown rapidly and ended with a total number of 605. With little attention spent on the Illinois ADAPT group, we had a 2013 year end number of 623 facebook users who like our page.

Student Special Interest Group- unlike the two other IPTA Facebook pages, the SSIG page is limited to only Student Members of the IPTA. The SSIG Facebook Group allows just for students to interact, post, and add new friends across Illinois who are all members of the IPTA and are enrolled in PT/PTA school. Students may request to join the group, and once their IPTA membership is confirmed they are then added. Yearend count of group members for 2013 is 144 Facebook users.

Twitter:
The IPTA created two Twitter accounts back in July of 2012. The Illinois Physical Therapy Association twitter, @IPTAConnect has steadily increased their followers with a yearend number of 114 followers, an increase from 2012’s 85 followers. The second IPTA account is the @IllinoisADAPT. The @IllinoisADAPT Twitter is another effort to spread the message about Direct Access. By the end of the 2013, @IllinoisADAPT had 35 Followers. (3 follower increase from 2012).

www.IPTA.org:
The Illinois Physical Therapy Association website is the most utilized resource the IPTA has to offer. The total number of traffic on the website for 2013 is 85,204 visits. The month in which the most visits occurred with 8,559 was March of 2013, this could be explained with registration for the Annual Assembly and Marquette Challenge Banquet both occurring in the month following. In 2013, www.IPTA.org has a total about of 309,334 page views with an average of 5,428 unique visitors each month².

Bulk Emails:
Bulk emails go out to our membership on a monthly basis. The IPTA has the ability to selectively choose who the emails get to delivered to by district, committee, community of interest, or by member search. There were 183 emails sent to general or group membership in 2012³. A total number of emails from the IPTA that were sent to inboxes were 252,972. Of that total number sent, 76,035 were opened and viewed by members and (if applicable) 8,369 click backs from live links in the emails were opened.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Nicholas
Chapter Relations & Marketing Coordinator, IPTA

Cindy Orna
Communications Associate, IPTA

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ATTACHMENT A: Vice President Report

May 31

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S1627: NIH Update: Sen. Kirk and Sen. Johnson introduced S. 1627, which requires a report about the feasibility of implementing the recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Panel report and allows interagency coordination for rehabilitation research. APTA generated support for S. 1627, and a potential companion house bill. Response to Blue Ribbon Panel was released by the director of the National Institute of Health and Human Development (NIHHD), in which he proposes a new funding model where the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMRR) has a cofounding research strategy for projects and grants with other independent centers. NCMRR would also have 7% dedicated funding from NIH extramural funds. APTA developed an official response to NIHHD.

https://www.apta.org/PTinMotion/neWSInC0W/2013/2013/1/BlueRibbonPanel/

You can read more from Senator Kirk related to Stroke Advocacy through the link below:

http://www.strokeSMART.org/article?id=318

Thank you Senator Kirk for your advocacy and ongoing support for stroke survivors and physical therapy. Thank you APTA staff, Monica Herr and APTA legislative staff.

May/June

PCORI Research

A government research funding center called Patient Reported Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) announced approval in late May of a research study I am co-investigator on: Developing Quality Metrics from Patient Reported Outcomes from Medical Rehabilitation. Alleen Heinemann, PhD, Professor of PM&R and Director of the RIC Center for Rehabilitation Outcome Research (CROR) is the Principle Investigator on the project. I am a co-investigator and the PI for the Alexian Brothers Health System, which is one of two sites participating in this 3 year, funded study. You may read about it by going to www.pcori.org

Thank you Dr Heinemann, Christine Delco, Peggy Kirk and Neal Michalek and the CROR team.

