

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
March 17, 2009**

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

9 Shackleford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR

Physical Therapy Board Members Attending: Seth Coulter, Todd Burton and Rob Tillman.

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readhour

Staff Attending: Nancy Worthen, Sarah Chaney

Others Present:

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Seth Coulter called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of the February 5, 2009 regular meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Financials

As of March 16, 2009 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$84,891.28.

As of March 16, 2009 the Money Management Funds total \$520,303.08.

Total Assets - \$605,194.36

The financial report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the February 5, 2009 meeting:

PTs

- By exam: 7
- By reciprocity: 4

PTAs

- By exam: 0
- By reciprocity: 1

Total PTs - 1548

Total PTAs - 834

Total - 2321

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Michael DuPriest Dry Needling Inquiry**

Michael DuPriest, PT emailed asking if dry needling is within the scope of practice. This issue was discussed at the February meeting and the Board determined further information was needed. More information was received from Michael DuPriest but his question in the second email was regarding needle EMG. The Board determined previously that EMGs are within the scope of practice. Michael DuPriest will be contacted for clarification of his question and dry needling will be researched further.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Practice Act Revisions**

The Board discussed the next step regarding the Practice Act revisions. Licensees will be emailed and asked to contact their representative or senator and ask that they support the bill.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Late Renewals**

A discussion was held regarding the late renewal policy. Late fees are charged to licensees failing to renew by March 1 but licensees will be made aware that there could be further consequences for failing to renew while continuing to work and bill for services.

- **Corporation Registration**

The corporation law was reviewed and the Board discussed the corporation certificates issued by the board office. The Board office will continue to issue the certificates following the corporation law.

- **Students with a Criminal Background**

The Board discussed students with a criminal background and issues those students may encounter after graduation. The Board does not make licensing decisions until a student has graduated and submitted an application.

- **Online Renewal Convenience Fee**

From the inception of online renewals, a convenience fee was charged for renewing online. Nancy asked that the board consider absorbing the convenience fee to encourage more PT/PTAs to renew online. The Board discussed the fee and determined that the online renewal process will remain the same.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director