



Message from the PPTA President Regarding PPTA Transition to New Management Company

Dear PPTA Members,

The PPTA Board of Directors had its regularly scheduled work session on Feb. 27, 2018. During this meeting, PPTA Office transition actions were reviewed. Please see the highlights as presented by myself to the board and those on the call.

- **Harrisburg Office:**
The building in Harrisburg is secure, with in-person surveillance and an alarm system. The new chapter office staff have visited the office to begin the archiving process, moving necessary paperwork and systematically converting the services to support office functions to our Pittsburgh location. At the January Board of Directors' meeting, a motion was passed to obtain a realtor to sell the Harrisburg office. Executive Director Allison McIntosh is currently investigating companies and will return to the Board with proposals.
- **PPTA Bank Accounts:** The chapter office staff have continued transitioning banking accounts with Board approval. PPTA Treasurer John Tawfik has been leading the account management for all banking and investment accounts. Our accounts have been upgraded, and fully electronic banking systems are in place.
- **Payment Specialist:** Carole Galletta, PPTA Payment Specialist, has resigned with an effective date of May 20, 2018. Beyond that date, Carole will serve in a consulting capacity to the PPTA in order to facilitate and accomplish a seamless transition that will provide PPTA members with continued access to information that they need during the hiring and transition process. I have had discussions with Carole about the job description, and we

updated it to reflect the true nature of this important position for our members. We are preparing the position to be posted by mid-March 2018. APTA staff are also aware of this transition and are assisting PPTA as requested.

PPTA has a few successes to highlight since the change in office staff in January:

- The Westcentral District successfully ran a special election for chair.
- The PPTA Office began to archive the contents of the Harrisburg office.
- PPTA supported our executive director to attend CSM for Component Leadership training and has maintained current requirements for items to APTA, such as the year-end review.
- PPTA Office staff assisted coordinating webinars for the SIGs and the Districts.
- PPTA Office staff assisted our leaders in the Northwest District as they develop their inaugural Mini CSM, taking place April 14.
- PPTA Office staff created updated PPTA marketing materials and are leading discussions for our new web presence. We are also in discussions as to how to effectively increase our social media presence and engagement.

Our April 28 Board of Director meeting in Harrisburg will focus on strategic planning for the immediate and future direction of the organization. This is a critical meeting, as we will establish goals and set guidelines for our committees and special interest groups. With our management's assistance, we are beginning the planning process for this meeting to make it efficient and effective.

[PPTA will hold its first Virtual Town Hall](#) on March 14 at 12:15 p.m., presented by myself, to provide updates to the membership on activities in the PPTA. The goal of these town hall meetings will be to provide our members with valuable, updated content about both PPTA and APTA activities. We want this electronic meeting to serve you with updates in a manner that will be effective, informative, and important to understanding the value of your membership. We plan to record this session and post to the PPTA website to listen at your leisure.

Members and membership services will continue to be a focus for our staff and this Board as we move forward. We are committed to increasing our membership numbers by providing high value. Please feel free to [contact myself](#) or other board members for additional information.

Thank you,
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PPTA President