**RFESIG Leadership Meeting Minutes**

**Date: July 11th, 2025**

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

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

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| **Time** | **Topic** | | | | | **Purpose** | **Proponent(s)** | |
| 3:00 pm | Welcome   * + Jodie Rush to the Nominating Committee | | | | | Introduction | All | |
| 3:05 pm | Officer Reports   * Chair – Darren Calley   + RFESIG Initiatives     - Initiate Quarterly Journal Club Webinar       * Meet quarterly Dec, March, June, Sept       * First one to be held week of September 2nd weekday M-Th, 1 hour, 8 pm ET       * Plan to offer CEU’s, free for members, cost for non-members. Darren to contact AoE for webinar assist.       * Recordings saved on RFESIG website for viewing by members.       * Research Collaborative Group to select authors.       * Raine Osborne to identify date in september, journal article, authors, for September       * Emphasis on practical applications of R/F   + AoE initiatives     - Excellence in Education Certification – on track to be rolled out in Q3 with initial cohort. May have R/F faculty interested in this content.     - EI2 grant proposal opportunities for AoE SIGs to create value for members. RFESIG to consider developing a proposal to submit to AoE to provide value for RFESIG members.   + APTA HOD Proposals     - RC 44-45 Charge: develop a national strategy for expanding and sustaining residency and fellowship education programs in rural and medically underserved areas.     - RC on Competency Based Education – [APTA report on Competency-Based Education in Physical Therapy: Essential Outcomes for Physical Therapist Entrance Into Practice](https://www.apta.org/apta-and-you/news-publications/reports/2025/therapy-essential-outcomes-physical-therapist-entrance-into-practice) available   + ABPTRFE Initiatives     - Integrated DPT to Residency Model being initiated * Vice Chair – Dave Nolan   + Mentor video updates - [google document outline](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y_L1HqlrcnGl2p-6a1zmdMBISnNNm0YCMthUZ5uVnXs/edit?usp=sharing)   + APTA Member Engagement Group: Post-Professional     - Next meeting in July     - Meets quarterly Jan, April, July, Oct     - Election for council chair * Membership Secretary – Martha Bloyer   + Membership updates   + Members asking about RFESIG ‘endorsement’ or category to submit to CSM/ELC. RFESIG does not have a specific category mechanism to submit to, however, the RFESIG will consider reviewing proposals that could be ‘endorsed’ by ther RFESIG * Treasurer Secretary – Kristel Maes   + $1502 remaining for 2025 budget | | | | | Update & Discussion | Officers | |
| 3:25 pm | Committee Reports   * Nominating Committee Chair – Krissy Stein * Communications Chair – Kris Neelon * Program Committee   + Laura Zajac-Cox (ELC) - submissions   + Christina Bentrewicz (CSM) * Scholarly Research Chair – Raine Osborne   + RFESIG Journal Club Webinar | | | | | Update | Committee Chairs | |
| 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 – should we develop?   + Why residency   + How to prepare a competitive application   + Raine Osborne discussed data is being collected on DPT student beliefs about pursuing residency education: theory of planned behavior, instrumental beliefs, norms, barriers, intention. Potential opportunity to provide to students on our platform what is most important to consider. All to consider what resources RFESIG could develop for residents/students for next leadership meeting. | | | | | Discussion | all | |
|  | Upcoming meetings   * RFESIG Leadership Meeting pattern: 2nd Friday of Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov @ 3:00 pm CT | | | | | Information | all | |
| **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 strive to provide faculty and mentor development resources and build connections to support residency and fellowship SIG's * RF Research Collaborative - ongoing | | | | | | | | |
| **Upcoming Dates** | | | | | | | | |
| **Next RFE SIG Executive Committee Meeting: Friday, September 12th, 2025 3:00 pm CT** | | | | | | | | |
| **RFESIG Roles** | | | | | | | | |
| * Darren Calley Chair * David Nolan Vice Chair * Kristel Maes Secretary/Treasurer * Martha Bloyer Membership Secretary * Kristina Stein Nominating Committee Chair * 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 | | | | | | | | |
| **Attendance** | | | | | | | | |
| Darren Calley | | x | Kristel Maes |  | Jodie Rush | | | x |
| Christina Bentrewicz | | x | Kris Neelon |  | Kristina Stein | | | x |
| Martha Bloyer | | x | Dave Nolan |  | Laura Zajac-Cox | | |  |
| Caitlyn Lang | | x | Raine Osborne | x |  | | |  |

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.