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## The PTAC Business Meeting was held virtually, May 30 – 31, 2020

### Summary

Forty-one PTA Caucus Representatives and 6 Delegates gathered virtually on May 30 - 31 for the PTA Caucus Business Meeting. David Harris, Chief Delegate presided over the meeting. PTA Caucus Representatives from Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Nevada, and North Dakota were not in attendance. The District of Columbia and Vermont do not have PTA Caucus Representative currently serving.

The PTA Caucus Nominating Committee conducted candidate interviews and elections. Those elected to serve are David Harris (TN) as Chief Delegate-Elect, Sean Bagbey (IN) and Brenda Dorman (FL) as Delegates, Megan Thibodeau (CT) as Alternate Delegate, and Barney Keitt (SC) to the Nominating Committee. Outgoing Delegate Jimmy Pacini, Alternate Delegate Vince Nguyenpham, and outgoing Nominating Committee member, Jane Jackson were recognized.

Business Meeting attendees were led through an introduction of *The 4 Disciplines of Execution*, a method of setting and executing wildly important goals from a book by Chris McChesney. In the coming weeks, the PTA Caucus will identify wildly important goals for the year ahead, and the current goals, approved in 2016, were reviewed.

2020 House motions were discussed with a focus on the following for PTAC co-sponsorship:

- RC 13-20: Amend: Definition of Underrepresented Minority Populations in Physical Therapy Education
- RC 14-20: Amend: Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapist to Incorporate Core Values for the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant
- RC 15-20: Amend: Standards of Ethical conduct for the Physical therapist Assistant to Incorporate core Values for the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant
- RC 21-20: Amend: Patient Safety (now titled Zero Preventable Harm)
- RC 22-22: Adopt: Practice and Business Financial Arrangements for Physical Therapists
- RC 26-20: Adopt: Financial Transparency of CAPTE-Accredited Programs
- RC 28-20: Adopt: Workforce Planning
- RC 30-20: Adopt: Support of Emergency Physical Therapist Practice
- RC 31-20: Charge: Barriers to and Opportunities for Emergency Physical Therapist Practice
- RC 35-20: Charge: Explore the Scope and Impact of Uncompensated Physical Therapist Services
- RC 41-20: Charge: Appropriate use of Telehealth in Physical Therapy

Business Meeting attendees took a virtual tour of the new PTAC Community on APTA's Hub, with guidance on how to post messages and use the Community as a communication and information resource.

Reports were given from the three work groups that were assembled last year in the areas of practice, payment, and membership. The future direction for the Caucus will allow regional groups to address these areas collectively based on the wildly important goals to be developed in the future and through integrating more into the work being done at the chapter level. Task forces may be appointed, as needed, for very specific work.

The Caucus talked about active involvement and accountability from all Reps to effectively create change, and an update was given by the PTAC Federal Affairs Liaison, Rachel Winthrop (MN). Special recognition was



given to the APTA 2020 Outstanding PT/PTA Team, Christine Davis, PT, and Nanako Barry, PTA, and the Caucus honored Chris Noland, PTA, BS for being awarded the APTA 2020 PTA of the Year.

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