

## President's Message:

### The Heat is On, Both Outside and Within the Association!

The LPTA has been active during this legislative session. We had a very successful day at the capital. The compact legislation appears to be moving along and we do not anticipate any major opposition. We continue to work with our state board on practice issues as our profession continues to move forward. The LPTA had great representation at the capital in Washington DC, meeting many legislatures and focused on patient access. The LPTA delegates are preparing for the APTA House of Delegates in late June. We will be commencing with component and leadership meetings focused on the advancement of our profession. During the House meeting, we will be working on 57 motions that will affect the bylaws and the general business of the APTA. Some of the issues will be focused on updating association documents, physical therapist determining medical necessity, use of evidence based complimentary and integrated interventions, opioid health crisis, promotion of annual physical therapy movement assessment visits, primary care and entry point providers, and diversity of providers within the association. It is a great honor to be a delegate representing our state, and to help shape the future of our association.

During a recent APTA town hall meeting, Dr. Sharon Dunn gave an update of the APTA. We are currently at 101,521 members strong, an increase in 4.92% over the last year. Reasons members join the APTA are: 1) to stay informed of current developments and trends, 2) education, research, and publications, 3) support of advocacy and advancement of the profession, followed by topics of networking, job opportunity, and professionalism. APTA is focused on engagement with membership through sections, annual meetings, education, advocacy and increasing our message through social media. To strengthen our national branding, the APTA is working with chapters on a common message of "Move Forward." As the APTA approaches their 100 years anniversary, the APTA will focus on interdisciplinary collaboration, strategic partnership, investing in public awareness, and membership.

It is not hard to see that the LPTA and APTA have a lot of moving parts, and that your association is in constant motion to move our profession forward. We continue to work on state and national issues, and we are gearing up for working with the other chapters to discuss the business procedures and direction of the APTA. We have an exciting 3 day action packed program scheduled for the LPTA Fall meeting this coming August. The LPTA will be at the national APTA Payment Forum in September. Student Conclave is scheduled in October. We remain busy and dedicated to our members. Membership matters, so please stay engaged with us, and encourage your colleagues to join our association. We are better together!



Respectfully submitted by:  
**Joe Shine, PT, DPT**  
LPTA President

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LPTA MEMBERSHIP

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

PTs	815
PTAs	144
Students	373
Total	1,332

Lake Charles and Lafayette District Government Affairs Liaison Positions are open. See District News for more information.

Submission Deadline

We welcome anyone to contribute to the Bayou Bulletin.

If you would like to advertise, report, or share experiences with your fellow LPTA members, please see below for Publisher contact information.

The submission deadline for the July/August publication is June 15th.

If you are interested in receiving you Bulletin in *full color* by email, please reply to the office ([office@LPTA.org](mailto:office@LPTA.org)) with the Subject line "Opting Out." Make sure you include your name, member number and a contact number in case we need clarification. Join us in "Opting Out!"

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June 27-30, 2018**

NEXT Conference

Orlando, FL

**October 11-13, 2018**

National Student Conclave

Providence, RI

**August 24-26, 2018**

LPTA Fall Meeting

Baton Rouge, LA

**January 23-26, 2019**

Combined Sections Meeting

Washington, DC



**Dave Pariser Memorial Scholarship Fund**

To make an online contribution to the Scholarship fund, go to the Foundation website and at the top right hand side of the page, there is purple box with the words “Donate Now”. Choose the amount of the donation and choose the designated fund, the Dave Pariser Memorial Scholarship Fund.

***<http://www.lsuhealthfoundation.org/>***

Or you can mail to the Dave Pariser Memorial Scholarship Fund:

The Foundation for the LSU Health Sciences Center  
450A South Claiborne Avenue  
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## District and Component News



### Blair T. Duthu, PT, Houma District Chair

The Houma District held their Spring Meeting on Thursday, April 26th, 2018 at The Claiborne in Thibodaux. A free lecture was given by myself titled "Pelvic Floor PT...it's more than a Kegel". It is exciting to see the attendance grow with each meeting. We have been active in building relationships and getting to know those in our area. It's always fun to meet new faces and reconnect with those from the past. We are currently in the infant stages of planning an event for the first day of Fall focused on fall prevention. Stay tuned for more details!

Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page "Houma area PTs and PTs for the latest updates!

Feel Free to contact me with any questions!

Blair T. Duthu, PT - blair.duthu@rehabcare.com



### Marianne D Bell, PT, DPT, Lake Charles District Chair

The Lake Charles District will hold a meeting followed by PT Pub Night on Thursday, May 24th at 6pm at Crying Eagle Brewery. Please come out and join us.

The Lake Charles District Governmental Affairs Liaison position is now open. We are looking for a volunteer to take over this position. We encourage anyone is interested in becoming our next Liaison, please contact me at cajunmed9546@gmail.com.



### Jennifer Watson, Lafayette District Chair

The Lafayette District will be hosting its next District Meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2018, beginning at 6 pm. Representatives from SI-BONE will be offering a course on, "The Symptomatic SI Joint: Clinical Examination, Diagnosis and Treatment." We will hold our District Meeting following the presentation. You will have an opportunity to **earn 2 CEU hours** for your attendance. The location is yet to be decided, and I will notify you once it is confirmed. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!



### Danielle Morris, Baton Rouge District Chair

Our BR District meeting held on April 18th was hosted by the Physical Therapy Department of Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University. We had a great turnout! We toured the facility and learned about the new DPT program. Thanks to our hosts and to all who attended! Stay tuned for information on our next Pub Night!



## Nominations Committee Report

### LPTA Electronic Voting Coming This Fall

After many months of diligent effort, we are happy to announce that the by-laws change to allow for electronic voting was approved during the LPTA Spring Business Meeting and electronic voting will begin with this fall's elections. The by-laws committee, nominations committee (NC), board of directors and association management team are now working on the logistics to facilitate the electronic voting process.

With the passing of the by-laws changes the new electronic voting process will better meet the LPTA members' needs as it will allow those members who are not able to attend the business meetings to cast their votes, and it will also help expedite the entire voting process.

While the plan to implement electronic voting is being finalized, nominations are being accepted for the following offices/positions (by-laws references for job descriptions provided):

- Chief Delegate (See By-Laws Article IX)
- Delegate (two to be elected; see By-Laws Article IX)
- PTA Caucus Representative (See By-Laws Article X)
- Governmental Affairs Chairperson (See By-Laws Article VIII, Section 3)

The timeline for the elections process in compliance with the by-laws changes is as follows:

The deadline for submitting nominees to the NC is May 21st.

On May 26th the NC will announce its slate of candidates, which will be 90 days prior to the LPTA Fall Meeting. The NC will then ask for nominations from the "floor" by the membership for each office. [Please note that additional nominations will require endorsement of at least two (2) voting members and consent of the nominee to serve.]

Nominations from the floor will be closed June 16<sup>th</sup>.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> the final slate of candidates will be sent to the membership. Please see the LPTA website for the slate of candidates and their candidate statements.

Electronic voting will begin on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and end on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

The results of the election will be announced at the LPTA Fall Meeting on August 25.

Additionally, any members who do not wish to vote electronically may request a paper ballot which must be received by LPTA office no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact the LPTA office if you desire to vote by paper ballot.

The NC welcomes recommendations for candidacy so if you would like to be considered for candidacy or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact me ([k\\_mader@hotmail.com](mailto:k_mader@hotmail.com)) or the LPTA office ([office@lpta.org](mailto:office@lpta.org)). There are lots of opportunities to get involved and serve the LPTA. All members, new or not-so-new to the LPTA, are encouraged to contact the NC to discuss leadership opportunities.

As always, many thanks to all those who have served and are willing to serve our great association.

**Kinta Leblanc, PT, DPT**  
**LPTA Nominations Committee Chairperson**



## Payment/Practice Committee Report

Looking for feedback this month:

- What are the biggest concerns you have regarding the future of payment?
- What are your biggest practice concerns?
- Most information regarding payment/practice is through the Bulletin, LPTA meetings and Facebook. Do you have suggestions for how you would like to receive information and updates?

