

Global Health for Aging Adults SIG

Leadership Meeting

September 8, 2021, 7 p.m. EST

Present: Jennifer Howanitz, Becca Jordre, Soshi Samejima, Joseph Siu, Jenny Youssef, Sushil Ramchandani

1. Meeting minutes from June were reviewed and approved.
2. APTA update from Jennifer H.
 - a. APTA is working on a standard format for standing rules.
 - b. There was a discussion about consistency of positions in SIGS. They have decided not to have a chair-elect. However, they are looking at a cycle so that all positions don't turn over in the same year. We currently have two positions that will turn over in the same year. We don't know how that will be resolved. Jennifer will send out complete updates once she received them from APTA. We discussed the role of the nominating committee but we are waiting to hear from the APTA for guidance on that.
3. Jennifer met with Greg Hartley and he reported that membership was increasing again. The board voted to make student memberships in APTA Geriatrics free. There is a hope that this will allow SIGS to engage students more readily. Journal club attendance has been pretty good, averaging around 200. CE courses have been well attended. They are working on affiliations including the NCOA and NSGA as well as the CDC for co-branded materials. CSM 2022 is planned to be in-person and hybrid so that individuals can register in two different formats. They hired a new full time person for the educational programs. Elections for new positions open on Oct 1. The website is working toward an update in December 2021. Website updates will impact SIGS. There is a planned academy conference in 2023.
4. Jenny and Joseph discussed the progress on the newsletter. We reviewed a draft. Jennifer will work on a welcome message. Sushil and Becca will work on adding just a bit to their bios. Joseph will update the logo and add e-mail addresses for all officers. We will add a link for the on-demand access for the journal club we hosted. The newsletter will consistently feature a member of the SIG as well, the first one is written. Jennifer H. reminded us that we want the newsletter to be a wealth of information so that our membership is compelled to read it. We should seek input from members for stories, articles or information pieces that will keep our membership engaged. We haven't decided yet how frequently the newsletter will go out. The current thought is quarterly. This first newsletter will go out this fall if everything is approved. We will ask Christina McCoy at APTA Geriatrics to find out how many members we have and who they are. Jennifer H. is going to contact APTA Geriatrics with several questions about our newsletter format, rules etc. including membership numbers. The plan with the newsletter is to send it out as an e-mail blast, post it on our website and post it on social media. We have to have the final version of the newsletter approved before we can send it out.
5. We worked to utilize information from a group survey to create a standing monthly meeting time and focus our priorities. We decided to focus the rest of the year on the newsletter and getting a journal club committee established. Our third focus will be CSM 2023. Future meetins will be the 2nd Wed of the month at 7 p.m. Eastern time.

Meeting adjourned, 8 p.m.