

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

May 11, 2015

Present: Board members Terry Eckmann, Dr. Keith Swanson, Dr. David Schall, Jeanne DeKrey, Reed Argent, and Dave Relling; Executive Officer Bruce Wessman; Board Counsel Jack McDonald; North Dakota Physical Therapy Association PT liaison Kevin Axtman and PTA liaison Cassie Christensen

Board President Dave Relling called the meeting to order at 9 AM Monday, May 11, 2015, at the Wheeler Wolf Law Firm office, 220 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Bismarck, ND 58501-4004.

Minutes: After review, it was moved by Reed Argent, seconded by Jeanne DeKrey and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board's May 12, 2014, annual meeting.

Complaint Process: Jack McDonald has not yet developed a stipulated order form to be used by the NDBPT. He will compose a stipulated order form to be used with disciplinary actions in the near future.

Rules update: Jack McDonald presented changes to the rules as requested by the Attorney General. The rules have been accepted for format and wording however, since the printed notice did not allow for a 10 day comment period after the public hearing this process will need to be repeated. Dave Relling, President of the NDBPT, asked that all board members take two weeks to review the rules for any possible changes prior to re-submitting them to the Attorney General. Jack McDonald will forward the complete, most current version of the proposed rules to the ND Board members.

Coursework tool: Per the Attorney General, the coursework tool that is in effect at the time the rules are approved will be the coursework tool used to evaluate foreign trained physical therapists when they apply to North Dakota for initial licensure. CWT 5 is the current coursework tool in effect. If a new CWT is developed, the rules will need to be updated.

Foreign Trained Physical Therapist: It was moved by Jeanne DeKrey, seconded by Reed Argent and passed unanimously to use a case by case review of foreign applicants when deciding what will be required for licensure. The President, Vice President and Executive Officer will be the initial review team. Options include but are not limited to: use of FSBPT Clinical Performance Tool, the NDBPT Supervised Clinical Practice form, up to 1000 hour preceptorship, an interview with the NDBPT and a review of the work history with verbal input from previous supervisors.

Update on SB 2295: Bruce Wessman presented the legislative history with eventual passage of SB 2295 updating the language of the Athletic Trainers practice act.

Audit Results: Board members received a copy of the Audit completed by Drees Risky & Vallager, Ltd of Grand Forks June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and 2013. A copy has also been sent to the State Auditor's Office. One recommendation was for yearly budgets which will begin July 1 2016.

Licensure Stats: Bruce Wessman presented the board with a table showing the growth of PT/PTA's working in ND. ND currently license 759 PT and 173 PTA.

NPTE eligibility updates: Bruce Wessman presented FSBPT's updated policy on the eligibility to take the NPTE. Beginning January 1, 2016 there will be a 6 time lifetime limit and a two time low score policy. This information is available @ [www.fsbpt.org](http://www.fsbpt.org)

FSBPT Guide to Testing Accommodations: FSBPT revised guidelines for testing accommodations can be found @ [www.fsbpt.org](http://www.fsbpt.org) go to free resources and click on ADA.

Licensure Compact: Dave Relling presented an update on "Licensure Compact" from FSBPT. No action required from the board at this time.

FSBPT Minimum Data Set: Dave Relling presented on FSBPT desire to collect data from licensees. North Dakota would be able to cooperate with this at time of renewals. No immediate action taken.

PT Exam: Jeanne DeKrey motioned, Dave Schall seconded and the board unanimously approved to make FSBPT's NPTE the approved examination for licensure of physical therapist and physical therapist assistants in North Dakota.

JP exam: Discussion was held concerning the present Juris Prudence examination. The board asked that question 6 regarding supervision ratios be rewritten. Bruce Wessman will make this change. In addition Dave Relling has volunteered to develop a question bank for future use.

PTA: Discussion was held concerning the working relationships between PT and PTA as the board had one licensee that felt PTA's have not been allowed to work at their full potential. The board directed the Executive officer to contact the PTA school director in East Grand Forks and investigate more.

PTA Supervision Requirement: The Board held discussions concerning the two tiered approach to supervision of supportive personnel depending on the place of employment and the type of patients being seen. The PT board did not feel any changes to the rules regarding supervision of supportive personnel was indicated. The Board will utilize FSBPT's model practice act on routine tasks performed by PT aides when responding to questions on what is appropriate use of PT aides. The board will also remind licensees that they are responsible for performing and documenting training and competency evaluations of individuals to whom they delegate routine tasks.

Continued Competency Questions: Reed Argent motioned, Dave Schall seconded and the board unanimously passed granting CC units for residents and clinical instructors of residents of Physical Therapy up to 5 hours per recording period.

The PT board received requests from the University of Jamestown and the University of Mary to grant CC units for attendance at their scholarship colloquiums. As this meets the credit standards for CC units as stated in our rules the Board will approve CC units for the Colloquium presentations. A course completion certificate will be required to grant units earned

The Boards position on CC units is that if the activity is not deemed certified by the standards outlined in our rules than the course sponsors must go through a certification process in order to be granted certified credits otherwise the course may only count for the approved or non-certified portion of the total CC units.

Dry Needling: Dave Relling informed the board the FSBPT is working on competencies for dry needling. No action required at this time.

Executive Session: It was moved by Jeanne DeKrey, seconded by Reed Argent and carried unanimously that the board go into executive session. Minutes of the executive session will be held in the NDBPT office.

Election of Officers: It was moved by David Schall, seconded by Keith Swanson and passed unanimously that David Relling and Jeanne DeKrey, be re- elected President and Vice President respectively.

2015 FSBPT Annual Meeting: The Board designated Reed Argent and Jeanne DeKrey respectively, as FSBPT-funded delegate and alternate delegate to the 2015 FSBPT Annual Meeting. The Board will fund Dave Schall, Keith Swanson and Terry Eckmann to attend FSBPT's educational session. Bruce Wessman was designated to attend the 2015 FSBPT Annual Meeting as the Board's administrator. FSBPT will fund his attendance.

Next Board Meeting: The board's next meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup> ,2016 at the Wheeler Wolf Law Firm, 220 N 4<sup>th</sup> St., Bismarck, ND 58501.

No further business appearing, it was moved by David Schall, seconded by Reed Argent and passed unanimously to adjourn. President Relling adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM.

DATED: May 11, 2015

/S/ Bruce Wessman  
Executive Officer NDBPT