December 2, 2012	December Conference Call
1. Meeting Minutes	❖ Please contact Michelle Luchini at Luchini.5@buckeyemail.osu.edu if you have any corrections or additions to make to these notes. ❖ See Below for Attendance
2. SSIG Elections 2013	❖ The Online Elections & Nomination form are being submitted to the Board of Directors for approval!!! ❖ Those interested in running for a position or wanting to nominate another student, a mass e-mail to all students on the new election process will be sent out closer to the Annual Symposium, taking place from April 11-13, 2013.
3. Facebook	❖ Great work advertising the OPTA SSIG Facebook group! ○ Membership continues to increase, for a total of 614 members since the last call!! ○ Keep advertising to your students!!!
4. Google Calendar	❖ NEW OPTA SSIG GOOGLE CALENDAR!!! ❖ Calendar will let students see all OPTA events, volunteer opportunities, & conferences. ❖ Visit the page by going to this Link: https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=optassig%40gmail.com ❖ For those with a google Calendar themselves, keep an eye out for a flyer with further directions on how to request adding the OPTA Calendar to yours.
5. Student Challenge	❖ START THINKING ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL's TEAMS!!! ❖ The Student Challenge is a Jeopardy style game, where school teams complete against one another. ❖ The event takes place on Friday night of the Annual Symposium. Winners receive a trophy, plaque at the OPTA office, a gift card for the team, and this year's bragging rights. ❖ We began a discussion on whether to make a separate PT and PTA Student Challenge or keep them together. Discussion will be continued on next months call. There have been great points on both sides, but we are looking into presenting a unified student body and may do an entire PTA round if 4 teams can be created.
6. Survey Results: Speaker Topics	❖ We would like to provide students will 4 speakers: 2 offered in the morning and 2 in the afternoon, based on student interest. ❖ 2 Speakers, Dr. Willy and Dr. Briggs have both been confirmed to speak on Running and Residencies at this year's conference. ❖ We are looking to gather 2 more speakers, on other areas of PT that interest students, including financial planning, prosthetics/orthotics in the VA, and/or wii rehab in neuro PT.
7. Core Ambassador Activities	❖ POWERPOINT is READY!!!! ○ This PowerPoint better defines student leadership of Ohio, explaining what the OPTA SSIG and the National Student Assembly is all about. ❖ LET's WORK TOGETHER to get MORE STUDENTS INVOLVED!!! → Take this PowerPoint and present it to your class/school at the start of this new semester!!!
8. Journal Club	❖ Our very own Seth Oberst & Vice Chair spoke about his experience presenting in New Orleans at the Society for Neuroscience on their research conducted on force matching task vs position matching task in healthy individuals. ○ It was a great experience that he recommends to any or all students interested in neurology or muscle physiology, not only was he able to advocate for the PT profession, but for Ohio University and all students. ❖ If you or any classmate is interested in presenting an article at the next Conference Call, please contact Bethany Stidd through our Facebook group or email her at bs167506@ohio.edu.

9. Upcoming Events	❖ Student Essay Contest: be a student usher at the Annual House of Delegates (HOD) ○ The OPTA will **provide travel and hotel costs** for one student to serve as an usher for the APTA House of Delegates **June 24-26, 2013 in Salt Lake City, Utah**. The student usher will travel with and be mentored by OPTA's 15 delegates and staff! ○ Applicants must provide a 1000 word, type-written response to the following question: **How would you promote professional involvement in governance in new professionals?** ▪ Your cover letter and essay must be postmarked by **December 31, 2012**. ▪ Send your completed essay and a cover letter with your name, contact information, the name of your PT or PTA program, and your APTA member number to: **OPTA, Attention: Chief Delegates** **1085 Beecher Crossing North, Suite B** **Gahanna, Ohio 43230** http://associationdatabase.com/aws/OPTA/pt/sd/news_article/66152/_PARENT/layout_details/false ❖ OPTA Student Member Invited to APTA Innovation Summit! ○ http://associationdatabase.com/aws/OPTA/pt/sd/news_article/67177/_PARENT/layout_details/false ○ viewing parties? March 7-8 ❖ Save the Date! OPTA 2013 Annual Conference – April 11-13 ○ Doubletree Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235 ❖ **Reminder to email Alyssa Taylor (Activites Coordinator) pictures of student involvement at taylo2a2@mail.uc.edu for a collaboration of student involvement around Ohio.**
Next Call	❖ **Sunday, January 9, 2012 @ 9pm!!!** ❖ **Join us as we continue planning and decision making for this year's Annual Symposium!!!**

Attendance

OPTA Student Liaisons/ ACCEs & Faculty

- Alysha Walter (*in attendance 11/11/12*)
- Kelly Moore (*in attendance 11/11/12*)
- Tonya Apke (in attendance 11/11/12)

Officers

- Andrea Keller (Clark St) – PTA Co-chair
- Seth Oberst (OU) – Vice Chair/Treasurer
- Bethany Stidd (OU) – Website & Journal Club Coordinator
- Michelle Luchini (OSU) – Secretary
- Alyssa Taylor (UC) – Activities Coordinator
- Caitlin Bisbing (UC) – Student Challenge Coordinator
- J.J. Kuczynski (Walsh) – OPTA SSIG Core Ambassador to APTA

PT/PTA Student Reps

- Brian Petite (Bradford)
- Erica Ernst (Findlay)
- Myra Dvoroznak (CSU)
- Kristin Rogacki (OU)
- Lauren Chmel (OU)
- Megan Heiser (OSU)
- Rebekah Rocheleau (Sinclair)
- Ruthie Heidenreich
- Jenna Bartsokas (Walsh)
- Keith Roth (CSU)
- Anthony Walden (Bradford)