



January 2020 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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Happy 2020 to my physical therapy colleagues in West Virginia! I hope that you all had a wonderful time with family and friends over the past few weeks. And, that maybe you had a chance to sit back, exhale and reflect on the year that was 2019.

As I mentioned in my last note to you in October, the chapter was busy in 2019. We were productive in all areas of our work. We had a successful legislative session, another record breaking annual conference, we took time to celebrate our valued physical therapist assistant colleagues for their 50th Anniversary year, we received a grant from APTA with which we created our own marketing video for members to use, we held our inaugural Student Leadership Academy, saw a resurgence of our Student SIG...and more! Sometimes it feels like we are spinning our wheels, but when we can take a minute to appreciate what our journey has accomplished, it can be fulfilling. Thank you to all of our volunteer leaders, management staff and members who worked to make our association so successful in 2019!

Part of our time at the end of this year was spent saying goodbye to our association management staff at Walker and Stevens. Over the course of their time working with our association, Jeff Stevens, Johnna Gaunch and Matt Walker have dedicated their time and talents to moving the WVPTA forward and helping us to grow professionally, legislatively and financially. The association was successful in all three of those areas with the guidance of the team at Walker and Stevens. We are so appreciative of their work and we are going to miss them! We wish them much

success in their future ventures and hope that their lives are blessed with joy, health, peace and happiness.

Related to this topic and as you may remember from my previous correspondence, we have been in the search process for a new association management firm for the last few months of 2019. I am pleased to announce that our new management firm is [Hartman, Harman and Cosco - H2C Strategies](#). Melanie Pagliaro is our new Executive Director and primary lobbyist, Scott Cosco will serve as a lobbyist as well as a PR consultant for the association and Frank Hartman adds to the government affairs team with his skills as a lobbyist. Our new team comes with many years of experience in the association management and government affairs domains and we are very excited to begin working together.

As with any new relationship, there will be a transition period. H2C had begun to orient to our association prior to their official contract start date on January 1, 2020. Two face to face meetings were held between H2C, Walker and Stevens and members of the WVPTA Executive Committee at which we passed along digital files, procedures and discussed our legislative history and strategies moving forward. We thank them for being willing to jump right in as soon as possible to prevent a gap in service to the association. We also send much gratitude to Jeff Stevens and Johnna Gaunch for their efficient preparation of materials for the transition and for being willing to be consulted during this period of adjustment.

Should you need to reach our association office, you can do so at 1-800-346-5127 or via email at info@h2cstrategies.com.

2020 Annual Conference

The Education Committee is excited to announce that Christopher Neville, PT, PhD will be our speaker for the Annual Conference 2020! Dr. Neville is an Associate Professor at Upstate Medical University Department of PT Education, Orthopedic Surgery, and Physiology and is the Director of the Upstate Motion Analysis Lab and Concussion Research Program. Dr. Neville will be presenting on **Gait and Balance Assessments – Why it is important to have a “spring in your step” whether you are 5 or 75.**

The conference will be held April 25 – 26, 2020 at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV. The conference will provide 12 hours of continuing education.

Please register for the Annual Conference 2020 by using the link below:

<https://www.wvpta.org/events/444-annual-conference-2020.html>

We will be sending information regarding lodging at the Stonewall Resort and the full conference flyer with all planned activities in the near future.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in April for another fantastic conference!

Biography:

Dr. Christopher Neville is an Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy Education at Upstate Medical University. He is director of the Motion Analysis Laboratory where he completes research with the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Department of Physiology, and the Upstate Concussion Center. Dr. Neville teaches in the area of anatomy, biomechanics, kinesiology, and research methods for the physical therapy program as well as supervising graduate and medical students from across the campus. Dr. Neville has current research projects related to both lower extremity biomechanics and balance that investigate movement limitations seen across the lifespan. Dr. Neville is the current President of the Foot and Ankle Special Interest Group (FA SIG) in the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy (AOPT). He is also a member of the National Council on Fall Risk Awareness and Prevention (NCFRAP). Dr. Neville's research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, Private Foundations, and Industry Partners over the past 15 years.