12 July

IPTA iMap Mentor 2nd meeting

For our second meeting, Kelsey and I met at Alexian, where I toured her, we ate lunch and talked about her upcoming clinical and coursework. Our initial meeting was June 7 after we coordinated through email and phone with introductions through the iMap program. Kelsey is a current PT student who is in the physical therapy class of 2015. We met again in September, October, November and January (just before CSM). My best to Kelsey as she goes to her 12 week clinical, of which I am reliving due to our relationship. Thank you Kelsey! It was great to see you at CSM.

Thank you Kelsey Flanders, Dan Czajkowski, Sarah Jacobson and my protégé, Kelsey Flanders in this mentoring relationship.

13 July

BOD Meeting Naperville Country Club

Highlights from this meeting include board motions about the purchase of a property, a dedication to support the PT Foundation for three years and total of $22,500 through fundraising and a task force for strategic planning established.

Thank you Colleen Flannery, Matthew Nicholas, Michael, Linda and Committee Members.

31 July

APTA FAL Meeting

Proposed Physician Fee Schedule Rule – Three proposed changes:
Payment rate adjustment, Critical Access hospitals, Changes to the physician quality reporting system (PQRS)

Thank you Lindsay Still and APTA Government Affairs Staff.

Thank you to Representative Jackie

Report from IPTA VP, Julie Schwertfeger, PT, MBA for Annual Assembly Report

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<td>You can read about the 2013 SOR Fly In by following the following link: <a href="http://www.apta.org/PTinMotion/NewsNow/2013/2/16/FlyIn/">http://www.apta.org/PTinMotion/NewsNow/2013/2/16/FlyIn/</a></td>
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<td>Capitoli Hill had a large group from Illinois: Our Illinois FAL, Chris Eggo led the delegation including students (Claire Myslewski) and Illinois Physical Therapist advocates Greg Morson and Blake Stahl. The Illinois group included APTA Sections FALs Jennifer Hungate (Women's Health) and Julie Schwertfeger (Section on Research). Michael Konowski, the Illinois PT from RIC who worked with Senator Kirk during his recovery from Stroke was recognized with an award from APTA President Paul Rockar during this Forum. Michael also advocated with our Illinois delegation at multiple Capitol Hill visits. Highlights (including Video Dispatches from the 2013 Forum are posted for public view. You may view my experience of the forum in the video dispatch by going to the following link and tapping the video Dispatch photo. <a href="http://www.apta.org/FederalForum/Highlights/2013/">www.apta.org/FederalForum/Highlights/2013/</a></td>
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<td>April 20</td>
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<td>Marquette Challenge at Naperville Country Club. IFTA Sigma brought strength in numbers and in communication in the Flash Action on Direct Access legislation. They were recognized at the Federal Affairs Forum by APTA President Rockar. The Illinois student initiative raised funds and received recognition from the Foundation and the APTA. You can read about Illinois Marquette Challenge as well as our Student Federal Affairs visit by following the link: <a href="http://www.abs.uiuc.edu/pt/news/title.11725.en.html">http://www.abs.uiuc.edu/pt/news/title.11725.en.html</a></td>
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Thank you and hats off to our SSKS leadership. Pres. Lars Petersen, VP Joe Harley, Special Events Coordinator Kelly Askins, Secretary Jessica Sroup and Treasurer Elise Livingston.
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<td>HR2914 Action</td>
<td>A letter requesting support for HR2914 was sent to Congressman Roskam. Friends, peers, and acquaintances were educated on the legislation and urged to call or write their Representative. UIC researchers who took personal time to contribute a plain language summary of his/her respective rehabilitation research, the jobs created by the NIH funds received, the impact on the legislator's district and the application to patient care. All live in the 6th district and work at Alexian and UIC and are constituents in Congressman Roskam's district. Thank you letter contributors: Shane Phillips, Alex Arun, Olive Poy, Tanvi Bhatt, Tracy Baynard and Bo Flemholl, along with myself.</td>
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<td>9 August</td>
<td>Roskam visit ARH KineAssist</td>
<td>Wife of a Stroke survivor greets Congressman Roskam as he tours the Alexian Rehabilitation Hospital and our KineAssist (an example of NIH funded Rehabilitation Research Equipment that improves patient outcomes). Thank you Brian, Tom, Anna, Luke and Hannah and Peter Roskam from Congressman Roskam's Office. Thank you External Affairs and Senior Leadership at RIC and ABHS including Tracy Rogers, Matt Wakely, Kelsey Cancy and Michael Martinke, John Dunkin and Christine DeLeo. Thank you Adrian Jall, Lindsey Still from APTA. Thank you Linda Foster and our patient and his family who gave generously of their time and selves to educate the legislator and leaders present.</td>
