President’s Message
By David Qualls, P.T.

How excited we are in Louisiana. Not only do we have one person in APTA office, but now three. Joining Lisanne Meiners, SPT, who is secretary of the Student Assembly, is Sharon Dunn, PT, PhD, OCS who was elected to the APTA Board of Directors and Paul Hildreth, PT, DPT, MPH who was elected to the APTA Nominating Committee. Louisiana was well honored at this year’s House of Delegates. We congratulate our new officers.

The APTA 2007 House of Delegates was a little challenging and one to be remembered. For more information, please read Paul Hildreth’s Chief Delegate Report in this issue. A sad moment during this year’s House of Delegates was the retirement of Frank Mallon as CEO of APTA. He has served APTA for 25 years and he was elected as an honorary member of APTA by this year’s House of Delegates. Frank has done a tremendous job and will be remembered well. After a long and diligent search, John Barnes was selected as Frank’s replacement as CEO and he is ready to get started in his new position which begins on July 1.

Here at home, your LPTA executive committee will be working over the summer to prepare the 2008 budget and finalize plans for the Fall Meeting in Baton Rouge. Please make plans to attend as our programming will be excellent. This fall is also election time and we will be electing a Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Delegate. We also will be electing three Delegates, in addition to the Chief Delegate, to attend the 2008 APTA House of Delegates. LPTA is also in need of a government affairs committee chairperson. Over the past year Bob Rowe has left Louisiana for Florida and with Sharon and Paul being elected to national office we need you to volunteer for these LPTA leadership positions. Please accept the challenge to serve.

As I write this message, we still have two weeks left in the 2007 Legislative Session in Louisiana. We continue to work hard with our friends on defeating SB 110 and right now it looks good. We are also

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working with other providers to defeat SB 220, the silent PPO bill. Step one was positive but two weeks is a long time and much can happen in the legislature. David Tatman and his team, along with Maxine Cormier, have done an excellent job representing LPTA during this session. David Tatman accepted the offer to become our lobbyist one week before the session began and has not stopped working since saying yes. I expect you will get the opportunity to meet David Tatman and the members of his team at our Fall Meeting. We are also pleased to have Maxine Cormier continue to lobby on behalf of LPTA. Her expertise and contacts are vital.

Lastly, I want to welcome Dr. Penny Gaspard Kroll back to Louisiana and LPTA. After thirty years, Dr. Kroll returns to take over the reigns of the LSU Health Sciences Center Physical Therapy program in New Orleans, where she graduated in 1975. Welcome home Dr. Kroll.

APTA/LPTA has your needs in mind as we continue to work on reimbursement and PR issues. We are making some progress.

As you all move into the summer, please be safe and enjoy your vacation. During your relaxation time, please consider serving in LPTA. We need and would love to have you on the team.

Have a great summer and see you at the beach.

P.S. We just learned that one of APTA’s past presidents, Marilyn Moffett, PT, PhD, was elected President of the WCPT. Congratulations to Dr. Moffett.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS?
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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
2007 FALL MEETING

- ABSTRACTS are requested from persons wishing to make poster or platform presentations of original research and case studies.
- Instructions for preparing and submitting an abstract are provided on the LPTA website (www.lpta.org) (click on Meetings) or call the LPTA office at (225) 922-4614. The deadline for submission is Friday, August 10, 2007.

Please plan to attend these presentations on Friday, September 14, 2007 and show your support for our profession and research in the state of Louisiana.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for candidates for the following offices: Vice President, Treasurer, Chief Delegate, Delegates and PTA Caucus Representative. Two delegates will be elected with the possibility of a third delegate vacancy after May 22. PTA and Life PTA members of the Chapter shall elect the PTA Caucus Representative.

Please submit your nominations to Mary Denney by Monday, July 16, 2007. Candidates will be asked to submit a candidate statement, which will be published in the July/August issue of the Bayou Bulletin.

Please contact Mary Denney at mdenne@lsuhsc.edu or (318) 560-8139 if you would like to make a nomination, self-nominate, or if you have any questions or need further information on these positions. We welcome and encourage your participation and look forward to a full ballot.

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As you might imagine, this year’s House of Delegates was quite exciting for the Louisiana delegation. Sharon and I again thank everyone for their support during the election process and for their well wishes. This is a proud moment in LPTA’s history.

