March 3, 2013	March 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	❖ INTERESTED in running for a position on the OPTA SSIG Board or wanting to nominate another student?!??!?! Please go to the link below for the nomination form http://associationdatabase.com/aws/OPTA/input_form/display_form_01_show?include_back_button=true&form_no=51. ❖ Nominations will close 3 weeks before the conference and voting is set to open 1 week before the Annual Symposium on April 11-13. ❖ We still have no one running for Vice Chair, Website Coordinator, & Student Challenge Coordinator!!!! SIGN UP NOW!!!!
3. Facebook	❖ Great work advertising the OPTA SSIG Facebook group! ○ Membership has increased to 619 members!!! ○ BUT, Keep advertising to your students and new members!!!
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
5. Student Challenge	❖ DOES YOUR SCHOOL HAVE A TEAM?!?!?! ○ Teams are 1st come, 1st serve. ○ Click on the link below to register your team: http://associationdatabase.com/aws/OPTA/input_form/display_form_01_show?form_no=52. ❖ 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 have 5 PT teams and 0 PTA teams signed up and we can have up to 12 teams. SIGN UP!!!
6.Speakers & Student Volunteer Opportunities	❖ All 4 speakers have been confirmed for the Annual Symposium!!! ❖ STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! ○ The Oxford Debate for this year is going to center around the topic of social media. The topic is "Should Social Medial be used in PT Practice?" They'd like to have a student volunteer to sit on the panel of "experts" who will debate the topic... one student to be pro social media use and one to be against its use. ○ This year in the exhibit hall, there is going to be a booth, which will be staffed by various people throughout the day. They'd like to set aside some time (a 30 minute time slot) on Saturday for students to share technology they're using in school or in the clinic: programs, cool apps, etc. Basically you would help lead a networking discussion. Students could take turns giving 5-minute presentations or this group of students could just keep the conversation rolling with whomever is visiting the booth. We can take up to 5 volunteers, already have one. ○ If you would like to volunteer please email Alysha Walter at acwalterdpt@gmail.com or Kelly Moore at kelly.j.moore@gmail.com.
7. What's Cool at Your School?	❖ Ohio University will be hosting a "Run on the Ridges" 5k event at Noon on April 21st to raise money for a scholarship that is given to one OU PT student. JOIN THEM!!! Look for more information on this event on the Google Calendar & Facebook Page.

8. Journal Club	❖ This month, we had Jenna Bartsokas a PT student from Walsh University present a systematic review on the risk factors associated with sacral insufficiency and fatigue fractures. ❖ 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	❖ **Google calendar:** ○ **https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=optassig%40gmail.com** ❖ **Reminder to email me pictures of student involvement: taylo2a2@mail.uc.edu** 1. APTA Innovation Summit! a. http://www.apta.org/InnovationSummit/ i. Online Registration deadline: March 6, 2013 2. **Student Leaders Wanted!** a. The Ohio Physical Therapy Association Student Special Interest Group (SSIG) is seeking OPTA member nominations for positions in the SSIG Executive Committee. Each term is 1 year. We are accepting self-nominations, peer nominations, and faculty nominations. → **Deadline is March 18!!** b. If you have any questions, please contact: i. Seth Oberst at oberstseth@gmail.com ii. Kelly Moore, PT, DPT at kelly.j.moore@gmail.com iii. Alysha Walter PT, DPT at acwalterdpt@gmail.com 3. Federal Advocacy Forum – April 14-16 in Washington DC → registration now open a. http://www.apta.org/FederalForum/ 4. OPTA 2013 Annual Conference – April 11-13 a. Doubletree Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235 i. Registration now open: http://associationdatabase.com/aws/OPTA/pt/sp/conference_students ii. EARLYBIRD Registration Ends MARCH 15th!!! **b. Register for the student challenge by April 2!!**
Next Call	❖ **Sunday, April 7, 2013 @ 9pm!!!** ❖ **Likely this will not be a long call, just a quick meeting to be sure we are prepared for the symposium the following weekend and make sure everyone has everything they need!!!**

Attendance

OPTA Student Liaisons/ ACCEs & Faculty

- Alysha Walter (*in attendance 3/3/13*)
- Kelly Moore (*in attendance 3/3/13*)
- Tonya Apke

Officers

- Andrea Johnson (OU) – PT Co-chair
- Andrea Keller (Clark St) – PTA Co-chair
- Bethany Stidd (OU) – Website & Journal Club Coordinator
- Caitlin Bisbing (UC) – Student Challenge Coordinator
- JJ Kuczynski (Walsh) – CORE Ambassador
- Seth Oberst (OU) – Vice President/Treasurer
- Michelle Luchini (OSU) – Secretary

PT/PTA Student Reps

- Brian petite (Bradford)
- David Searight (OU)
- Ashley Grzeszczak (UD)
- Megan Heiser (OSU)
- Meghan Teitz (YSU)
- Jenna Bartsokas (Walsh)
- Robert Dabbs (Sinclair)
- Rebekah Rocheleau (Sinclair)
- Colleen Martin (CSU)
- Ashton Dennen (UD)