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<td>19, 29 &amp; 9/6 August</td>
<td>Strategic Planning</td>
<td>Mary and Colleen ran the first of these three meetings using conference call. The second two were with my subgroup—the S of PESTLE. S stands for Sociological aspects as we start a thorough environmental scan in order to best plan. Thank you Miriam Rafferty and Joseph Harley—my fellow “S” group members. Thank you Mary, Colleen and IPTA staff.</td>
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<td>21 August</td>
<td>Duckworth visit ARH KineAssist</td>
<td>Congresswoman Duckworth's anticipated translational research visit at Alexian Rehabilitation Hospital (KineAssist) included a PBS film crew and further legs of her tour of ABHS veteran services. Thank you Congresswoman Duckworth and Staff. Alexian Brothers Rehabilitation Hospital/RIC Demonstration of &quot;KineAssist&quot; Technology &quot;Veteran Patient Program&quot; drop-in visit &quot;Neurointerventional Biplane&quot; (as schedule permits) Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital &quot;Virtual Iraq&quot; Demonstration St. Alexius Medical Center Level III NICU Tour</td>
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<td><strong>Congressman Roskam toured NIH funded rehabilitation research at UIC, including those of Shane Phillips, Tanvi Bhattach, and Alex Arun, Tracy Baynard, Bo Fernhaai. Adnan Jaill from APTA joined these tours.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Pictured: Dr. Bhattach, Julie, Dr. Phillips, Congressman Roskam, Dr.: Area.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Campus News// UIC News staff/August 27, 2013</strong></td>
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<td><strong>U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam watches a research demonstration. Photo: Roberta Dupuis-Devlin/UIC Photo Services (click on image for larger file size)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>PT tour:</strong> Tanvi Bhattach (second from left), assistant professor of physical therapy, explains research to U.S. Rep. Peter Roskam, R-IL, as he tours physical therapy labs in the College of Applied Health Sciences Aug. 22. The visit was arranged by PT alumna Julie Schwerzrock, an advocate for increased National Institutes of Health funding for physical therapy research. At the end of the tour, Roskam said he believes in supporting mission-critical work while continuing to look for ways to do things faster, better and less expensively under fiscal constraints.</td>
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<td><strong>APTA Neurology Section approached me to for an APTA member transitioning from Geriatric Op to Neurologic Assisted Living on August 21. I contacted the member, Jane, and we started a relationship to help her transition.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Thank you Minnie Bailer-your work at the Neurology Booth during CSN last January is why I committed to sign up.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Federal Advocacy Forum Funding:</strong> during even years will be based on the number of legislators from your state on the House Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Senate Finance Committees. <strong>Anticipated this fall:</strong> House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees (SGR) reform packages released. APTA robustly built to include a full repeal of the Medicare therapy cap in the larger SGR reform package.</td>
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<td><strong>Thank you Lindsay Still, Justin Moore, Mike Matlack, Adnan and my fellow FALs.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Congratulations IPTA- on your new home. Now to move in- October.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Thank you IPTA Staff and Executive Committee.</strong></td>
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<td>I disseminated information through IPTA and APTA SOR in August to allow our membership access to this event. The webinar was then posted on IPTA website, SOR and Neurology Section as well as local contacts via emails. This free, grant funded webinar, was held on October 4 at noon. It was full at 400 attendees. Please share at will if you are interested. This is now available on demand viewing and is free via the link below; <a href="http://www.rehabmeasures.org/rehabweb/education.aspx">www.rehabmeasures.org/rehabweb/education.aspx</a> (you need flash player)</td>
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<td>Northwestern University’s Buehler Center on Aging in collaboration with Jason Raad at RIC CROR. It demonstrated the low frequency of Patient Reported Outcome Measure (PROM) use in rehabilitation medicine in a sample group of 500 Midwest area clinicians.</td>
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<td>William Boasenskau, PT Foundation President, was given time at our Board meeting to ask for Illinois Chapter support in a nationwide pledge.</td>
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<p>| 2014 IPTA Assembly of Representatives |
| April 26, 2014 – Hotel Arista, Naperville |
