President’s Message
WHAT A RIDE!

I begin this message with both excitement and sadness. Excitement about what might be next in my volunteer life and sadness that it is time to move on. However, moving on is also exciting because it is time for new ideas and new leadership. I can never thank you enough for the opportunities that you have offered and provided for me. I’ve been able to do something that was only a dream 34 years ago. For that, I give you thanks.

It seems only a short time ago that we were in our battle for Direct Access. How wonderful it was to see how we all came together for a common need and a common cause. I was also able to witness your strength as we came together to support our friends and peers as we recovered from the 2005 hurricanes. I never want to see that again. I have been able to witness physical therapy strength, personally and professionally, here at home and also nationally. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent you.

As I leave, I do have some reservations and concerns. I did not do enough to prepare for our future. I did not do enough to prepare future leaders. As I write this message, we still have no candidates for President or Secretary of LPTA. The compliancy in our Association is a concern. Many of our past leaders have moved on to other areas of service and others have left our state. We must have our next generation step up. I know volunteer service is tough. I know it takes time, but what doesn’t. Isn’t it worth it, in the big picture? Without the work of our leaders nationally and locally, we would have much less and our profession would be less respected. We must move forward and we need you to lead us.

As I said when I was leaving office in another organization, the view from the first car in this roller coaster called LPTA has been GREAT but I look forward to taking my place in the last car as I watch our future unfold.

Thanks again for everything,

David

FALL MEETING PREVIEW
Are you Registered?

The LPTA 2008 Fall Meeting, will be held on September 5-7, 2008 in Baton Rouge at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center.

The featured speakers are Marisa Perdomo, PT, SPT, MS presenting a course titled “Manual Lymphatic Mobilization for Post-Surgical Peripheral Edema” and Phil Page, PT, ATC, MS, CSCS and Andre Labbe, PT, MOMT presenting a course title “The Janda Approach to Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain: From Structure to Function.” You can visit www.lpta.org and click on “Meetings” to download a meeting brochure. See page 17 for a registration form.

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UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark Your Calendar NOW!

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September 5-7
2008 LPTA Fall Meeting
Holiday Inn Select
Baton Rouge, LA

September 21
APTA State Policy and Payment Forum
Philadelphia, PA

October 17
National Student Conclave
San Jose, CA

2009

March 20-22
2009 Spring Meeting
Lafayette Hilton
Lafayette, LA

LPTA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please continue to encourage your fellow PTs, PTAs and students to join or renew their APTA/LPTA membership!

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PHYSICAL THERAPY PROVIDER NETWORK (PTPN) INVITES NEW MEMBER APPLICATION AND LAUNCHES NEW CASH PAYING PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS

Physical Therapy Provider Network, Inc. (PTPN), the oldest and largest rehabilitation network in the United States for private practice therapists, has been in operation for the past fifteen years in Louisiana and the past eleven years in Mississippi. PTPN is presently made up of physical, occupational, and speech therapists in independent practice and its members include nearly 100 clinics geographically distributed throughout the states of Louisiana and Mississippi.

It is PTPN’s mission to maximize the independent therapist’s clinically effective and profitable participation in healthcare. Members meet strict credentialing criteria and adhere to PTPN’s quality assurance and outcomes programs to ensure appropriate and efficient care.

PTPN member clinics gain quantifiable value from their PTPN Membership. The greatest value they report is access to more patients and more revenue through PTPN’s contracts with payers. In addition, PTPN members save money through PTPN’s handling of contracting and credentialing functions and through negotiated discounts on brand name supplies and services – from liability insurance to gym equipment. The PTPN network of providers is marketed to payers on the local, statewide, and national levels in order to give our members the broadest base of business possible.

In addition, PTPN is an active member of LABI (Louisiana Association of Business and Industry), LAHP (Louisiana Association of Health Plans), LBGH/LHCA (Louisiana Business Group on Health/Louisiana Healthcare Alliance), and LASIE (Louisiana Association of Self Insured Employers). Our role in these organizations allows private practitioners to collectively have their voice heard as one.

