

Background Information

On March 4, 1965, the Board of P.T. Examiners met with representatives of the A.P.T.A. of Md. and the Md. Physical Therapy Society, to discuss proposed amendments that had been submitted by the A.P.T.A. of Md. The original proposal submitted in regard to addition of physical therapists to the Board requested that three physical therapists and two medical doctors comprise the Board, and that the selection of the names be ~~made~~ by the Governor from lists submitted by the Med. & Dhir. Faculty. A compromise proposal evolved, calling for the addition of two physical therapists to the existing Board, and having the names of the physical therapists submitted to the Governor, by the A.P.T.A. of Md., and the Society. The revised amendment was then taken back to a general meeting of the A.P.T.A. of Md. with the explanation that the Board had recommended this as a means of avoiding any factional ~~hassle~~ over legislation. With ~~reservations~~ some reluctance, the A.P.T.A. of Md. accepted the changes.

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On September 28, 1965, a Hearing was held before the Legislative Council, at which the Board was represented by the secretary and the consultant to the Board. Physical Therapist had not been notified of this Hearing, and were not present. ~~No/representative/of/the/amendment.~~ A total of four amendments were proposed, and only the one regarding the exemption of students was approved. In view of the above circumstances, the A.P.T.A. of Md. decided to resume their efforts to secure representation of the Board, and felt they were no longer bound by the previous agreement regarding the manner of selection. ~~Our/first~~ Our first move, necessarily, was to seek ~~approval~~ of the Medical & Chirurgical Faculty, ~~Legislative/Committee/~~ On January 5, 1966, the Legislative Committee of the Faculty reviewed the amendment and approved it.

Since the Md. State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners had voted last March on the amendment calling for representation from each of two organizations, they felt committed to stand by that vote, but they do not oppose our asking for the change in manner of selection, and they are still in favor of the addition of two physical therapists to the Board.

It is the opinion of the A.P.T.A. that:

(1) ~~That P. T. representation on the Board is in the best interest of all P.T.s~~

(2) ~~Less problems of a factional nature will enter the picture if neither group is mentioned in the Bill.~~

(2) Any group involved, A.P.T.A. of Md., the A.P.T.A. members licensed in Maryland and belonging to the D.C. Chapter, and the Md. P.T. Society, or persons-at-large who belong to none of the organizations, may, if they so desire, inform the Med. & Chir. Faculty of persons they believe best qualified to serve on the Board.

We ask your full support of this legislation, and request that you return the enclosed card immediately, checking whether you support or oppose the H.B. _____.

At this time we wish to thank you for returning the cards requesting information about your eligibility for membership in the A.P.T.A. The response was most gratifying, and there appear to be many prospective members. Others may not have all the necessary qualifications, but we intend to follow-up by giving you more information in order that you may determine your eligibility. Pre-occupation with matters of legislation necessarily delays the completion of that project.

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In Md, Phy Ther. ^{not} licensed in Md. ^{be} more divided into about 4 categories -
In Maryland there are several groups of P.T.
The A.P.T.A. of Md., which is the largest organization;
A.P.T.A. members licensed in Md. but belonging to the D.C. Chapter; The Md. Phy. Ther. Society;
and ~~persons who belong to no organization~~
~~persons~~ persons ^{licensed &} practicing in Md, but
members of no organized p.t. group; and
persons who ^{maintain} have retained their license in Md
but are now ~~employed~~ living out of State.
The A.P.T.A. of Md felt that listing names submitted to the Governor by the med. Chir. Faculty would
to avoid any ^{reference} preference in naming any
to specific groups, the A.P.T.A. felt that and ~~to~~
would promote harmony on the Board, the A.P.T.A. felt
that since the Drs are selected in this manner.

On Mar 4, 1965, the Boj P.T. Ex met in rep. of the A.P.T.A. of Md. & the Md. P.T. Soc. to discuss proposed amend. prev. sub. by the A.P.T.A. of Md. Among them was an amend. to ~~add~~ ^{calling for providing for} obtain P.T. repres. on the Board, ~~requesting~~ providing that the ~~names of the~~ P.T. be selected by the Gov. from names submitted by Md. Chir. F.

Several proposals evolved, ~~of~~ and the one regarding represen. on the Board called for the add of 2 P.T.s to the existing Boj of 5 M.D.s., but having the names of the P.T.s submitted to the Gov. by the A.P.T.A. of Md. & the Md. P.T. Soc., with one representative from each. At a subsequent general meeting of the A.P.T.H. of Md., the members reluctantly accepted the changes.

On Sept 28, 1965, a Hearing was held before the Legis. C. at which the Board was rep. by the Sec. & the Con. to the B. P.T.s had not been notified of the Hearing, & therefore were not present. A total of 4 amend. were proposed & only the one req. ex. of St. was approved.

It was not until early Jan. this year that we were made aware of what had transpired, ~~but~~ intent on obtaining repres. on the B., the A.P.T.A. of Md. resumed its efforts in this direction, and decided to go back to our original proposal re. manner of selection for the following reasons. Phy. therapists licensed in Md. may be divided in 5 categories - the A.P.T.A. of Md. which is the largest organization; A.P.T.A. members licensed in Md. but belonging to the D.C. Chapt.; The Md. Phy. Ther. Soc.; persons ^{not large} ~~licensed in the state~~ but who belong to no P.T. organization; and persons who maintain their license in Md. but are living out of State. The Drs on the Board are app^d by the Gov. from names submitted by the Med. Fac., and, in the interest of best harmony on the Board, and the avoidance of ~~preference~~ ^{preference} to ~~special~~ ^{special} groups,