| <strong>Thank you Adrian Jall, Shane Phillips, Ross Arena, Bo Fernhaai, Elizabeth Harmon, Oliver Pai, Tanvi Bhattach, Tracy Baynard, Alex Arun from UIC- the input began last summer as we compiled a research summary by the many 6th District researchers. Thank you also to the UIC graduate students who demonstrated the research: Austin Robinson and Mohamed Ali in Dr. Phillips lab. Thank you graduate students in Dr. Arun’s lab: Bing Chen, Charlie Ma, Salilee Jagathvan, Neeta Kanakar, Yui-Ju Lee and Mohan Ganeshan. Students in Dr. Bhattach’s lab who demonstrated their research included: Ishwars Upasani, Prakriti Patel.</strong> |</p>
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<td>November</td>
<td>Advocacy FAL</td>
<td>Presented to UIC DPT student class on Wed Nov 26 as part of a panel with Chris Egizio. Thank you to UIC DPT students and Margaret, who asked great questions. Thank you to Chris Egizio who gave a thorough slideshow presentation covering the FAL issues and advocacy points.</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>IPTA Research Task Force and Task Force Chair</td>
<td>Task Force charter was created and I accepted the role of Task Force Chair. Thank you to Becky Wojcik, Miriam Rafferty, Barb Malm, William Boulousmaniat, Karen Chestbroth, Carol Courtney, Colleen Flannery and the IPTA BOD and staff for initiating this important charge.</td>
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<td>December</td>
<td>SOR FAL</td>
<td>SOR December newsletter included highlights of Federal Advocacy in Illinois as well as an update on the current federal legislative items that SOR members are asked to act upon. Thank you Sam Ward, Gammon Earhart, Chris Hughes and Adnan Jalil. Thank you to the members included in the four stories. Shane Phillips, Tariq Raja, Clive P. Sayegh, Madhu Chandra, John Daniak, Linda Foster, Matt Winkler, Nancy Pardy, Christine DeLeo, Ross Arena, Alex Anum and doctoral students who presented.</td>
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<td>January</td>
<td>PT Education</td>
<td>PT application reviewed 34 student applications and scored in a review session to assist UIC ranking and decision making. This included collaborative debate and decisions with IPTA members and peer reviewers including Jeanette Elliott, George Hornby, Jen Ryan. It is always a difficult task and yet so worthwhile. I am glad to have been part of it. I also had some time to spend with Jeanette, George Hornby, Kristen Leech, Gaye and the other reviewers. As ever, you get to know people by working alongside in a shared initiative. Thank you Margaret Daiwah and my co-workers.</td>
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<td>January</td>
<td>IPTA Strategic Planning and BOD and Orientation</td>
<td>Strategic Planning completed by task force. Thank you Mary and Colleen for leading this mission critical group with time for deliberation and a broad perspective to be considered. Thank you to my PESTLE group members, Miran and Joe. We had much discussion and many ideas that we brought forward during our sub-group meetings that were brought back to the larger group. Thank you IPTA staff for coordinating and facilitating a very full and very engaging day of learning and meeting.</td>
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<td>January 14</td>
<td>Research: Using Client Centered Practice and PROS Webinar</td>
<td>I am featured in the CROR newsletter. You can check it out and learn more about the study and other co-investigators through the link: <a href="http://www.cron.org/research/centers/cror/newsletters/">http://www.cron.org/research/centers/cror/newsletters/</a> Thank you to Allen Heinemann, Susan Chandlair, Linda Erhardt-Jones (for the nicest compliment ever), Karen Cook, Dave Cott, Anne Deutsch, Holly DeMark and Annette Goldsmith and Neal Michiels. What an amazing group of people to learn from and work with.</td>
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| January 3-6| CSM Leadership and Foundation for Physical Therapy / IPTA Research Awareness Task Force, Foundation for PT VIP Reception and Research Briefing | I attended CSM (self-funded) into knowledge gathering and prepare research task force membership slate and focus. Events that relate to my IPTA role that I participated in included: **Executive Leadership, 2 day meeting** Thank you Mary Keen for registering me, Colleen Flannery (who programmed the entire second day of this meeting), Matthew and Joe Hanley for the Illinois camaraderie at the meeting. Pictured at left: APTA Constituent Leaders post meeting gathering (NM, PA, LA and me on the end from IL) Pam and Greg Wite; Beth Ward, Therese Tomkiewicz and Julie Schwichtenberg. Foundation for PT VIP Reception and Research Briefing on Monday Feb 3rd. I attended on behalf of IPTA (our pledge led to the invite). Foundation-funded researchers Laurie King, FT, PhD and Dan White, PT, ScD presented their research after a cocktail reception and briefing on the fundraising to date led by President of the Foundation, Dr. Bill Boulousmaniat, PT, DPT, DHSc, FAPTA, FAOMPT. Foundation for PT funding breakfast – thank you Roger Herr for your good company and helping me get to SOR business meeting on
George for sharing your good work with me and stopping for a photo.