PTPN has recently launched its newest initiative - a cash pay program under our new national consumer brand “Physiquality” exclusive to PTPN clinics - to counteract the downward pressures on insurance reimbursement by capturing a share of the cash-paying consumer market. Our goal is to boost business, expand practices, and generate new streams of revenue for our member clinics.

PTPN is a different type of rehab network, one that stands above the others in today’s turbulent marketplace – a network of independent therapists that payers and patients rely on for integrity, stability, and quality. Founded in 1985 in California, PTPN has expanded its services to include 23 states nationally. PTPN has been named the country's largest specialty PPO in both 1994 and 1995 as reported by the American Associate of Preferred Provider Organizations (Washington, D. C.). It was awarded the 1996 PPS (Private Practice Section) Practice Award from the American Physical Therapy Association. This award is given for innovative operation for a specific project that promotes a positive image of private practice therapy in the community.

We welcome and encourage you to become a PTPN member. PTPN is located at 4521 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 1, Baton Rouge, LA 70808. Any interested therapist should contact Executive Director, Kim Bueche Hardman, at 225-927-6888 or kbueche@ptpnla.brcoxmail.com for details. Visit our website at www.ptpn.com/LA_MS

Chief Delegate Report
By Gail Pearce, Chief Delegate

Louisiana was well represented at the House of Delegates held in San Antonio this past June. Your delegation consisted of President David Qualls, Kitty Krieg, Kinta LeBlanc, Amelia Leonardi, Gregg Jones and I. Jerry Allgood, PTA also served as a first time delegate to the PTA Assembly. Jerry also joined us in the Southern States caucus and motion discussion groups. As a “new” returning Chief Delegate I would like to thank the delegates for being cooperative, understanding and on time. It took me awhile to get into the swing of a Chapter delegate after a long stint as a section delegate. We had a place of great prominence as we sat in the first row in front of the Speaker of the House.

You will find a summary of the motions we debated in another article located elsewhere in the Bayou Bulletin. Sometimes we voted quickly but for the most part there was considerable debate and discussion both on the House floor and (Continued on page 5)
Shreveport District Report
By Anna Means, PT

The Shreveport District held their Spring meeting at LSUHSC Allied Health building on May 6, 2008. Thirty members from the District were in attendance. Members were alerted to governmental issues that currently have the potential to affect our practice. These issues included Worker’s Compensation bills that would nullify the use of objective measurements to indicate impairment and seek to institute “Official Disability Guidelines” which are treatment guidelines formulated without the input of the LPTA. Additionally, members were updated on a Senate bill that will potentially amend the language of our PT Practice Act to address issues of concern. Sharon Dunn gave an update on APTA issues of interest. The APTA has been working on strategic planning to encourage “rational thinking instead of emotional reactions” to issues concerning promotion of PT practice. Additionally, they have been developing a “brand” to solidify what physical therapy entails. The brand will be unveiled at annual conference in San Antonio, TX.

After the business portion of the meeting, we held a journal club to discuss current evidence-based practice on the evaluation and treatment of lateral epicondylagia. Mary Denney, PT and Tony Lamonthe, PT led the discussion and demonstrated manual techniques that can be incorporated into practice. The district plans on holding journal club meetings regularly to discuss various topics of practice.

The following were elected to positions on the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee.

Treasurer – Connie Hauser – Kentucky
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  Kevin Hulsey- Idaho
  Paul Rockar- Pennsylvania
  Lisa Saladin- South Carolina
Nominating Committee – 3yr term
  Karen Paschal - Nebraska
  Pamela Phelps - Georgia
  Louise Yurko – 1 yr term – North Carolina

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chief Delegate. We have a good interactive delegation and I enjoy working with them. We will need two new delegates for next year. Consider nominating yourself or another colleague for this educational experience.

Left to Right- Student HOD Volunteer Allison Daly (LSUHSC-NO), Gregg Jones, Kitty Krieg, Chief Delegate Gail Pearce, and PTA Caucus Representative Jerry Allgood.

