

GHAA Meeting

2-9-22

7 p.m. EST

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1. Minutes were approved
2. Academy Updates from CSM
  - a. Free student membership is a new focus
  - b. Impact factor of the JGPT is improving
  - c. Website is updated – we need to submit some changes
  - d. APTA Geriatrics strategic plan update:
    - i. There is a desire to do more online with social media and possibly courses.
      1. This is an area that Jenny is interested in supporting via this SIG and she has been in communication with APTA Geriatrics leadership regarding our options for engagement here.
      2. We still have postings on Engage to get more involvement in the newsletter and journal club.
    - ii. One initiative is to get more student engagement
    - iii. White paper goal of creating more positive images of ageing.
  - e. Project Teams
    - i. Journal Club: in the future we need to choose the article and secure those who will be involved right away in January. We have the JC set for now.
    - ii. We have received two more volunteer submissions through Engage
      1. Joseph and Jenny will reach out to these volunteers.
    - iii. March 15 will be our JC
    - iv. March 16, 7:30 p.m. EST will be our member meeting
    - v. Aging Athletes:
      1. Becca is looking at ways to get a larger conversation going regarding specific topics in care of older athletes in other parts of the world.
    - vi. Newsletter
      1. Becca will reach out to a PT to write a piece for the newsletter regarding transitioning to practice in the US.
      2. Jennifer found some sessions at CSM where presenters might be interested in writing for our SIG.
    - vii. Membership meeting agenda planning
      1. Introductions
        - a. Ask attendees where they practice, what their ambitions are for SIG membership
      2. Explaining our mission/goals
      3. Discuss projects
        - a. JC
        - b. Newsletter
        - c. Aging Athletes

viii. Student Task Force Formation

1. We have a written description of student responsibilities for a proposed student task force within this SIG.
2. This SIG voted unanimously to establish the proposed task force.
3. We will look for students to be involved so that we can gather them later this spring.

f. GHAA Monthly Meeting Schedule – Second Wednesday of the month 7-8 PM EST

TO DO list:

1. **Recruit student involvement:** Those who have regular interactions with student (Jennifer, Joseph, Becca, others?) will work to recruit student involvement in the task force and this SIG.
2. **Engage Volunteers:** Joseph and Jenny will reach out to the two new volunteers identified through Engage.
3. **Draft Member Meeting Agenda:** Jennifer will draft this for review at the next meeting. She may seek feedback via e-mail as she plans.
4. **Aging Athlete Project:** Becca will determine a potential call to action for members at the meeting that could engage a wider group of PTs in learning about the care of older athletes around the world.
5. **Newsletter:** Becca has a possible writer/PT for the next spotlight. Jennifer will follow up with a couple of speakers from CSM who might also be interested in writing.