This year, what did not pass or get heard was perhaps more important than what did pass the House of Delegates. But first I want you to know your delegates attended every day of the House and were attentive participants in the motion and election process. A summary of our deliberations is on the APTA web site but I have listed what I consider to be highlights:

[Adopted Unanimously] RC 1, 2, 3: Elected Honorary Membership to Francis J. Mallon, Esq., Joseph PH Black, MDiv, PhD, and William “Zev” Rymer, MD, PhD.

[Adopted] RC 22 Continued Competence, Lifelong Learning, and Professional Development in PT creates a new position that embraces the concepts of continued competence, lifelong learning and ongoing professional development. This motion was brought forward as a response to a charge from the 2006 House of Delegates and replaces Position on Continuing Education and Position on Professional Development that were rescinded in RC 23 and RC 24.

[Adopted] RC 26 PTs as Practitioners of Choice to Rehabilitate Persons with Vestibular-Related Balance Disorders states that PTs are practitioners of choice in the rehabilitation and management of vestibular related balance disorders.

[Adopted Unanimously] RC 27 Core Values: Endorsement In adopting this motion, the House endorsed the Core Values of accountability, altruism, compassion/caring, excellence, integrity, professional duty and social responsibility.

[Adopted] RC 28 Annual Visit with a PT supports the concept that all individuals visit a physical therapist at least annually.

[Adopted] RC 30 “Welcome to Medicare” Physical Exam: Consultation with PTs supports the concept that the APTA pursue initiatives with CMS that stress the importance of consulting with PTs when conducting screenings related to the beneficiary’s functional abilities (eg, fall risk, ability to perform activities of daily living, home safety) as part of the “Welcome to Medicare” physical exam.

A significant portion of our time was devoted to examining the Association’s move to year round governance. In other words we are trying to move away from furious periods of activity (February through June) and little activity through out the rest of the year to careful and deliberate consideration of necessary activities through out the year. There is an intriguing “Task Force Report on Year Round Governance” that is available on the House of Delegates bulletin board that examines many of the ideas we discussed at the House. Also, I would be remiss if I did not mention RC 17 Amend: Designation “PT”, “PTA”, “SPT” and “SPTA”. This motion generated the most member input which is always welcome. The intent of the motion was to ensure that the stature of the PT credential is not unintentionally diminished by the use of additional “certification” credentials. But many hand and wound care specialists felt it would have limited the recognition of their achieved certification. So after much pre-House debate and a second version it was withdrawn by MA and not heard in the House.

I will now get on my soap box to state this same position is the one which states the APTA supports the use of “PT” for the regulatory designation of a physical therapist, not RPT, LPT, MPT or even DPT. “PTA” is the preferred regulatory designator for physical therapist assistants.

This fall will bring a significant change to Louisiana’s delegation. Neither Sharon Dunn nor I will be running for a delegate position. We will both serve out our terms as delegate and Chief Delegate respectively. I will be attending the Southern States Regional Caucus this August in Florida. Please be thinking of those individuals who have shown an interest in and knowledge of the APTA core documents and who dependable participants are. If you are interested in these positions, please feel free to contact myself or any of the delegates.

It has been an honor to serve the LPTA and to work with all the delegates who have represented the LPTA during my terms as Chief Delegate. It has been a tremendous learning experience and I shall miss the process.
MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT
By Kevin M. Garrigan, PT, DPT - Membership Committee Chairperson

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our current members of the LPTA for your contribution to our profession. The money that is raised through annual dues is put to good use in helping to preserve and develop our profession here in the state of Louisiana. Bi-annual conferences, continuing education, legislative activities, reimbursement representation, and networking are just some of the many benefits of membership. As a delegate to the APTA for our state, I get to see firsthand the important works that get done on a national level that shape and determine how each and every one of us practices. As a member of the LPTA/APTA you make a difference. As a lone single provider many times we are too weak to influence the negatives that impact our profession. As a member of your association we collectively have a powerful voice. We together can and do make a difference. Please help me in spreading this news. Membership in our association is of vital importance. Try and convince friends, co-workers, old classmates, etc to join today. If I can be of any assistance or if you know of someone I should contact please feel free to call or email me at (318) 487-6525 or Garrigan@kbpobox.net.

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By Kinta LeBlanc, PT, MPT
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Get Ready for National Physical Therapy Month!

Recently I had the chance to check out some of the merchandise available for October’s National Physical Therapy Month while at the House of Delegates in Washington, D.C. There are some great items available this year, but don’t take my word for it! Log onto the APTA website and see for yourself. From pens to pins to pedometers to posters, you’re bound to find something perfect to help promote our month! For example, the “Winning Results” physical activity journal is a terrific, inexpensive tool to help your patients record their fitness progress, along with providing informative and motivating physical therapy tips.