Left to Right- Amelia Leonardi, Kinta LeBlanc, Kitty Krieg, Gregg Jones, and Chief Delegate Gail Pearce
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
2008 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 8, 2008.

Please plan to attend these presentations on Friday, September 5, 2008 and show your support for our profession and research in the state of Louisiana.
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Ochsner is proud to have been named the “Best Place to Work in New Orleans” in 2005 and 2006 by CityBusiness. Ochsner is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
RC 1-08 Amend: Diagnosis by Physical Therapists (passed)
Diagnosis by Physical Therapists (HOD P06-97-06-19) amended to include ordering of tests that are performed and interpreted by other health professionals. The position also now states that it is the physical therapist’s responsibility in the diagnostic process to organize and interpret all relevant data.

RC 2-08 Amend: Promoting Physical Therapy (passed unanimously)
A new position on promoting physical activity/exercise amends HOD P06-03-29-28 and underlines the benefits of physical activity/exercise and the role of physical therapists (PTs) and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) in promoting those benefits. The position calls for APTA to endorse appropriate physical activity/exercise goals and objectives put forth by government and other nationally recognized agencies; support and encourage its members to provide leadership in supporting scientific, educational, and legislative activities directed to the promotion of regular physical activity/exercise in order to enhance health and prevent disease; and encourage members to adopt healthy lifestyle choices that include meeting national guidelines for participating in physical activity/exercise. (from PTB on line 6/17/08)

RC 3-08 Amend: Guidelines: Student and Employer Contracts (passed)
Students and new graduates have a more contemporary formal set of guidelines designed to safeguard their interests and needs in relation to contractual employment situations and to help them negotiate appropriate agreements that provide financial assistance in exchange for a promise of future employment. The guidelines suggest that all students and new graduates obtain appropriate legal counsel prior to signing any agreement. In addition, the guidelines list provisions that employment agreements should include and “set forth in clear language,” such as repayment, termination of employment, and non-compete clauses. (from PTB on line 6/17/08)

RC 4-08 Endorsement of International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF) (passed unanimously)
Endorses the ICF model, which uses a broad view of health-related states from biological, personal, and social perspectives. ICF language shall be incorporated into all relevant Association publications, documents, and communications through existing planned review and revision cycles.

RC 5-08 Continuity of Care Record (passed)
Supports the inclusion of elements of the PT patient/client management as a component of a Continuity of Care Record and will advocate for the inclusion of this information to organizations that are creating guidelines, specifications and terminology codes related to Continuity of Care records.

RC 6-08 Electronic Health Record in Physical Therapy (passed)
Calls for physical therapists and APTA to begin a concerted effort toward adopting interoperable EHRs, a "national top priority," which will allow the Association to contribute its unique perspective in the electronic infrastructure of health information exchange.

RC 7A-08 Accurate Disclosure of Physical Therapy Benefits by Health Insurance Companies (passed)
Addresses APTA’s support of the inclusion of policies by third-party payers of the enactment of legislation that protects consumers so that consumers receive accurate and complete representation of physical therapy coverage

RC 8-08 Physical Therapist of Record and “Hand-off” Communication (passed)
In an effort to reduce medical errors, improve communication and patient/client care, and accept responsibility and accountability for patient/client management, APTA encourages practices and facilities to develop and implement a process to identify the physical therapist (PT) of record and "hand off" communication procedures. Physical Therapist of Record and "Hand Off" Communication speaks to the issue that the PT of record is the therapist who assumes primary responsibility for the management of a particular patient or client and as such is held accountable for the coordination, continuation, and progression of the plan of care for that patient or client. APTA will incorporate the concepts of PT of record and "hand off" communication into appropriate Association documents. (from PTB on line 6/17/08)

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### Membership Benefits

- Dues include $15 subscription to Physical Therapy Today and $15 subscription to PT Magazine of Physical Therapy (no subscription to PT Bulletin Online). Additional fees apply for nonmembers.

