

Letter From the President

Jenna Encheff, PT, PhD, CMPT, CERP

Denver CSM Update

Hello Members! I am sitting here typing this only two days post CSM, and I am hoping that many new or soon to be new members are reading this as well! With that being said, we had a great turnout for our membership meeting which was held at 7 a.m. on Saturday, February 15th. Approximately 30 people showed up bright and early to hear about the accomplishments and initiatives of the APTSIG. To summarize, 2019 saw many positive steps forward in the promotion and support of animal physical therapy, most notably: completion of the practice analysis and clinical practice standards documents; unanimous approval by the AOPT Board of Directors for our name change to the Animal Physical Therapy Special Interest Group; and publication of a Frequently Asked Questions document on the APTSIG website. Initiatives for the upcoming 1-3 years include, but are not limited to: revising and adapting the APTSIG strategic plan to align with the new overall strategic plan of the AOPT; posting of a reference guide for all 50 states' physical therapist practice acts regarding animal physical therapy on the APTSIG website; introducing electronic resources such as links to articles, example protocols for treatment, and educational videos on the resource page of the APTSIG website; increasing outreach and marketing for animal physical therapy; and increasing offerings of the Introduction to Animal Physical Therapy continuing education course. We are asking you for YOUR input as to what you feel are important issues to address for the APTSIG, so be on the lookout for an e-blast asking for your input if you have not already received it!

The AOPT and the APTSIG formally recognized the election of Francisco Maia to the office of Vice President, which he will hold from 2020-2023. Former Vice President, Stevan Allen was recognized for his 6 years of service to the APTSIG and was presented with a plaque for his years of service. Thank you, Stevan for the time you have committed to the APTSIG!

Newly elected Nominating Committee members, Nicole Windsor, PT, DPT, FAAOMPT, CERP, and Marilyn Miller, PT, PhD, GCS, FSM, were unable to attend CSM, but were recognized and will be serving 3-year, and 1-year terms, respectively.

Jenny Moe, PT, MS, DPT, CCRT, APT, and Jill Kuhl, PT, DPT, MSPT, CCRT, OCS, presented an engaging and educational course to a packed house following the membership meeting. Their presentation, Dysfunction of the Lumbo-Pelvic-Hip Complex in Human vs. Canine Clients, included discussion of comparative anatomy, gait analysis, and many case examples comparing human pathology to canine. The informative presentation was extremely well-received, and we thank Jenny and Jill for their time and expertise!!

Finally, thank you to all our members who have helped us reach our goals outlined in our strategic plan. To those members and our new members, we look forward to continuing to work towards our initiatives as well as identifying new goals to work towards over the next 3 years.



Stevan Allen was presented with a plaque recognizing his 6 years of service as Vice President of the APTSIG from President, Jenna Encheff

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