Welcome from Ethel Frese, President of the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Section

Moment of silence for Nancy Humberstone

Awards
- Mentor award to Dianne Jewell
- Merit award to Bobby Belarmino
- Merit award to Ethel Frese
- Certificate of appreciation to Nancy Ciesla and Chris Wells

Bill Boissonault from the Foundation
- Thanks the section for the endowment established from the section
- Since 1979, 29 individuals have been funded from the endowment
- Trying to create a critical level of endowment to fund more POD 1 and 2 scholarships
- In 2012, new annual fundraising funds for unrestricted fund, the presidents sustaining fund, will occur
- Shifts money to high priority research programs as they occur
- Split raffle will not continue, it is not tax deductible, considered gaming, difficult to keep legal
- Looking for feedback and to partner with the section to increase money in the endowment that has been established—partner with businesses, corporations that can contribute to the endowment

Lori Hack (lorihack@apta.org)
- APTA Board liaison of the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary section
- Would like to convey interests or concerns to the board
- Concerns from the membership that the needs of the hospital physical therapist do not get lost or forgotten
- Outpatient billing for cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation is a problem. There are codes that have been implemented that do not allow for physical therapists to operate in those programs
- APTA is working with CMS on a billing system based on E and M codes for physical therapists vs. the current billing program
- Trying to move away from CPT coding
- National registry intends for all practicing clinicians can contribute data around a set of measures to have some standardized data set from everywhere
Cystic fibrosis has disease specific registry – APTA has been working with the companies that develop these registries
- Working on a revision of the guide, you can be a reviewer for the chapters as they come out

**Jan Reynolds and Judy Deutch (PT NOW)**

- PTNOW is a web based resource for members of the association designed to make it easier for members of the APTA to practice with evidence
- Resources for clinicians to access efficiently
- Synthesis of the information that is out there and is current
- Structure will facilitate that process
- Beta has gone live
- Thanks to Chris wells and the CVP portal team
- There is a CVP clinical summary on the site on COPD
- Website can be improved—opened in a Beta version for the rest of the year
- Please come to the site, interact with the site and provide feedback
- Clinical summary exists on COPD, but please give feedback on other clinical summaries as well
- Will begin writing many other clinical summaries
- Many opportunities exist for people to write and review

**Paul Gaspar from the PTPAC**

- Encourages donations from the Cardiovascular and Pulmonary section
- Please visit them at the booth in the exhibit hall

**Recognition of new certified specialists—3 at meeting**
- Rachelle Beriault, PT, MSPT, CCS
- Michelle Claycomb, PT, MSPT, CCS
- Danielle Fioriello, PT, MPT, CCS
- Sean Lowers, PT, DPT, CCS
- Lindsay Montana, PT, DPT, CCS
- Erin Sullivan, PT, MSPT, CCS
- Patricia Tedrick, PT, DPT, CCS, CSCS

**Recognition of the re-certified specialists—2 at meeting**
- Angela Campbell, PT, DPT, CCS
- Robert Egermayer, PT, MPT, CCS
- Peg Meisler, PT, CCS
- Kevin Neville, PT, MS, CCS
- Jeffrey Rodrigues, PT, DPT, CCS
- Stella Prevost, PT, MS, CCS
- H. Steven Sadowsky, PT, RRT, MS, CCS
- David Sword, PT, DPT, CCS, CCES
Ana Lotshaw reports on ABPTS
- Taking place for Jeff Rodriguez as chair of specialty council
- Julie Starr will rotate on to specialty council
- Joe Norman will do item review
- Seven new certified specialists this year
- Eight re-certified specialists this year
- New things coming up with ABPTS
  - 12% increase in applications across all specialities
  - Cardiovascular and pulmonary with greatest increase in the exam applications
  - Applications will be going online, no more paper applications
  - Updating the directory for find the specialist
  - Will be linked in with find the PT link on website
  - Please go on to update portfolio as a specialist
  - www.abpts.org will take you straight to the website—can apply for the one open position this year
  - Looking for item writers for ABPTS, mentoring
  - New reception 2/10/2012 honoring all recertified specialists

Officer Reports

Ethel Frese, President
- Board has decided put money towards hiring an executive director for the section

Ellen Hillegass, Advocacy
- Watches and keeps updated on reimbursement issues
- Latest update G2404 has been changed pulmonary rehabilitation reimbursement from $64/hr to $37/hr
- Look for newsletter updates
- Have the patients come to the physical therapist first and refer to pulmonary rehabilitation second
- Nothing new in the cardiac rehabilitation reimbursement
- North Carolina trying to get exercise physiologist to get licensure
- APTA is now funding sections to develop guidelines or clinical summaries
- Developed a task force for oxygen recommendations
- Guidelines will come out in 2012
- There are other task forces we are on to develop additional clinical guidelines
  - CHF
  - DVT
  - Mobility in the ICU
  - Vital signs, clinical decision making
  - Diabetes
- Want to partner with acute care and open to membership
  - Email blast will come by March
- Go to the website and find the link and add interest to work on these task forces
- All task forces will not start at the same time
- If there is someone not at the meeting that might fit into one of these categories, please let the task force coordinators know—Ethel, Rebecca, Ellen, Anne, Ann
- Clinical summaries, technical summaries, technical statements, algorithms
- Liaison activities with the American thoracic society
  - May 18-23 in San Francisco (conference)
  - Actively recruiting Physical Therapists
  - Eager to have individuals other than physicians in this group
- Trying to develop other liaisons-venothromboembolism coalition
  - Wanting to create DVT guidelines
  - Trying to get out of the PT world alone