UIC Alumni Networking Event – Thank you Dr. Arena, Nittin, Shane, Tanvi, Alex, Jeanne, Carol, Gaye for making this happen and making the event a success for our alumni old and new. (UIC is my alma mater if you did not already know…)

IPTA Research Task Force Planning Meeting- with Colleen and Mary- to set a course for initiating the task force effectively.

Pictured Below L-R: CCourtney and FAAOMPT grad at UIC mixer, JBarimis and colleague at UIC mixer, Faculty, students (including Kelsey Flanders (Hey Kelsey) and staff at UIC mixer, SKeller (EC District Chair) in group visiting with TBhatt. JSchwertfeger with RArean (UIC PT Dept Head).

Research Task Force planning and follow up during CSM and throughout the month of February: Prepping to launch the task force included the behind the scenes calls, questions, and footwork. This included meetings and calls to Foundation for PT leaders, Barb, Maim, Karen Chesterough, and William Boissonnault. IPTA Foundation recipients, Miriam Rafferty, Hyosub Kim. IPTA membership Committee Chair, Becky Wójcik. Thank you to Becky Wójcik for helping source Illinois SOR members to represent a good cross section of our whole state in our initial call for participants. Thank you to our task force members who already committed their time. Hyosub Kim, Miriam Rafferty, Priscilla Weaver, Melissa Peterson and Roberta Henderson. Thank you also to Molly Malloy, Carol Courtney, and Becky Wójcik, Barbara Malm and Bill Boissonnault for their pledge of support of the task force ongoing. Thank you Mary Keehn and Colleen Flannery for your ongoing input and assistance of resources for this important initiative.