Let’s not let this October sneak by without celebrating our fantastic profession. Need help planning an event for National PT Month? Don’t forget to check out the APTA website under Member Services. And feel free to drop me a line at k_mader@hotmail.com. Have a great summer and happy planning!

PAUL HILDRETH ELECTED TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE APTA

Paul A. Hildreth, PT, DPT, MPH, out-patient physical therapist supervisor at the Medical Center of Louisiana in New Orleans, was elected to the APTA Nominating Committee by the 400-member House of Delegates during its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, in Washington, DC. Hildreth will serve a 3-year term.

Hildreth is a chief delegate from the LPTA to APTA. He also is chair of the LPTA Peer Audit Committee and serves on the LPTA Government Affairs Committee and Membership Committee.

An active APTA member since 1981, Hildreth recently served on the APTA Committee on Risk Management and Member Benefits. He also serves as a member in the following APTA sections: Orthopaedic, Health Policy and Administration, and Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Care. Hildreth is the recipient of LPTA’s Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award.

SHARON DUNN ELECTED TO APTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sharon Dunn, PT, PhD, OCS, assistant professor and assistant director in the Department of Physical Therapy at LSUHSC in Shreveport, LA, was elected to the APTA Board of Directors by the 400-member APTA House of Delegates during its annual meeting on May 22, 2007, in Washington, DC. She will serve a 3-year term.

Dunn is a member of the LPTA and serves on the Association's Government Affairs Committee. She is a former president of LPTA (1996-1999). Dunn is the recipient of the LPTA’s Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award, among other honors.

Dunn is a member of the Louisiana Sports Medicine Society and the Osteoarthritis Research Society International. She is also a manuscript reviewer for Elsevier Science, a publisher of science and health information for scientists, students, and health and information professionals.

An active APTA member since 1987, Dunn is a member of APTA’s Orthopaedic, Research, Private Practice, and Education Sections. She is also a member of the Education Section’s Academic Administrators Special Interest Group.

Dunn is a member of the LSUHSC Physical Therapy Admissions Committee and the School of Allied Health Executive Council.

A board-certified specialist in orthopaedic physical therapy, Dunn received her PhD degree in cellular biology and anatomy from the LSUHSC in Shreveport in 2006.
CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are once again being solicited to honor deserving persons who have made special contributions to the Physical Therapy profession in Louisiana. Retired or currently out-of-state Physical Therapists who have made lasting significant contributions to the profession are eligible for the LPTA Hall of Fame. Active Louisiana Physical Therapists are eligible for the Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award. Non-PT’s are eligible to be recognized as a Friend of Physical Therapy. Physical Therapist Assistants who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in clinical practice, community service and personal commitment to physical therapy may be nominated for the PTA Distinguished Service Award. Nominations should be submitted on office letterhead in the general format(s) described below.

Selection of the Friend of Physical Therapy and the Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award will be made by the LPTA Executive Committee. Specific recent contributions for the benefit of the profession or to society on behalf of the profession will both merit consideration. Hall of Fame inductees are elected by the LPTA Board of Directors. The PTA Distinguished Service Award is decided by an Awards Committee appointed by the LPTA President. If you know of a person who deserves consideration for one of these awards, please submit a nomination containing as much of the information called for in the applicable nomination format that you can obtain. Send to: LPTA, 8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 1001, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, or by fax to (225) 408-4422 or by email to office@lpta.org.

DAVE WARNER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Nomination Format

Nominations should be submitted in the format below and should be limited to two pages in length.

1. Name of Nominee
2. Address
3. Number of years as licensed physical therapist.
4. Has the physical therapist been actively practicing in Louisiana at least 2 years?
5. Where is the nominee employed?
6. What type of position is held?
7. What has the nominee contributed?
   A. Through present job or past job if retired.
   B. Through any other level (APTA, publications, research, etc.)
8. In what way has the nominee contributed to community activities in the last 3 years?
9. In what other organizations does the nominee participate (professional or civic)?
10. In what way has the nominee continued his education during his professional career (graduate courses, course work, etc.)?
11. What other special interests or abilities does the nominee possess (art, literature, politics, finance, etc.)?
12. Briefly summarize why you think the nominee merits consideration for this award.

