

SEPTEMBER 2009 ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY NEWS BULLETIN

~ Supervisory Requirements for Physical Therapists ~

If you as a Licensed Physical Therapist direct or supervised one or more physical therapist assistants or other assistive personnel including recent graduates, this portion of our bulletin is specifically for you as it is regarding your responsibilities under A.R.S. §32-2043(G) *Supervision: patient care management: A physical therapist must verify the qualifications of physical therapist assistants and other assistive personnel under the physical therapist's direction and supervision.*

To verify certification of a PTA, access our website at www.ptboard.az.gov . Our home page has the link to the PT/PTA Search at the top of the screen. Click on that and after waiting a moment for the fields to populate, you may begin the search by name. If you do not find the person for who you are looking, contact your Board at 602-274-0236. We will be happy to assist you.

~ New Investigator Joins Board Staff ~

Ms. Karen Donahue, a long time resident of Arizona, has taken over the position of investigator for the Board. Karen graduated with a masters in physical Therapy from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO, in 1990 after completing her undergrad at NAU in "1980-something".

Karen has been a licensed physical therapist in our state since 1991 and brings with her endless knowledge of the ethical and legal requirements relating to the practice of P.T.'s and P.T.A.'s. During her professional career in Arizona, she has held numerous elected and appointed positions with the Arizona Physical Therapy Association. Currently, Karen is the owner of and a practicing therapist at Arizona OrthoSports Physical Therapy.

She may be reached at 602-274-0236.

Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy President Receives Awarded

Joni Kalis, P.T. President of the AZSBPT, will be honored by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) with the Outstanding Service Award. Ms. Kalis has served the profession as a member of the Board since January of 2002 and as president of the Board since January 2007. She is a member of the Foreign Educated Standards Committee and participated in its sub-committee to create the Credentialing Agency Standards. She also chaired the Bylaws Task Force this year.

~ A New Opportunity ♦ Volunteers for Success ~

On August 1, 2009, a new program was launched to provide individuals with an opportunity to be a tremendous asset to the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy as it meets the challenges inherent in accomplishing its mission. If you have a little time and an interest in helping, please access the link "Volunteers for Success" located on the left side of our home page.

~ Change of Address – A Requirement ~

A licensee or certificate holder is required to notify the Board office within 30-days of a change of address of home or business. Please include the *name of the business* and its phone number with the change of business address. You may choose to fax the change **ONCE** to 602-274 1378 **OR** you may choose to email the change **ONCE** to kellye.daldrup@ptboard.az.gov. If you choose to change your address via email and you would like confirmation, please indicate it in your email. Please include your license or certificate number. If you are an applicant for licensure / certification, please state that on the form.