**RFESIG Leadership Meeting**

**Agenda**

**Date: May 9th, 2025**

**Time Zone: 3:00 pm CT**

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

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| **Time** | **Topic** |  |  |
| 3:00 pm | Welcome* + Congratulations to Martha Bloyer & Jodie Rush

Appreciation to Casey Unverzagt & Nominating Committee |
| 3:05 pm | Officer Reports* Chair – Darren Calley
	+ AoE initiatives: moving forward with Excellence in Education Certification program, currently under development. Will start enrollment in Q3, will include an exam. Will not be the equivalent of a board certification. Cost will be about $1600 for full certification. It will have a recertification component. Concern was raised about conflict with faculty residency.
		- [Online SIG Communities](https://community.aptaeducation.org/communities/sig-communities) – discussion board
		- AI implications/utilization for residency/fellowships. Do we want content related to AI on our website? yes
	+ Further CSM 2025 Updates
		- Sent ten $60 APTA gift certificates to RF Specialty SIG chairs after CSM – shared appreciation
	+ ABPTRFE Initiatives
* Vice Chair – Dave Nolan
	+ Mentor video updates - [google document outline](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y_L1HqlrcnGl2p-6a1zmdMBISnNNm0YCMthUZ5uVnXs/edit?usp=sharing) no update
	+ APTA Member Engagement Group: Post-Professional Education Council Kick of Meeting held 4/24/25
		- Meets quarterly Jan, April, July, Oct
		- Election for council chair
* Membership Secretary – Martha Bloyer
	+ Membership updates. Working on updating the script to be sent to new members as generic email.
	+ Idea to develop mentor training programs can use for faculty development
* Treasurer Secretary – Kristel Maes

Website & Budget updates: $1570 left. No recent website updates |
| 3:25 pm  | Committee Reports* Nominating Committee Chair – Casey Unverzagt
* Communications Chair – Kris Neelon
* Program Committee
	+ Laura Zajac-Cox (ELC) - submissions
	+ Christina Bentrewicz (CSM)
* Scholarly Research Chair – Raine Osborne

2025 Symposium: plan to submit for ELC2026 as a pre-conference session.Idea for development of a quarterly residency-fellowship research education journal club. Potentially invite the authors to share their research findings. Academy of Education can post this and market this. Target audience residency/fellowship faculty and leaders. Wondering if giving ceu credit will encourage attendance. Would start late August. The group is unanimously in agreement and support of this initiative.* DEI Committee: meeting Monday, Martha will report out at next meeting. Working on webinars and content related to DEI
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| 3:40 pm  | Ongoing Items* [RFESIG Community Discussion board](https://community.aptaeducation.org/communities/sig-communities)
* Recruiting resources – RFESIG website
* Developing content for students/residents
* Recruitment of student/resident/fellow to our SIG
* Collaboration with RF specialties : include sports/peds matching process info on our website. They will send us info to be posted
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|  | Upcoming meetings RFESIG Leadership Meeting pattern: 2nd Friday of Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov @ 3:00 pm CT |
| **Initiatives** |
| * Collaboration & Networking with ResFel SIGs
	+ The RFESIG is engaged in connecting other residency and fellowship education SIGs and leaders by collaborating on projects, sharing resources, providing networking opportunities, and creating innovative strategies to promote excellence in RFE.
* Mentoring, Recruiting, and Education resources & videos
	+ The Collaborative Initiatives Among and Residency & Fellowship SIGs seeks to provide faculty and mentor development resources and build connections to support residency and fellowship SIG's
* RF Research Collaborative - ongoing
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| **ACTION ITEMS and Upcoming Dates** |
| * **Darren to f/u with academy regarding quarterly residency/fellowship research education journal club**
* **Darren to f/u on newsletter with Kris and send to Kristel to upload on website**
* **Darren to f/u if a student/resident/fellow can join the SIG leadership**

**Next RFE SIG Executive Committee Meeting: Friday, July 11th, 2025 3:00 pm CT*** + **Discuss journal club proposal Raine**
	+ **Discuss recruitment resident/fellow/student to join our SIG leadership**
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| **RFESIG Roles** |
| * Darren Calley Chair
* David Nolan Vice Chair
* Kristel Maes Secretary/Treasurer
* Martha Bloyer Membership Secretary
* Casey Unverzagt Nominating Committee Chair
* Kristina Stein Nominating Committee
* Caitlyn Lang Nominating Committee
* Jodie Rush Nominating Committee
* Kris Neelon Communications Committee Chair
* Laura Zajac-Cox & Christina Bentrewicz Program Committee Chairs
* Raine Osborne Scholarly Research Committee Chair
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| **Attendance** |
| Darren Calley | x | Kristel Maes | x | Jodie Rush |  |
| Christina Bentrewicz |  | Kris Neelon |  | Kristina Stein | x |
| Martha Bloyer | x | Dave Nolan |  | Casey Unverzagt | x |
| Caitlyn Lang |  | Raine Osborne | x | Laura Zajac-Cox |  |

X = Attending; NA = Not Attending

**2025 RFESIG Goals**

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| **AoE SIG** | **Board Position Goals** | **Strategic Plan Goal Being Addressed (Name and Letter)** | **Time Frame for Meeting Goal** | **Catalyst(s) to Achieving Goals** | **Barrier(s) to Achieving Goals** |
| RFESIG | Further develop research groups, plans, created from 2023 Residency/fellowship symposium.  | Elevate AB; Lead A | 12 months | Symposium planning group; RFESIG leadership; connect with scholarship goal Scholarship of Education | Coordination and communication; follow-up action steps. |
| RFESIG | Futher curate web-site content, focus on recruitment, mentor training, educator training. | Lead B; Advance B & C | 12 months | Residency & Fellowship Specialty SIG leaders; RFESIG leaders | Development of and vetting recruitment and mentor training content. Disseminating, communication updates to members. |

**Academy of Education Goals**

**ADVANCE: Inspiring physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in their roles as educators.**

* A. Pathways – Creating pathways to inspire emerging educators.
* B. Advancing – Developing professionals through contemporary educational opportunities using innovative and accessible methods.
* C. Sharing - Disseminate best practices and resources to physical therapy educators.

**CONNECT: Leading physical therapy education through organizational collaboration and member engagement.**

* A. Partnerships - Create and strengthen interactive partnerships among education stakeholders.
* B. Members - Increase member involvement in the Academy to promote a diverse and inclusive environment.
* C. Representation - Ensure strategic representation of the Academy in every relevant forum

**ELEVATE: Elevating the profession by furthering physical therapy educational research.**

* A. Research Agenda – Prioritize research based on the gaps in evidence to support best practices in teaching and learning in physical therapy education.
* B. Collaboration – Support the development and collaboration of education researchers.
* C. Strengthen – Strengthen education research initiatives.

**LEAD: Exhibiting strong leadership to advance the Academy.**

* A. Members - Engage members to contribute to achieving the vision of the Academy.
* B. Communications – Maintain a strong Academy presence through branding, clear messaging, publications, and visibility.
* C. Leadership and Management – Maintain excellence in governance and management with a dedicated team and pipeline of future leaders.
* D. Resources – Supplement revenue streams to advance the mission and serve the membership.