



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are having a tremendous Fall Season. It is my favorite time of the year. The leaves here in foothills of the Smokey Mountains have been spectacular and are almost gone, much like the hopes of my favorite college football teams. Our family is full of joy as we welcomed our 2nd child this fall. This event combined with my beginning serving as President of ASSET really caused me to stop and think. First comes to mind of how grateful I am for the blessing that ASSET has been to my personal and professional growth. Over the last 6 years my professional knowledge has exponentially grown in large part as a result of the colleagues I have from ASSET. However, this is second to the great friendships I enjoy. This context has motivated me to make my primary focus this year finding ways for our membership to increase members to active status.



Chuck Thigpen
President

ASSET is unique as the quality of our membership is driven by member participation. This is evidenced through our annual meetings, continuing education courses, and recent rehabilitation guidelines. This year 28 general members are due to present at the annual meeting in West Virginia to move to active status. This is 47% of our membership. This is a great opportunity for general members to attend annual conference, share with the group your expertise and maximize the benefits of membership.

You will see from the rest of the newsletter we will continue many of the successful initiatives from past years including a continuing education course and guideline projects. What's next? You tell me. Each of these initiatives began as a member idea and then developed and grown over time. What's your idea? Let me chuck.thigpen@proaxistherapy.com or our Member at Large Mike Shaffer know at michael-shaffer@uiowa.edu.

I want to thank Brain Coote for his service as Treasurer. He has provided great leadership as we have had good challenges of increased revenue as well as further developing our accounting practices.

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Finally, I want to introduce our new Communications Chair, Aaron Sciascia from the Lexington Shoulder Clinic and Kellie Bliven from AT Still University as research chair. I am also excited that John Basti has agreed to continue as Nominating Chair.



AARON SCIASCIA



KELLIE BLIVEN



JOHN BASTI

PAST-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The **ASSET 2011** annual closed meeting will be held this year in conjunction with the ASES 2011 on:

Wednesday, October 12 - Saturday, October 15, 2011

The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

Room Rates \$289/night – We have locked in 20 rooms at this reduced rate. Call today to book as we will likely sell out!

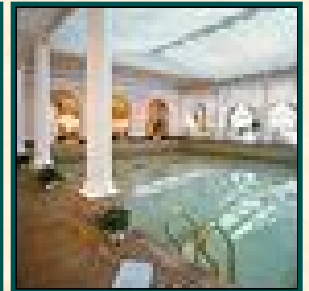
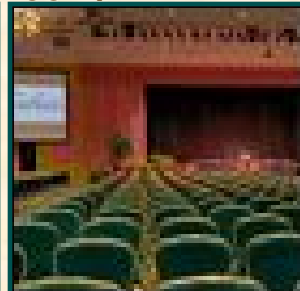
We anticipate an opening reception to be held Wed night and conference to run all day Thurs, Friday and an abbreviated day Saturday. ASSET will be hosting a cocktail hour on Friday from 5:30-7:30pm where significant others are invited to attend.

Other resort amenities include casino, golf, spa, fishing, outdoor activities, and more.



TIM TYLER
PAST-PRESIDENT

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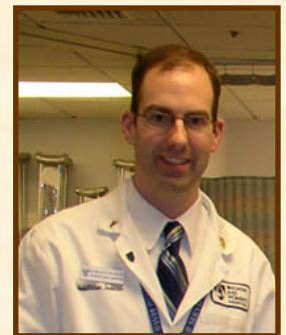


EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I trust everyone is enjoying the fall season and preparing for Winter. Here are the current ASSET education related activities:

Brian Leggin is working on editing our Boston 2010 Rotator Cuff course recordings so that we can have an **online version of the entire course**. This should be available to ASSET members as a member benefit. This should be ready for membership soon.

ASSET Rotator Cuff Course in 2011: We have held the course in a number of cities over the past several years. It is time to start planning for 2011. Chuck Thigpen and I are beginning to coordinate plans for a 1-2 day course in South Carolina during the Spring of 2011. If you are interested in assisting with this course please let me know.



REG WILCOX
EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Post operative Rotator Cuff Guidelines: Chuck Thigpen, Brian Leggin, and I are working on finishing up the cuff guidelines. We will be incorporating a decision making algorithm that Mike Shaffer and Brian have been working on. JOSPT has been contacted and is interested in reviewing the guidelines for publication consideration. Our goal is to have the manuscript submitted by the end of 2010.

Total Shoulder Arthroplasty & Inverse Arthroplasty Guidelines: The below groups have been organized and have had a kick off conference call to plan out the process of guideline development. Our work is well underway and our goal is to have a draft of each ready for membership review by the 2011 ASSET annual meeting.

TSA:

Martin Kelley

Joe Kostuch

Ellen Shanley – Team Leader

Reg Wilcox

Matt Zens

INVERSE TSA

John Basti

Arlette Frederick

Marc Lombardi

Ernest Michaud

Amea Seitz – Team Leader

Reg Wilcox

It is great to have so many ASSET members involved with a number of different educational activities. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions regarding ASSET educational activities .

