

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

Physical Therapy Caucus Minutes

July 24, 2012

Western Maryland Regional Medical Center, 2nd Floor Auditorium, Room 6, Cumberland, MD

Call to Order: Mike Reid, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and ask all attendees to review the attached minutes from April 24, 2012. They were approved as written. The following individuals were present:

Karin Savage

Vanessa Bolinger

Bucky Whiteman

John Lapid

Michael Reid

Joy Taylor

Old Business

Continuing Education

Linda Atkinson was not in attendance so there was no Continuing Education report; however we used this time to discuss possible CE training ideas to incorporate into the PT month celebration to be held in October. Mike mentioned that several of his colleagues liked the idea of having a topic such as “Concussion is the Buzz Word” or something on fractures or anything regarding contact sports presented by Tony Zaloga at FSU. He will contact Tony to see if he is interested and available. It would be designed for the PT professionals and would probably be about an hour long. Back-up presentations would be from Benchmark or Dank Myer. It was also recommended by Bucky that he has a contact at Life House Medical that could present the newest info on lasers, that would be more of a clinical topic if we want to go in that direction. Mike said he will contact Tony first and then we will go from there. Mike will follow up with Joy. We discussed having the meeting on Tuesday, October 30th starting at 5:30 p.m. to be held at Geatz’s Restaurant. We are open to other location suggestions.

John Lapid discussed the upcoming changes for board licensure requirements and that this info could potentially be a good presentation also. If it’s not presented for PT month, it could be a training idea for later in the year.

Joy announced that she although she was not able to attend the Annual Awards Dinner, other caucus members told her how nice of an event it was and it was great to see so many health professionals be recognized for their services to the Western Maryland community. She also announced the upcoming WMAHEC move. Mike asked about our funding and Joy said that it wasn’t looking especially great, that it was reduced by the House, zeroed out by the Senate, but that we would not hear anything official until after the election.

Listserv Update

Joy distributed the master listserv copy and asked everyone for updates.

PTF’s

Joy had Mike Reid sign the PTF for today’s lunch at the hospital.

ACM PT Scholarship

Joy passed around the ACM PT Scholarship thank you letter that she received from Heather Leasure for all members to read.

Annual Plan and By Laws

The Annual Plan and By Laws were approved with the name changes and date changes made to the Annual Plan, naming Karin Savage as the Board Representative and Mike Reid and Vanessa Bolinger willing to continue as the Chair and Vice Chair for another term. There were no changes to the By Laws.

Reports

Board of Directors

Karin Savage volunteered to take the position and we welcomed her and thanked her agreeing to attend the quarterly WMAHEC Board meetings.

Financial Report

Joy gave the Treasurer Report and announced that the PT caucus has a balance of \$2,416.00 in the caucus account as of June 30, 2012.

New Business

Announcements

Joy explained that we had a dietary request for adding a ½ hour for room set up and ½ hour to clean up for the meeting schedule that she has been working on with John Lapid. John said that we only had one more meeting scheduled for this year. He asked that Joy send him the meeting schedule for next year and he would get those scheduled with the hospital in the auditorium.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2012, 5:30 p.m., again to include a CE program where we work with Linda Atkinson at Allegany College to provide CE credit.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joy Taylor