

Missouri Student Special Interest Group Newsletter

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Of Special Interest



April 21: Deadline for MSSIG Election Statements

April 28-30: MPTA Spring Meeting in St. Louis

We Need Officers!

We still need you to run for elections! Here's your chance to take a position of *leadership* in a student-run group that connects PT and PTA students across Missouri. If you are interested, please submit a typed candidate statement of no more than 200 words detailing who you are and why you should be elected. Also, please include your contact information: name, school, address, phone #, email, and position you wish to run for. **All statements must be submitted no later than April 21st.**

The Missouri Student Special Interest Group (MSSIG) is holding its elections during the student session at the Spring Conference on April 29th. You do not need to be present to be elected, but we do suggest attending if possible.

The MSSIG, only one year old, is responsible for organizing student events and functions, and communicating student issues and concerns to each other and to the MPTA. Student special interest groups are growing at a rapid rate across the country, and our state is right on track. So if you want to meet students from across the state and **HAVE FUN**, please consider running for a position.

These are the positions available for election, along with their responsibilities:

1. Chair: Prepare the agenda for all meetings of the Executive Committee and MSSIG body meetings, Preside over all meetings, Serve as the official spokesperson of the group, Appoint committees as needed
2. Vice-Chair: Assume the duties of the Chair if he/she is absent or incapacitated, Preside over established committees, Update and maintain a current copy of the MSSIG bylaws; Appoint committees as needed
3. Secretary: Keep and record the minutes of all Executive Committee and MSSIG meetings, Distribute all meeting notices to the MSSIG membership, Maintain records of all official actions of the Executive Committee and MSSIG
4. Treasurer: Maintain the MSSIG bank account, Receive and disperse any MSSIG funds raised through fundraising or other means, Develop and present an annual budget, Report on the financial status of the MSSIG to the membership, the Executive Committee and the Chair as requested

Please submit your candidate statement and contact information, along with any questions you may have to: Mike Himmelman himmelmt@slu.edu, Election Chair

MPTA Spring Meeting: April 28-30

The MPTA Spring Meeting will be held in St. Louis. The weekend will include lectures, MSSIG elections, social events, an exhibit hall, and more. ***Plus, the MSSIG will be raffling two study books for the PT board exam and one study book for the PTA board exam at the conference.***

If you plan on attending the conference and need a place to stay, please email me at wisdomc@msnotes.wustl.edu. Several local students have volunteered to allow a few students to stay with them to help save you money.

We plan to meet at a local restaurant/bar Friday night and having a game night after the student session at 6:30 pm on Saturday. We look forward to seeing you soon!

MSSIG Fundraiser: T-Shirts

We are selling t-shirts to help raise money to fund student activities and scholarships to physical therapy conferences. We have charcoal grey M, L, XL and RED S, M. All shirts have white writing. The front says "Missouri Physical Therapy" and the back of the shirt has an outline of Missouri with the quote "Society needs physical therapy so they can follow the path of moving precisely toward optimum health." by Dr. Shirley Sahrman.

Each shirt costs \$10. Email Christina Wisdom at wisdomc@msnotes.wustl.edu if you want a t-shirt. We will also be selling them at the MPTA Spring Meeting April 28-30!

Send Us Information About Your School

Please send us pictures of or information on activities you and your classmates are involved in. We want to connect students across the state and would love to see/print your pictures! Please email Christina Wisdom, MSSIG Chair, at wisdomc@msnotes.wustl.edu