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

It has been an exciting Fall for the membership committee as we have welcomed 4 new members to ASSET. We are now represented in 32 states and 6 countries. We look forward to their involvement and growth of ASSET. Our membership total as of November 1, 2010 is 73. There are a number of individuals (28) who will be required to present at the 2011 annual meeting in order to maintain membership. Please check the “member materials” area at www.asset-usa.org to check your status. I will be sending letters out to you if you are due to present next year. This membership wide involvement is one of the qualities that makes ASSET different from any other organization I know. Please see the list of states we are not represented in below. If you know of other colleagues that would be great ASSET members please encourage them to apply for membership. If you have questions or concerns please let me know: jkostuch@hprc.net.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

States without Asset Member representation: Alabama, Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia

NEW MEMBERS

Thomas J. Dubuque Jr., PT, MSPT, CSCS

Renee Ivens PT, DPT

Erwin Valencia, Med, PT, ATC, CSCS, NASM-PES

Tom Dubuque PT, MSPT, CSCS - Tom has been practicing in sports medicine and orthopedics since graduating from Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts in 2003. He was captain of the men's swimming team at Springfield and developed an interest in upper extremity injuries and the treatment of overhead athletes as a result of this experience. He works for University Orthopedics, Inc. in Providence, Rhode Island. UOI is the clinical practice arm of the Brown University Warren Alpert School of Medicine. Tom primarily works with patients referred from the Shoulder and Elbow Service and Sports Medicine Service. He also works closely with the Brown University Athletic Training Staff and is a provider for Brown University Football. Tom lives in Lincoln, Rhode Island with his wife Beth. They enjoy travel, golf, fitness, and being outdoors.



TOM DUBUQUE

Renee Ivens PT, DPT – Renee is an assistant professor in physical therapy and orthopaedic surgery at Washington University School of Medicine Program in Physical Therapy. Her patient care consists mostly of patients with upper extremity dysfunction with particular interest in patients with nerve injury. In addition to treating patients she is involved in teaching in the entry level DPT and post-professional DPT curricula. Renee is also involved in educating physical therapists in Movement System Impairment syndromes through continuing education courses. When not at work, she enjoys hiking, biking, running, reading and spending time with family and friends.



RENEE IVANS

Erwin Valencia, Med, PT, ATC, CSCS, NASM-PES—Erwin is a Major League Rehabilitation Coordinator and Team Physical Therapist, Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club and Clinical Site Supervisor at the University of South Florida Department of Physical Therapy. Currently pursuing a clinical Doctoral degree in Manual Therapy with the University of St. Augustine.

COMMUNICATION REPORT

Fall in the Southeast mean one thing – FOOTBALL! Having grown up in the Midwest and tailgated on many occasions, I considered myself a game day veteran. But, after enjoying 12 years of SEC battles, I have to admit that there is nothing quite like game day in the South.

Congratulations to all who participated in the International Conference this October. By all reports it was a great success, which couldn't have occurred without much hard work from many of our members. We hope to have some photo highlights up online soon – so please check back regularly.

We will have annual registration updated online and ready to renew by January 1, 2011. PayPal is a safe and secure way to pay your annual dues and meeting fees online via either your credit card or directly from your bank account. We have had no difficulty with them during our two years of using them.

We've been very fortunate to have secured additional and renewed current corporate sponsorship for 2010-11 from several companies. We've recently updated our website to include all of our corporate sponsors as well as link to our international and sports colleagues on our home page. Many of us work with representatives from these sponsoring organizations every day – let's be sure to thank them for their continued support of our organization and urge their sponsorship for years to come. Their financial support directly helps to offset your membership and meeting costs.

Remember that you can send me the link to your company's webpage for me to post on your bio at any time. Additionally, we have our "All Members" email which will blast out questions, assistance, etc to all of our membership. This email address is allmembers@asset-usa.org. For those whose email is protected by a firewall, you may want to pass this address along to your IT administrator to allow messages through.

I have been privileged to serve as Communications Chairperson the past three years, but with moving on to serve ASSET in a different capacity, am anxious to find a new member willing to serve in this role. In searching for a successor, I am planning to remain on the committee to handle the maintenance of our webpage. Anyone interested, please look over the position requirements in our by-laws under Member Log-in or contact me directly. In the mean time, please continue to send both myself and Jean any contact updates or new links to your companies for posting. As I am handling the daily maintenance and updates to our website, please address any errors, omissions, corrections or additions to myself at jkostuch@hprc.net and I will take care of them ASAP.



JOE KOSTUCH
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

TREASURER'S REPORT

I would like to thank all the board members I had the pleasure of serving with and especially Jean Evans who was able to tie the pieces together for me. After this newsletter, I will be transitioning the responsibilities of the Treasurer/Secretary to Will Clark's capable hands.

We currently have \$38,928.93 in our checking account and continue to be on track with respect to our budget. The most pressing develop as an organization is that the IRS now requires us to renew our tax exempt status every three years. This means that we will need to file a tax return which we have completed for the 2009. While the tax Exempt status doesn't affect the mission of ASSET it certainly gives us certain tax advantages which we should maintain.



BRIAN COOTE
TREASURER/SECRETARY

In the past , we have worked very hard as an organization to maintain our costs and to be good stewards of our revenue. As we consider a dues increase I wanted to share some of our current costs, looking at the Journal costs alone and not accounting for the difference in membership criteria, it cost us \$90 per member and \$125 per foreign member. A little more than half of our members now use Pay Pal as their preferred method of payments which deducts about 3.05% per transaction. Our three biggest expenses are the Annual conference, The Journal and Jean's secretarial support. Our three biggest sources of revenue are CEU course, Annual conference and membership dues.

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REMINDER

ASSET 2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 1st, 2011

Please visit the ASSET website at www.asset-usa.org and follow the member materials link to membership renewal. There is a \$5 processing fee for dues paid online. Please make every effort to pay your dues by the February 1st, 2011 deadline to ensure that our subscription to the Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery is uninterrupted.