Pictured above L-R: meeting with CA delegates at Las Vegas airport while we waited to fly home after CSM, with Jean McCoy and a goodbyed catching up between sessions, Clive Pai at KineaDesign, JSchwertfeger with Maggie and Pete (SOR section members)

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<td>I reviewed candidates on the sections for HPA, Neurology, Research and APTA BOD and voted my conscience on each slate</td>
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<td>Thank you Matthew, and APTA Sections and committee members- nominating, leadership and the candidates themselves. This is good time. I learned more about how our APTA board members are stewards through my time with you at CSM- thank you!</td>
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<td>Foundation for Physical Therapy grant recipient platform presentations. Thank you Barb Maim and Karen Chesterough for the introductions and information</td>
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<td>APTA SOR Business Meeting – Wed Feb 5, 7-8:30am: I presented call for participants in order to recruit researchers from key states with Ways and Means committee members for the Spring SOR Fly-in (I am the SOR FAL and coordinate and participate in this annually). Thank you Sam Ward, Nathan Helyer and Chris Hughes!</td>
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<td>Gossman Platforms: Thank you to Tanvi Bhatt for making me part of this as part of the photo team for her graduate student, Prakrut Patel who was awarded funding to present her work on cognitive-motor interference in dual task walking in the chronic stroke survivor population. Well done Prakrut!</td>
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<td>SOR Fly-in Strategic Prep and Recruitment Meeting Wed2/6, 12-1: Thank you Adnan Jali for meeting with me and you ongoing direction and collaboration for our Fly-Ins, which have been very successful in positively influencing policy makers through education and APTA follow-up.</td>
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<td>Neurology Mentoring event: Thank you to Miriam Rafferty and the Neurology Section team who organized, communicated and hosted this event. I talked to three student/new grads at his event about neurology section and my ongoing professional relationship with the section in my career path. I have been a neurology Mentor since August 2013.</td>
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ABPTS Awards Pinning Ceremony and social- thank you Sally Taylor for alerting me to support an NCS group from Illinois and RIC- and Jenny Moore who bought the other half of the round of celebratory drinks to toast the new ABPTS Illinoisians.

Pictured at left: ABPTS Illinois/RIC group with me, Jenny Moore and Don Straube

Below L-R: TCHomby at poster, Sally Taylor, JSchwertfeger and friends at Sally’s poster, J Scherweitung, TBhatt visit with MRafferty at poster; HKim at his poster, SNmadhavan at her poster.

Poster Sessions Thursday Feb 5- with a focus on Illinois and PT Foundation grant recipients- thank you Hyosub Kim, Sally, Miriam and To
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<td>FAL</td>
<td>If congress listens to the coalition members including APTA, IPTA and National Stroke Association, there will be a full repeal of the Therapy cap and it will be very positive change for our course in American healthcare legislation. I am optimistic as I write this as legislators on both sides of the aisle have stated that they see that the cap does not save money and is harmful in delaying and stopping access to care when it is beneficial.</td>
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<td>April 2014</td>
<td>FAL</td>
<td>I will have attended briefings and networked to seek best practices and successes in direct access, wellness and self-referal reform. Lobbied with Illinois senators, Durban and Kirk, and representatives Roskam (IL-6), Duckworth (IL-5) and Davis (IL-7). Thank you Lindsay Still and APTA legislative staff for putting together this important event and for your prudent stewardship of the moneys to the states with legislators on the key committees. Thank you to the Chapter and the schools and sections funding FALS, and students with demonstrated interest and commitment to Federal advocacy. Illinois has a number of students— with Clare Mysliwy returning for her second advocacy trip. I hear she is going to mentor a few first-time student attendees this trip. Kudos to you Clare. I know from observing your skills last year making your points to legislators last year, you are going to move the needle considerably this trip.</td>
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<td>May/June</td>
<td>SOR FAL</td>
<td>I will join researchers from Alabama, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Washington and Utah. This year the Fly-in agenda is more robust by half as we present with two caucuses: the Military Family Caucus and the Medical Neurologic Caucus. Thank you Adrian Jaill, Roger Herr, Sam Ward, Gammon Earnhart, Jamie Lynn Blackley, Chris Hughes, Mary Froehlich, Monica Herr, Lindsay Still,</td>
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