

IOPTP
Organizational Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2007

Countries represented: Australia, Bhuton, Brazil, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States

Barbara Connolly announced that the IOPTP had been approved by the World Confederation of Physical Therapy at the General Meeting on June 2, 2007. Founding countries (those signing the petition to organize prior to the meeting) included: UK, Canada, US, Sri Lanka, Cyprus, South Africa, Netherlands, Ireland, Hong Kong, Trinidad-Tobago, New Zealand, Australia. Additional countries signing onsite included: Italy, Sweden, Norway, Brazil, Nigeria, and Denmark.

The objectives and mission statement were reviewed. The mission statement as presented was amended to:

The purpose of the International Organization of Physical Therapist in Paediatrics is to provide a means by which WCPT members having a common interest in children and their families may meet, confer, and promote these interests.

The constitution was discussed though no amendments were made at this time.

The following individuals were elected to the Executive Board:

President: Barbara Connolly, US

Vice President: Eilin Ekeland, Norway

Treasurer: Ria Nijhuis-van der Sanden, Netherlands

Secretary: Sheree York, US, Secretary

At-Large Member: Hilda Mulligan, New Zealand

Dues were proposed at \$1 per person per member association. Our President charged to discuss timing of fiscal year and if other subgroups have pro-rated dues in the first year. (Note: Constitution indicates that fiscal year is Jan-Dec with billing March 1, due May 1.

Discussion of activities to pursue as a subgroup:

(#1 priority) website and sharing information

WCPT discussion board

Investigate access to journals of member organizations

Work/plan for next WCPT in 2011 in Amsterdam

Consider pre-conference course in paediatrics in 2011

Links to website of other resources, information on available resources

The meeting was adjourned with excitement and good will for a great future as a paediatric subgroup of WCPT.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheree York, Secretary, IOPTP