### Voluntary Contributions

- World Confederation for Physical Therapy
  - $150
  - $125
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- American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
  - $125
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- Foundation for Physical Therapy
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- World Confederation for Physical Therapy
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RC 9-08 Physical Therapy in the Emergency Care Environment (passed)
The intent of the motion is that APTA will promote physical therapy as a professional service in the emergency care environment.

RC 10-08 Health Care of America’s Returning Wounded Warriors (passed unanimously)
Calls for the Association to support the recommendations of the President’s Commission on Care of America’s Returning Wounded Warriors. The 2007 “Report of the President’s Commission on Care of America’s Returning Wounded Warriors” articulates a vision of achieving a system that provides for the “right care and support at the right time in the right place.” The recommendations of the commission focus on three goals: 1) to serve the multiple needs of injured service members and their families, 2) support them in their recovery and return to military duty or to their communities, and 3) simplify the delivery of medical care and disability programs.

RC 11-08 Cover the Uninsured Campaign: Awareness and Promotion (passed)
Affirms APTA’s support of Cover the Uninsured Week – Let’s Get America Covered and that the Association encourages all members to be aware of the campaign and to promote its ideals and resources in their local communities.

RC 12-08 Member Education Program: Practice Management Compliance (defeated)
The intent of this motion was to direct APTA to offer members free or low cost information to assist members in meeting practice management compliance.

That RC 13A-08 Demonstration Project Grants (passed)
This motion directs APTA to develop and implement a program to solicit and fund demonstration projects from components related to health promotion with a focus on physical activity and exercise.

That RC 14-08 Identification of the Role of the Physical Therapist Assistant as it Relates to Physical Therapist Practice in 2020 (passed)
This motion directs APTA to identify the anticipated role of the PTA in 2020 as it relates to PT practice and report to the 2010 House of Delegates.

RC 15-08 Funding for National Candidates at the Combined Sections Meeting (postponed indefinitely)
No action was taken on this motion. The intent of it was to direct APTA to include money in the budget to fund candidates to attend CSM.

That RC 16-08 Monthly Dues Payment Program (passed)
This motion directs APTA to develop options for a monthly dues payment program for implementation in 2010.

That RC 17-08 Automatic Membership Renewal (passed)
This motion directs APTA to develop an automatic membership renewal process for implementation in 2010.

RC 18-08 “Go Green” Plan (withdrawn prior to introduction)

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**ABSENTEE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

Members of the voting body can vote absentee if they are unable to attend the Fall Meeting. The procedure for voting absentee is as follows:
1. A voting member may request a ballot from the Chapter office.
2. Information concerning all candidates on the ballot will be enclosed with the ballot sent to members.
3. Each absentee voter shall seal their ballot in the envelope with no mark of identification and enclose it in another envelope bearing their signature and address. This envelope must be received by the LPTA office no later than three (3) days prior to the election. (September 3)

Please contact the LPTA office at (225) 922-4614 to request an absentee ballot.
In this, the inaugural column of the LPTA Spotlight, the attention is on our LPTA lobbyist. David Tatman took over as our lobbyist last year, stepping in just as the legislative session began. His rather brisk initiation into the workings of the LPTA didn’t scare him off. On the contrary, he seems to be very adept at managing a hectic schedule.

To give some insight into David’s background, he comes to the LPTA as the President of the Tatman Group with nearly 20 years of experience in government relations. Having represented a vast array of corporate and professional trade associations, David is well respected in the halls of the Louisiana State Capitol for his honesty and integrity. He graduated from Nicholls State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, and a minor in Psychology.

To briefly highlight some of David’s accolades and leadership accomplishments, he was recognized as one of the Baton Rouge Business Reports Top 40 Under 40, and is the President of the Association of Louisiana Lobbyists. David also serves on the Board of the Business Congress of Louisiana.

However, what might be most impressive about David is his approachable and amicable personality. He recently spoke at the Baton Rouge District meeting where his presentation was informal and relaxed, yet extremely informative. His explanations of the legislative process made it easy for even the most uninformed of us to get a grasp on just how things are done at the Capitol. He also simplified what each and every one of us as members can do to help promote and preserve our profession in the legislature, and you’d be surprised at some of the suggestions he made. They really are simple!