**Chris Wells, Vice President**

- Linda Crane award
  - Reinstates the honoraria and extra money for separate account
  - Please feel free to contribute to the fund
  - Has secured 300 dollars from the Pediatric and Neurology sections
  - Needs nominations—encourages nominations
  - Due date for nominations is November 1st
  - Information is on the website under the award section
  - No nominations for friend of the section award for 2012
  - That information is on the website as well

- PTNow Update
  - Encourages writers for the clinical guidelines
  - More we launch, the more visibility that the section has
  - Portal topics passed out

**Ann Fick, Treasurer**

- We have paid off our foundation pledge $100,000
- Members donated money, honoraria
- Now at $166,000 dollars in the bank—good time for the executive officer
- Biggest money maker is CSM and the dues
- Website person changed and we save $5000
- Biggest expense is printing of the journal
- Thank you to everyone for making the section work
- Question from the membership- Can we opt out of the paper journal?
  - Survey of membership asked the specific question and 75% still wanted print
  - Electronic journal has more complicated web interface
o May need professional publishing company and bigger cost associated with that—keeping an eye on where that is, but right now there is not an easy option to put the journal online

Public Relations, Pam Bartlo
- Pam has made fabulous efforts in the ENewsletter
- Everything is getting posted on facebook
- Search for cardiovascular and pulmonary section of APTA on facebook
- 170 people on facebook
  o Link from website, cardiopt.org, left side of the website will take us to the facebook page
  o Networking, posting
- If you have anything for the newsletter, please send it to Pam—highlighting a member? Send to Pam
- Lynn miller does the highlight and does a fantastic job

Public Relations, Bobby Belarmino
- Thank you for the merit award
- Please volunteer, there is a lot of return and satisfaction
- CSM theme—Heart and women
- Screening tools, Drive4COPD
- APTA PR meeting—APTA PR is trying to penetrate to all the members, but individual sections need to communicate better with the APTA—open communication between sections and the state so the everyone is on the same page with regard to PR
- Each and every one of us is a brand
- We need some new pictures for our booth. Booth needs a facelift. Please email them to bobby

Nancy Ciesla, Nominating Committee
- Acknowledge the winners Rebecca Crouch (incoming vice president) and Angela Campbell (incoming nominating committee member)
- If you have any ideas for president or nominating committee for next year please let nominating committee know
- Voter participation has dropped from 20-10% in two years
- The date of voting will change to getting prep work done in October and put it up in November and December
- Are you all getting the emails about voting?
- Postcards only went out to those we do not have an active email for?
- You cannot vote twice if you have already voted
- Any thoughts?
  o Sending information that a quorum is needed
**Anne Swisher, Journal Report**

- Two special issues will be coming out next year: Physical therapy in critical care and Physical therapy in chronic heart failure
- Continue to have a nice steady flow of manuscripts
- Journal is the place for new researchers and authors
- Editors work hard to nurture writers
- In the process of being reviewed for the web of science—will lead to an impact factor rating
- Looking for authors, wellness, preventions, exercise, physical activity

**Dan Malone, Education and Programming**

Programming
- Outstanding attendance- great quality programming
- Call or proposals will be out shortly
  - Preconference and educational sessions
- Need help with review of the programs, let Dan know if you are interested in helping review

Education
- 42 participants in preconference course
- Has had over 40 for the last couple of years
- If you have any ideas, submit them within the call
  - Thinking about CCS prep course
  - Higher level course
  - Maybe more than one preconference course this year
  - Hopeful to have CCS course online and preconference
- VA in Michigan will be starting a new residency program
- Salary will be 65-75% salary with full benefits

**Christy Wilson, Research**

- Overflow crowds for platform presentations
- Sandy Billinger received $5000 grant award in 2011
- Nine proposals came for the grant award—excellent quality
- Goal is to offer the $5000 grant every year
- Thanks to members of the research committee
- EDGE taskforce—this year cardiovascular and pulmonary had representation to look at outcomes and to communicate with different sections on clinical guidelines and outcomes
- Sections is just beginning to get information and deciding on what we want to pursue
- Go to neuro section website and link to EDGE for ideas
Dawn Stackowicz, Membership

- You all have a membership profile through the APTA webpage
- Make sure you open your membership profile on the webpage
- Many of you do not receive emails or newsletters because your member profile is set this way
- Please check your membership profile, tell your friends
- APTA membership is at 82,000
- Section membership is at 1100
- We are looked at as a busy, productive and intelligent section with high quality
- Other sections look to us as a roadmap
- Please check your membership profile, tell your friends to check theirs too so you receive all Sections news and information provided via email and the internet

Joe Norman, Relationship with AAACVPR

- Looking to have more PT presenters at their national meetings
- Looking at when to refer to PT
- If you have a good program, maybe consider submitting to AACVPR
- New pulmonary rehab guidelines came out last year and cardiac will come out this year
- Can be in both pulmonary rehabilitation and PT, but has to be documented that the PT is seeing the patient for musculoskeletal rehabilitation

Anne Swisher, Relationship with the CF foundation

- PT to PT mentoring facilitated by Annie Downes and Anne Swisher
- Nine therapists mentored in the CF world
- Working on a series of clinical practice guidelines for physical activity assessment and training
- Should be RT and PT, not either or

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Lefebvre