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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Some new and exciting things are happening for our licensees. I am confident most everyone will enjoy the on-line renewal process for 2006. Be sure and read the article which tells you more about it. The main thing you can begin to do NOW toward your renewal is to complete your continuing education. You will not be required to mail or fax your certificates when you renew on-line, unless you are audited. It'll be quick, easy, and painless...we hope.

And remember the new rule this year that pertains to carrying over your excess continuing education hours for the next year. So if you end up with more than you need for your 2006 renewal, you'll have a head-start on the

process for your 2007 renewal. That's good news, isn't it?

One of the main reasons we exist is to assist our licensees and applicants for licensure. It's our desire to make your professional experience the best it can be. Our goal is to work joyfully and peacefully, knowing that right thoughts and right efforts will inevitably bring about right results. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.

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Herb Caillouet's ten year tenure with the Board came to an end in October, 2005. The Governor appointed Carl A. (Andy) Gustafson to a 5-year term. Andy lives in Prattville, AL and works with HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitation Center of Montgomery as a Physical Therapist.

FROM THE CHARIMAN

The State of Alabama Board of Physical Therapy has completed a Jurisprudence examination for all new licensees, including candidates for endorsement. We expect to have it ready to administer to the May/June 2006 graduating physical therapy classes. The board feels confident that this test will help our licensees better understand current laws, rules and regulations that govern safe practice of physical therapy in the state of Alabama and will benefit the public entrusted to their care.

This project has afforded us the honor and privilege of working with some of our state's top therapists to whom we owe a huge debt of gratitude. We would like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of the faculties and staffs at: The University of South Alabama, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama State University, Wallace State Community College, Jefferson State Community College, South University and Bishop State Community College. We would also like to thank Kevin Bradley, Mark Lane, and Cindy Searcy with the FSBPT for their expertise and guidance.

The board has made every effort to make the examination easily accessible for new applicants seeking licensure in the state of Alabama by providing a seamless method of setting up and taking the test through the FSBPT. Although passing the test will be required before a license is granted, the board has decided not to limit the number of attempts that individuals may take to complete this requirement. The three times fail restriction for the NPTE will remain unchanged. Individuals interested in getting more information about the exam may do so by contacting the board at our web site www.pt.alabama.gov, or mail to 100 N. Union Street Ste., 724, Montgomery, AL 36130, or call (334) 242-4064, or the FSBPT. We also recommend that you download and print a copy of the State of Alabama Board of Physical Therapy Practice Act and Administrative Code to prepare for the test.

Wiley J. Christian, III, P.T.
Chair, State of Alabama Board of Physical Therapy

ON-LINE RENEWAL

In 2006, the State Board is planning to allow license renewals on-line. At present, a licensee must send in his/her renewal form with documentation of continuing education required and a company check or a money order for the renewal fee. The on-line process will eliminate having to send in documentation of continuing education unless the licensee is flagged for audit and will allow the licensee to renew online via credit card by the September 30 deadline. There will be a nominal user fee, but renewing on-line will take less time and cost less than obtaining a money order and sending it to the Board to renew.

Andy Gustafson, PT

CHANGES IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Alabama law requires that all physical therapy licensure applicants who are trained outside the United States demonstrate proficiency in the English language. Our Administrative Code lists the required tests as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the Test of Spoken English (TSE), and the Test of Written English (TWE). Foreign educated applicants have been required to achieve passing scores on all three of these tests. Over the past ten years, the people who developed these tests have been developing a new test called the iBT (internet based training) TOEFL. This test is comprised of four different parts: writing, speaking, reading comprehension, and listening comprehension. This test has gone through field testing the last two years and began being offered to test takers in the United States in September of 2005. The old tests (TOEFL, TSE, and TWE) will still be offered, but only until September of 2006.

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy participated in a standard setting workshop for health-care professionals in May of 2005. The purpose of this workshop was to develop recommended passing scores on each of the components of the new iBT TOEFL. After a thorough review of the Federation's recommendations, the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy feels that the recommended passing scores for the new iBT TOEFL are comparable to the previously required passing scores for the TOEFL, TSE, and TWE. The Board has decided to adopt these scores and has begun the rules change process to change the Administrative Code Chapter 700-X-2-.01(2)(d) to read as follows:

“Applicant must have made acceptable scores on either the TOEFL, TSE, and TWE, or on all components of the iBT TOEFL. Acceptable scores are: TOEFL-220, TSE-50, TWE-4.5, iBT TOEFL Writing-24, iBT TOEFL Speaking-26, iBT TOEFL Reading Comprehension-18, and iBT TOEFL Listening Comprehension 21.”

If you have any comments or questions regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact the Board office.

John Cormier, PT

FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF REGULATORY BOARDS MEETING IN SAN DIEGO

181 regulators met February 3-5 in San Diego for the annual meeting of the Federation of Regulatory Boards (FARB). Ron Bass, public member, and N.K. Horner, Executive Director, represented the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy. The format was quite good, and the topics covered were all applicable to our Board. Friday's focus was on Board Governance & Operations; Saturday was geared toward Education & Licensure; Unlicensed Practice Issues, Sanctions, and Complaints were covered briefly on Sunday. It was good to have discussion with licensing and regulatory board members and officials from all over the U.S. and Guam and learn better ways to protect the public from incompetent practice in the various professions.

N.K. Horner



N.K. & Ron had a wonderful time in San Diego.

ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATIONS AND ACTIONS

The Board has a three-tier system of discipline.

The lowest level of sanction involves the placing of a *letter of admonition* in a licensee's permanent file.

The intermediate level of sanction involves the licensee entering into a *guilty plea agreement* with the Board, either prior to or following a formal or informal hearing. A licensee who pleads guilty may be required to pay a fine, or be subjected to a period of license suspension, or both.

The highest level of sanction involves a finding of guilt after a *formal administrative hearing*. This level of sanction includes a fine and/or license suspension, and may include license revocation.

Disciplinary actions are matters of public record.

In addition to being included in a licensee's permanent file, disciplinary actions are also published in the Board's semi-annual newsletter.

Licensees who either plead guilty, or who are found guilty after either an informal or formal hearing, have their names and the nature of their discipline published in the Board's newsletter.

With a letter of admonition, only the nature of the disciplinary action is published.

In keeping with this policy, the following is a list of the Board's disciplinary actions since the last newsletter:

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Name</u>
06-01-02	Claude Hester, PT
Allegation:	practicing physical therapy without a current license, caused by failure to timely renew license; misrepresenting to the Board the licensee's work status during period of lapsed license
Disposition:	licensee pleaded guilty; fined \$600

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Name</u>
06-01-04	Mason Reid, PT
Allegation:	practicing physical therapy without a current license, caused by failure to timely renew license
Disposition:	licensee pleaded guilty; fined \$100

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