On a personal note, David lives in Baton Rouge with his wife, Maria, and their children, Carley, Morgan and David, Jr. Along with all of his professional responsibilities, he still manages to spend time with his family. He enjoys attending his kids’ extracurricular events and “feeding the fish” at his camp.

I feel we are fortunate to have David representing our association, and I encourage you to get in touch with him and his staff if you have any questions or concerns about the legislative issues facing our profession. David has done a great job in getting e-mails out to us, either to give us updates on issues or to ask us to act on issues. Stay informed by e-mailing David at david@tatmangroup.com, or by calling him at 225-767-7640.

Although our profession encompasses a diversity of settings, rest assured that any issue concerning our profession impacts each and every one of us. That’s the bottom line. Having said that, I feel we can take solace in the fact that we have such a resourceful and accessible individual representing the LPTA at the Capitol. Get to know David and you’ll see what I mean.

Kinta Mader LeBlanc
225-261-9029
Publicity Simplicity

What are YOU doing for PT Month?

I know the summertime is really busy for most of us, so I figured I’d just give us all a quick reminder about PT Month so we can perhaps start our planning a little early. I checked out the APTA website for ideas on how other chapters celebrated PT Month in past years. Here are a couple of examples to help get the creative juices flowing:

Physical therapists at Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital in Salem, New Hampshire, celebrated NPTM by hosting an activity day themed "Relive your Childhood." Participants took part in childhood games such as four square, jump rope, hula hoop, and hopscotch in attempts to raise awareness of physical activity and the growing incidence of obesity in America. The staff also ran a successful clothing drive for patients who are in need of appropriate rehabilitation clothing.

Cape May County Health Department physical therapists hosted a free fitness fair at the County Park and Zoo on October 13. The therapists provided information on individual and community fitness options in order to encourage physical activity. Exercise routines using physioballs were demonstrated, as well as Tai Chi and Yoga. Free reusable ice packs were also distributed.

You can find more examples on the website by checking out “National Physical Therapy Month-Member Resources” link, then scroll down to the link that reads, “See How Members Celebrate NPTM.”

By the way, I picked up some of the products for PT Month at the APTA Annual Conference in San Antonio, and they’re great! Be sure to check them out! And as always, feel free to get in touch with me if you need any help with planning your events at 225-261-9029. Have a great summer!

Kinta Mader LeBlanc, PT, MPT

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who volunteered at the National Conference of State Legislatures in New Orleans on July 23 and 24.

Gage Banks Tim Bartholomew Sharon Dunn Judith Halverson Paul Hildreth Joann Robichaux
Rich Baudry Kevin Brueilly Alison Daly Randy Hernandez Greg LeBlanc Joseph Shine
Jennifer Fabre Alex Pittman Ashley Mitchell Claire Melebeck Mari Kantrow
CANDIDATES’ STATEMENTS TO MEMBERS

PRESIDENT

Greg LeBlanc, PT, MPT, OCS

It is with humility and honor that I accept the nomination for President of the LPTA. Before proceeding further, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve our association over the last five years, in two capacities, as Baton Rouge District Chairperson and Vice President.

Although I am indeed looking forward to the opportunity to serve as President of the LPTA, it is not without some indecision that I accept this nomination. Having lost my only sibling and thereby experiencing some very difficult personal times over the last year, I have had many thoughts and ideas about where my volunteer service fits into the big picture. However, with encouragement and confidence from many respected colleagues, family and friends, I am sincerely excited about the possibility of fulfilling a long term ambition to some day preside over our professional organization.

