**North Central District – WPTA**

**Tuesday May 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Videoconference Sites:**

Stevens Point: none

Marshfield: Nicki Quarne (Chair), Dave Smith (Secretary/Treasurer), Kate Bennett, Jill Joyce, Heather Vogel

Minocqua: none

Wausau: none

Weston: none

Merrill: Cindy Koehler (local contact), Mary Repking

Wisconsin Rapids: Wes Kurszewski (Vice Chair, local contact), Lisa Skibba, Matt Ironside, Kelly Ashbeck, Dan Burrow, Elizabeth Ironside, Kristin Eneberg-Boldon (presenter)

Park Falls: none

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C**E/Presentation/Discussion:** (end of meeting)

* **Kristin Eneberg-Boldon, PT, DPT** , "Waking the Sleeping Giant...How Tomah VA is elevating the role of Physical Therapists in Pain Treatment"

**Officer Reports:**

* Review and approval of minutes from Feb. meeting – (on website)
* Treasurer report– Dave Smith:
  + As of 4/30/17: Account $18, 352.94.
  + $5,000 donation to the WPT-Fund (WPTA) on 4/24/17 per motion at Feb mtg
  + Per Nicki Quarne: provided overview of scholarship process for 3 different awards. Students can only receive one. 19 given this year. Most applicants get scholarships. NCD will have our name on the website as a large donor to the Legacy Fund and will be listed on the “Legacy Endowment” page under “elite members”.

**Subcommittees/Representatives:**

* Membership Committee: Denise Kearns-Legoo and Cindy Koehler (presented by Cindy)
  + Discussion about how to increase interest, and plans for October mtg
  + Will hold the CE portion of the meeting separate from the social event at the October 10 meeting.
    - Before mtg: apps, drinks – funds from NCD. Volunteers needed at each videoconference site to coordinate. Kate Bennett will coordinate the Marshfield site, Froehlke Auditorium, where Wes Kurszewski will be presenting. Others at video conference sites as needed.
    - After CE portion: informal social at location of choice by those present, with expenses not covered by the NCD.
* Education Committee: (Wes Kurszewski-Vice Chair, Janice Devine-Ruggles, Karna Sandok) – presented by Wes Kurszewski
  + - Upcoming Courses:
      * Fall 2018 Ethics Course – email Wes with any ideas for topics
  + Ideas for future courses: Any other ideas – please get to CE Committee members (email Wes Kurszewski).
  + WPTA CEU Locker: free account to keep track of CEUs and requirements, searching for approved courses, and assuring courses are high quality for our profession. Visit: <http://www.wpta.org/ceu-locker/>

**Old Business:**

* WPTA News
  + Spring Conference : April 20-21, 2017 in Green Bay, WI
  + Strategic Planning BOD meeting May 5-6, 2017 in Madison
  + Marketing campaign; don’t forget to visit the website [www.visityourPT.com](http://www.visityourPT.com)
  + Continuing Education Task Force update
    - was formed at State level to coordinate districts with the state. Meet 4x/yr. There is one calendar for all CE in the state.
    - 2018 Fall Conference: let Nicki know about courses, speakers. Nicki currently helping with the 2018 Fall Conference.
  + Legislative Updates: check website page for updates, information. When emails are sent out, these issues need our immediate attention and tend to be important.
  + PAC (political action committee) – now formed. Need members to serve on board to make decisions. If interested, contact Nicki about info.
  + WPTA Health & Wellness (Kristi Hallisy co-chair): “champion” needed from each district to assist with coordination. Please let Nicki, Wes, or Dave know if interested.

**New Business:**

* + WPTA Connections Article: Please share any news for this article with Dave. Deadline is June 1 for submission to WPTA.
  + Fall elections for our NC District: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer; we are taking nominations, and will be open until elections start this fall. The elections process will be open this fall, and voting at the Fall Conference will be available as well.
  + Nominations:
    - Chair: Nicki Quarne (has served one term of 2 possible); no others nominated at mtg
    - Vice Chair: Wes Kurszewski (no limit for terms); no others nominated at mtg
    - Secretary/Treasurer: Dave Smith (no limit for terms); no others nominated at mtg
    - \*\*\*\*\* Again, nominations will be accepted until start of elections this coming fall \*\*\*\*\*\*

**Upcoming Events: *SAVE THE DATE!!!***

* Fall Conference: October 12-13, 2017 in Madison, WI
* Spring Conference: April 12-13, 2018 in Waukesha, WI
* Fall Conference: October 4-5, 2018 in Wisconsin Dells, WI

**Future Meetings: Note the meetings will be held on the SECOND Tuesday of the month in Feb, May, and October. Our next meeting date is Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

**Wes Kurszewski will be presenting the VA’s Pain Program as taught to patients. This will be very informative and appropriate for all therapists, who practice in any setting. He will be presenting from Froehlke Auditorium in Marshfield, at the Marshfield Clinic, as well as over videoconferencing as previous meetings. This will be a FREE CE opportunity. Mark your calendars now. Also, there will be a social with free appetizers before the meeting. There may also be a social afterwards if those at your site so choose.**