

Dear Section Members,

I wanted to give you an update on the House of Delegates since I was the Section Delegate. The majority of the discussion time during the House of Delegates was spent on amending the Code of Ethics and the Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant. There was much lively debate, but in the end both documents were passed. Details about the RCs and election results are posted on the APTA web site so I would encourage you to review this information. Another important topic in the forefront was health care reform. The House unanimously passed an RC supporting the APTA's readiness to work with the U.S. Congress and the current Administration in revising the healthcare delivery system. The APTA is well represented on Capitol Hill.

A new item for the House this year was a "mega-issue" discussion. The topic was "Unwarranted Variation in Practice". Five potential choices/decisions were identified: standards, education, access, research and reimbursement. Delegates expanded these five choices/decisions and identified advantages and disadvantages under each area. More information will be forthcoming on this topic.

Our Section has two 2009 Publication Award recipients. Sandra A. Billinger, PT, MSPT, PhD received the Dorothy Briggs Memorial Scientific Inquiry Award, and Kurt A. Mossberg, PT, PhD received the Jack Walker Award. Congratulations for this well-deserved award.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
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