LPTA HALL OF FAME

There is no set format for nominations. Nominations will be judged on their lasting impact on and contributions to the profession of Physical Therapy. Eligibility for this award is limited to:

1. Nominees who have belonged to the LPTA and APTA.
2. Nominees who practiced in Louisiana for at least 5 years.
3. Nominees who are retired or no longer work in Louisiana.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Eligibility and Procedure

1. A nominee for the award must be a licensed PTA and member in good standing of the American Physical Therapy Association.
2. An individual may receive the award only once in a three (3) year period.
3. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to include name/contact information of the nominee and a written statement on how this individual is a worthy candidate specifically addressing the award criteria. The written statement must include name, signature and APTA membership number of the nominator.

Criteria for Selection
Outstanding achievements in delivery of care and/or service to the Association and Profession are demonstrated by:

1. Contributing professionally to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association;
2. Serving the community through activities that enhance quality of life and function;
3. Representing and promoting the role of the PTA through education, practice, or research;
4. Promoting ethical standards and professional conduct among peers, patients, and students;
5. Pursuing professional development through continuing education (for example, courses, workshops, inservices, etc); and;
6. Encouraging patients, peers, or students to perform at, or strive to achieve their optimal potential.

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Nomination Format
Nominations should be submitted in the format shown below and should be limited to two pages in length.  
1. Name of Nominee.
2. Address.
3. Profession/Education.
4. What has the nominee contributed to the physical therapy profession over the last three years?
5. Hobbies, special interests/abilities, organizations, etc.
6. Briefly summarize why you think this nominee merits consideration of this award.

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The 2007 PTA Caucus was held in Washington, DC on May 19-20 with 40 PTA Caucus Representatives present to represent their chapters.

The PTA Caucus voted to adopt an amendment to the PTA Caucus Procedure Manual that outlines the duties and responsibilities of PTA Caucus alternate representatives. The PTA Caucus is encouraging all chapters to develop a PTA Caucus alternate representative position to assure representation at the PTA Caucus and to provide another avenue of leadership development for PTA members.

Other decisions of the 2007 PTA Caucus included adding additional responsibilities for the PTA Caucus Representative in the PTA Caucus Procedure Manual regarding communication with their chapter’s chief delegate concerning issues raised in regional caucuses and mentoring their chapter’s alternate delegate; co-sponsoring RC 01-07 to elect Francis J. (Frank) Mallon, Esq. an honorary member of APTA; and charging the delegates to work with the Advisory Panel of PTAs to pursue increased representation in legislative efforts of the PTA’s role and qualifications in patient care.

The following individuals were elected to positions in the PTA Caucus:

- Chief Delegate: John Linberger (CA) 2 year term
- Delegate: Nancy Brox (KS) 2 year term
- Alternate Delegate: John Kelly (IN) 1 year term
- Nominating Com.: Bob Hayden (UT) 3 year term

During the meeting, Jessica Solberg (MN) announced that Minnesota had just voted to require licensure for PTAs. There are now 4 states and 1 jurisdiction remaining that do not have regulation for PTAs. Other jurisdictions obtaining licensure this year are Washington and Washington, DC.

The PTA Caucus Delegates, John Linberger, David Emerick, Andrea Johnson, Lisa Stoehr, and Russell Stowers represented all PTA members in APTA’s 2007 House of Delegates. Adopted RCs of particular interest to PTA members included:

- **RC-11 Amend: Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant Licensure/Regulation.** This RC clarified that state regulation as a PT or PTA should at a minimum require graduation from a CAPTE accredited program. If the individual is internationally educated, they must have a substantially equivalent education. Additionally, the amended position states that an individual working as a PTA where licensure or regulation is presently unavailable is required to be a graduate of a CAPTE accredited PTA program.
- **RC-22 Adopted: Continued Competence, Lifelong Learning, and Professional Development in Physical Therapy.** This creates a new position that embraces the concepts of continued competence, lifelong learning, and ongoing professional development for physical therapist and physical therapist assistants.
- **RC-27 Adopted Core Values: Endorsement.** The HOD endorsed the Core Values of accountability, altruism, compassion/caring, excellence, integrity, professional duty, and social responsibility.

I hope to see you at the PTA Meeting at the 2007 Fall Meeting on Friday, September 14th at 4:00 pm. There will be an election for the PTA Caucus Representative. If you are interested in running for this position please contact Mary Denney at mdenne@lsuhsc.edu.

Please do not hesitate to contact Kerry Sicomo at kSicomo@cox.net if you have any questions about the 2007 HOD, our Fall 2007 meeting, or the upcoming election.
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