Please comment on the LPTA Facebook page or email me at [Katie@partnersinpt.com](mailto:Katie@partnersinpt.com)

**Katie Brittain, PT**  
**Payment Chair**



## Federal Affairs Report

The 2018 Federal Affairs Forum will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. For our day on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC., we will be lobbying on specific pieces of legislation. In addition, we will thank members of the LA Delegation that supported the therapy cap permanent fix after 20 years.

The specific talking points will be on the following issues:

- 1) **The Role of PT in Technology and Digital Health:** We be asking for co-sponsorship of the CONNECT for Health Act (telehealth). We will also provide information on the PT Outcomes Registry, and its role as a qualified clinical data registry in value-based health care.
- 2) **Education & Workforce:** The importance of ensuring funding for low-cost student loans, the impact of growing student debt, and why we are opposed to the PROSPER Act.
- 3) **The Role PT in Public Health:** Physical therapist's services as part of the solution to America's opioid crisis.

If you are interested in advocacy on a federal level, I highly recommend that you attend the forum next year. The Federal Affairs Forum is designed to provide thorough training and logistics the day before the visits on the hill. Registrants are fully versed and competent to have successful Congressional visits the following day. Thank you to Sharon Dunn, Bart Jones, and Amelia Leonardi for accompanying me to DC for the 2018 Forum!

## State Governmental Affairs Report

As of this writing the 2018 Legislative Session is almost half way over. The legislators are committed to wrapping up the regular session by Mid May versus the scheduled date of June 4, 2018. This will allow them to start a special session to tackle budget issues. Having an abbreviated timeline for the 2018 Session means that bills are moving rather quickly. The timeline has now passed for any new bills to be filed so now we focus on monitoring the ones that have been introduced as they move through the process.

The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact Bill (SB 203), authored by Sen Barrow Peacock, has passed Senate Health and Welfare and the Senate Floor unanimously. It will move over to the House Health and Welfare Committee in the next couple of weeks. Passage of this bill, will allow Physical Therapists and Assistants in LA to apply for a privilege to practice in other states that have already passed legislation and now part of the compact. This means that instead of the burden of keeping up with licensure renewals from different states or different continuing education requirements, you can designate LA as your home state and have one renewal date and follow the continuing educational requirements for LA only. This will significantly help those that live on the geographical borders of our state and practice in 2 different states, spouses of those in the military, or traveling therapists. There are 16 states that have successfully passed legislation in their own states to join the compact.

The LPTA hosted PT Day at the Capital on April 10, 2018. Thank you to all that took time out of your day and made the day so successful. We had the opportunity to meet with many legislators. In addition, we were recognized by the full House and Senate and April 10<sup>th</sup> was declared LPTA Day at the Capital.

Thank you to all that continue to advocate to promote the PT profession and those that have developed strong relationships with State Legislators. These actions continue to keep the LPTA reputation strong at the capital!

**Cristina Faucheux, PT**  
**Government Affairs Chair**



## Bylaws Committee Report

### “Call to Order”

At the LPTA Spring business meeting in Lafayette the motion to change the LPTA bylaws to allow electronic voting was passed. It is now being submitted to the APTA Board of Directors for final approval. There was some healthy debate about this change at the open forum and the business meeting but the motion passed unchanged from its original form. Again, members will have the option to vote electronically or by handwritten ballot and will be able to nominate members for office in addition to the nominating committee slate. However, this will all occur well before the “Fall” business meeting so pay attention this summer to election notices! Elections will not be held at the Fall Chapter meeting but our new delegates and officers will be announced and sworn in at the meeting.

I'd like to thank the Bylaws committee and especially Gail Pearce for their assistance in passing this milestone for our chapter. If you were unable to view the bylaw changes from a previous email or Bayou Bulletin please contact the LPTA office and they can mail or email you the passed bylaw changes.

The Bylaws committee needs representatives from the Alexandria, Northshore and Monroe districts. Please consider it!!

Welcome Lisanne Meiners McCuller from Baton Rouge to the Bylaws committee!

Motion to Adjourn,  
Paul Hildreth  
Bylaws Chair



## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING FALL MEETING!



**AUGUST 24-26, 2018**  
**BATON ROUGE, LA**



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