My journey as a physical therapist began during a very challenging time for our profession. I finished my post graduate education at LSUHSC Shreveport in 1999. At that time we were experiencing what I affectionately refer to as the “balanced budget crisis”. Though there were not many job opportunities available, I declined several offers to practice in outpatient orthopedic clinical settings that were, in my opinion, involved in behaviors which wavered along many ethical and professional boundaries. Instead, I began my practice at Earl K. Long Medical Center in Baton Rouge in the acute care environment, still aspiring to practice in an outpatient orthopedic setting. Although it was not my choice as the optimal practice setting for my personal interests, I am grateful for the experience as I learned a great deal from the patients and staff there. In April 2000, I began my current practice position at Baton Rouge Physical Therapy (which is now BRPT-Lake), where I have functioned over the last five years as a clinical director.

It is with the same dedication to integrity and professionalism reminiscent of my early days as new graduate that I ask for your support to serve the LPTA as President, and to proudly represent our association at the national level. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

SECRETARY

Rebekah Winters, PT

My name is Rebekah Winters and I would like to be your next LPTA secretary. I received my Master in Physical Therapy from LSUHSC–Shreveport in 2000. After completing school, I moved to Dallas and worked for seven months before returning to Louisiana. I moved back to my home town of Sulphur and started working for West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital which is where I currently practice. Soon after my return to Sulphur, I was elected as district chairperson for the Lake Charles district. I have served in that position for the last six years and have served on the executive committee for the last three years. I feel that it is very important to stay involved with the issues of our profession, and I have enjoyed serving the LPTA for the last six years. I would greatly appreciate your support to continue to allow me to serve as your next secretary.

NOMINATIONS CHAIR

Anna Means, PT

I am honored to accept nomination for Chairman of the Nomination Committee of the LPTA. I have been a member of the APTA and LPTA since my first year in PT school until the present. I am currently serving as Shreveport District Chairperson and desire to serve our state chapter on a deeper level. Although I have only been practicing for nearly 3 years now, I bring a deep passion and strong commitment for encouraging members to accept positions of leadership to work on improving the current issues that we face as physical therapists on a daily basis. I believe in bringing in members who are enthusiastic and strive to further our profession on a local, state, and national level. I would appreciate you giving me the opportunity to serve you in this position.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CHAIR

Kevin Garrigan, PT, DPT

I have been a member of the LPTA since 1997. I have served as a delegate, membership chairperson and governmental affairs chairperson. This past year serving in gov. affairs has been an exciting and eye opening experience. I feel called to serve the association and give back to an organization that has given and continues to give so much to me. I feel that the experience and contacts I've gained over the past year will be a huge asset going forward. If elected I will continue to serve with passion and dedication as I fully realize how important governmental affairs is to our future as practitioners in this state.

DELEGATES

Jennifer Fabre, PT, PhD (c), MPT, CSCS

Jennifer M Fabre received her Master of Physical Therapy degree at LSUHSC – Shreveport in 2001. She is currently a PhD candidate in the Department of Kinesiology at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge and owner of a private outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy, and massage therapy practice in Baton Rouge, LA. Jennifer has been an active member of the APTA/LPTA since beginning physical therapy school in 1999 and has served as APTA and Special Olympics appointed Healthy Athletes FUNFitness Coordinator for Louisiana; APTA (Continued on page 15)
I wish to contact many of our members and speak with them as to their wishes to present their views to the APTA House of Delegates as the Louisiana Chapter Delegate and continue to address these issues. I would be proud to be a Louisiana Delegate and to work tirelessly for our physical therapists. Thank you.

Amelia Leonardi, PT, MHS

It was my privilege to serve as a delegate this year in the 2008 House of Delegates, filling in as the alternate for Sharon Dunn. It would be an honor to continue representing Louisiana as a delegate the next two years. I have extensive experience both as a PT clinician and PT/PTA educator, which gives me a wide perspective of the issues facing our profession. Currently, I am the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education for the Delgado PTA Program. This allows me to interact regularly with many PTs and PTAs throughout the state, gaining insight into various physical therapy issues. I have served many years in various capacities for the LPTA, including State Nominations Chair and I currently as District Chair for New Orleans. My strength is being able to see issues from both sides and to negotiate compromise as needed. I request your support for serving as a delegate.

David Qualls, PT

My name is David Qualls and I would like to be a Delegate for LPTA to the 2009 – 2010 APTA House of Delegates.

