

APTA Conference June 26 - July 1, 1960
House of Delegates
Meeting

Presented here are the highlights of this meeting - further details will be presented at the September Chapter Meeting.

Mary Elizabeth Kolb presided.

Lucy Blair was appointed Permanent Executive Director - she had been serving as acting Executive Director.

Annual reports will be published in future P.T. Reviews.

Pay special attention to the Financial Committee and Treasurer's Reports. Our Association's financial future is still an important area of concern.

Conferences in the future: Chicago 1960, San Francisco 1962

Results of elections:

Directors - Louise Reinecke
Beatrice Shultz
Barbara White

Nominating Committee:
Lloyd Hausen
Lorraine Paulsen

Report of the Representatives to the Joint Committee of APTA, ARPT and ACPM&R.

Report given by Agnes Snyder. She quoted the resolution passed by the 1958 House of Delegates. It is reprinted here in full as background material.

"WHEREAS, Physical therapy is a profession; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of a profession to assume leadership in establishing and maintaining standards of service, education, and ethics as well as the certification of the professional competency of its members; and

WHEREAS, Certain of these activities are now being assumed by both the American Physical Therapy Association and by the Board of Registry of the American Registry of Physical ~~Therapists~~ Therapists; and

WHEREAS, This situation has resulted in duplication of activities, confusion, and conflict; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Physical Therapy Association request a conference with representatives of the American Congress of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the American Registry of Physical Therapists to present and clarify the stand of the American Physical Therapy Association in respect to its professional responsibilities and prerogatives."

This led to some confusion about the role of the American Registry of Physical Therapists. This organization has

assumed some of the responsibilities of a professional organization while stating that they are a registration body only.

Several joint meetings have been held where APTA made the stand that it would support ARPT if they would limit their activities to certification only.

The Board of Directors - seeing the need for the profession to move forward in this important area of professional certification - made the following resolution with amendments made by the Northern California Chapter and the Pennsylvania Chapter. This was passed almost unanimously. ~~6-11-64~~

"PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING A NATIONAL BOARD FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY CERTIFICATION"

WHEREAS physical therapy is a profession that is prepared to assume major responsibility for its own activities aside from the treatment of patients, and

WHEREAS it is believed that by so doing the interests of the public health and welfare, the physical therapy profession and the medical profession will best be served, and

WHEREAS one of the major duties to be undertaken in fulfilling such responsibility is certification of the competency of its own members,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the American Physical Therapy Association will actively support an independent national board for physical therapy certification with the following functions:

to construct, administer, correct, grade and publicize the results of a voluntary examination to evaluate the competency of physical therapists for practice under the direction and prescription of qualified physicians..."

Proposed -- "And be it further resolved, that members of such a national board for physical therapy certification shall be appointed initially by the American Physical Therapy Association, and be composed of nine members:

- (1) Four of the members shall be representative of the medical specialties that commonly utilize physical therapy, and
- (2) Five of the members shall be physical therapists.

This resolution will be presented to the ARPT at the next joint meeting. This is the first time that we have "armed" our representatives to these joint meetings with a definite positive proposal. The outcome leaves three possibilities:

- (1) The ARPT will agree with our proposal and cooperate
- (2) The ARPT will reject our proposal and we will continue to support the Registry
- (3) We will go forward with the proposal ourselves if the Registry does not cooperate.

Further discussion of this important area will be presented at our September Meeting as part of the Delegates' Report.

RESOLUTION: a Baccalaureate Degree be considered a desirable goal as the minimum educational requirement for a physical therapist -- passed.

Honorary Membership awarded to:

Dr. Jessie Wright, D. T. Watson School of Physiatrics; she became an active member of our association in 1923, and since 1935 she has been an associate member. It was during this year that she earned her Doctor of Medicine degree. Dr. Wright has been a life long friend of physical therapy.

Submitted by:

Gil Fine, Chief Delegate
Becky Hastings, Delegate
Jack Echternach, Delegate

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The University of Maryland announces its graduation exercises for the Class of 1950 will be held August 25 at 3:00 PM in the new Student Union Building on Lombard Street (second fl.). All Chapter members are cordially invited to attend.