Course Objectives:

The learner will be able to:

- Apply the principles of biomechanics and kinesiology to analyze normal and abnormal gait considering variations across the life span.

- Understand normal and abnormal mechanics of the foot and ankle, knee, hip, and trunk during normal and abnormal gait observation.
- Examine factors influencing gait and balance in older adults
- Describe factors influencing gait and mobility in children
- Evaluate geriatric age-related changes that adversely affect functional mobility
- Describe the balance control system and the interdependence of vestibular, visual, and postural stabilization on maintaining balance.
- Identify integrative balance strategies and fall risk factors for multidimensional treatment planning
- Differentiate the principles of gait across the ages to the motor demands of running

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2020 REGULAR SESSION

The 2nd Session of the 84th West Virginia Legislature began on Wednesday, January 8 and will conclude at midnight on Saturday, March 7. There have been 1881 bills introduced - 683 Senate bills and 1198 House of Delegate bills.

The first 20+ plus days WVPTA has been busy addressing bills that impact our members and our customers. In the senate, there have been multiple bills addressing occupational licenses or government certification. Due our efforts, we have been successful with none of these bills having made their way on to an agenda. The House of Delegates have address bills pertaining to Telehealth, Healthcare Worker Study, and the reorganizing various boards and authorities for the licensing and oversight of trades, occupations, and professions. We will continue to monitor the Budget Bill and any bills related to Medicaid.

On Friday, January 17, we had a great attendance for Physical Therapy Day at the Legislature. Senator Eric Tarr, Delegate Mick Bates, Delegate Eric Nelson, Delegate Sean Hornbuckle and Delegate John Williams addressed those in attendance. Attendees were introduced from the house and senate galleries. The group received a surprise visit and message from U.S. Senator Shelly Moore Capito.

As the session progresses, we will keep you updated on issues, concerns and success. If you are interested in listening to a meeting, watching a floor session or contacting your legislative member, the link below will provide you will all the information you need.

<http://www.wvlegislature.gov/index.cfm>

Here are important dates to keep in mind:

2020 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

First Day - January 8, 2020: First day of session.

Thirty-fifth Day - February 11, 2020: Last day to introduce bills in the House. Does not apply to originating or supplementary appropriation bills. Does not apply to House resolutions or concurrent resolutions.

Forty-first Day - February 17, 2020: Last day to introduce bills in the Senate. Does not apply to originating or supplementary appropriation bills. Does not apply to Senate resolutions or concurrent resolutions.

Forty-seventh Day - February 23, 2020: Bills due out of committees in house of origin to ensure three full days for readings.

Fiftieth Day - February 26, 2020: Last day to consider bill on third reading in house of origin. Does not include budget or supplementary appropriation bills.

Sixtieth Day - March 7, 2020: Adjournment at Midnight.

WVPTA TREASURER REPORT

WVPTA Treasurer Quarterly Report

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Treasurer

I. **Current Issues or Concerns Raised** from executive committee meetings and/or chapter members. Reserve transfer of \$5,500 approved to assist with public relations campaign start up.

II. **Recent Treasurer Activities**

Organize & Finalize 2020 Budget Proposal– Budget approved during December committee meeting.

Schedule & Organize 2019 compilation audit with local accounting firm

III.	Financial Position (1/7/20)	<u>Current Assets</u>	
		Cash & Cash Equivalents	70,721
		Marketable Securities	84,598
		Total Current Assets	155,319
		<u>Total Liabilities</u>	----- 0 -----

V **Final Comments** – 2019 Total Revenue 99.63% of projections = \$93,055

Total Expenses 100.05% of projections = \$89,868

The WVPTA Executive Committee approved a budget for 2020 that includes spending of \$94,426, with expected revenues totaling \$95,950.

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