I have practiced Physical Therapy in Louisiana for the past 34 years. I have practiced in the hospital setting, 29 years in the private practice setting that includes single ownership, multiple partnership, corporate partnership, hospital base, hospital contracting, home health, etc. I have been an active member of LPTA for 36 years and have served on the Governmental Affairs Committee for the past 20 years plus and was Chair of the Ethics Committee for 10 years. I have served as LPTA Vice President and will end my term as your President in September 2008. At APTA, I recently finished a 2 year term on the Committee on Charters and Sections and served as Chairman last year. I have been a Delegate to APTA over the past 10 years.

This next House of Delegates will be an important one. In addition to issues that concern us all and include reimbursement, infringement, referral for profit and advocacy we will be electing a President and Vice President. By serving as a delegate over the past 10 years, as well as serving as your Vice President and President, I have been able to communicate with the present APTA staff, APTA Board of Directors, Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistants from across the United States. I feel I have the knowledge and back ground to continue to be an effective Delegate, representing LPTA, as we continue to move our association forward.

I ask for your vote on Saturday, September 6, 2008.

J. Gregg Jones, PT

The American Physical Therapy Association House of Delegates is the highest legislative body for our profession. I consider it a great privilege to have been elected by the Louisiana Physical Therapists as a delegate. I have been an LPTA Member for the past 24 years. I wish to continue as the Louisiana Chapter Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates. I cannot fully express the honor I feel to serve as Delegate for the past six years. I believe these past six years have allowed:

- The beginnings of the experience to communicate Establish relationships
- Gain familiarity throughout the other delegates of the nation to develop a confidence of navigating the national activities and an understanding of the many issues that may help our state’s patients and physical therapists.

The issues I see as important in the next year include:

- Will there be sufficient reimbursement to keep up with the demands of the profession and the changing economy we live in? [Thanks to the APTA, we have been aided in Medicare reimbursement already.]
- Will there be enough APTA members through the efforts of the education system and the Association to meet the increasing demands of the therapy profession?
- Can we, as a profession, communicate the general change to the specialization demands of a changing healthcare industry while at the same time expand the general medical model of an accessible therapist to provide safe and effective therapy for our patients?
- Will we provide these services as a Doctor of Physical Therapy or as a PT?
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 5, 2008
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  LPTA Board of Directors' Meeting
1:00 pm  REGISTRATION OPENS
1:00 pm - 5:30 pm  Exhibit Setup
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  Research Presentations
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Committee Meetings
PTA Meeting
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  LPTA Business Meeting with Open Forum
6:00 pm  EXHIBITS OPEN
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  WELCOME RECEPTION with Exhibitors

Saturday, September 6, 2008
7:00 am - 7:45 am  Registration
EXHIBITS OPEN
Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
VOTING OPENS
7:45 am - 9:30 am  Continuing Education Courses
9:30 am - 10:30 am  Exhibit Break
10:30 am  VOTING CLOSES
10:30 am - 11:45 am  Continuing Education Courses
11:45 am - 1:45 pm  LPTA BUSINESS MEETING
with Lunch
1:45 pm - 3:00 pm  Continuing Education Courses
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm  Exhibit Break
3:45 pm - 5:45 pm  Continuing Education Courses

Sunday, September 7, 2008
7:30 am - 8:00 am  Continental Breakfast
8:00 am - 9:45 am  Continuing Education Courses
9:45 am - 10:00 am  Break
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  Continuing Education Courses
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  Lunch on Your Own
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  Continuing Education Courses

REGISTRATION FORM
LTPA 2008 Fall Meeting
September 5-7, 2008

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(Circle appropriate one)
Licensure:  PT  PTA  PT Student  PTA Student
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Luncheon Ticket Only (for non-registereds)  $25  $25
Saturday Only (PT and PTA members)  $200  $210
Exhibits Only Pass-Member  $20  $20
Exhibits Only Pass-Nonmember  $45  $45

Total Amount Enclosed: $_____________________

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