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MEMORANDUM

TO: Business Member Board of Governors
Business Members on APTA Board of Directors
Business Members attending the January Meeting

FROM: Chuck Wochele
Chair, APTA Business Member Board of Governors

DATE: December 30, 2010

SUBJECT:

I want to start out by wishing you all a very Happy New Year and welcome you to the 2011 APTA Business Member Board of Governors (BMBG) Annual Business Meeting! As you know, this will be my first meeting as Chair of the BMBG, and I look forward to working with all of you as we address the critical issues that APTA's business members are facing. And we are going to get right to it at our meeting in Naples as we focus on authorization and how we can help advance the need for Congress to act **NOW** on a new surface transportation funding.

As you will see in these meeting materials, all of our business member committees will be meeting on Wednesday. The BMBG meeting will start Thursday morning and on Thursday after noon we will discuss authorization in the context of the new environment in Washington with an outstanding panel of industry government affairs experts. On Friday our discussion will turn to how business members can support APTA's advocacy agenda, and how we can get individual member companies mobilized and engaged in this important effort. We have a great line-up of speakers on these issues – people who represent APTA public and private sector members, people who represent other key trade associations and our own APTA staff – and I am confident that we will come away from Naples energized and with clear direction on what we need to do.

On Friday morning we will also have the a chance to talk with the CEOs of the larger Florida transportation organizations about what they are working on and how APTA's business members can help support their efforts. Joining us will be David Armijo from HART, Joe Giulietti from Tri-Rail and Harpal Kapoor from Miami-Dade Transit.

I am very pleased that APTA chair Mike Scanlon and president Bill Millar will be with us for this meeting. From them we will get an update on the important internal changes that APTA is going through related to governance, and Bill's announcement that he will retire this fall. In conjunction with those issues we will have an important discussion about proposed revisions to the BMBG's bylaws.

As always, our January meeting will be an excellent opportunity for networking. The list of members and guests who will be joining us this year includes a number of new attendees to our January meeting, and we welcome you all. Our opening reception on Wednesday evening and our dinners on Thursday and Friday will be excellent opportunities to get acquainted with each other and to talk to our guests. And of course, no BMBG January meeting would be complete without a golf tournament, and I want to thank Frank DiGiacomo for his help in getting the tournament organized once again this year.

In this package you will find our agenda materials, of course, but also information on things to do in the Naples area and some restaurant recommendations, as well as information on the Ritz Carlton's facilities. There also is a pre-registration list in your materials; we are expecting over 110 members, guests and staff, which I suspect is a new record for this meeting.

Given the overwhelming turn-out for this meeting, a number of you will be staying at the Inn at Pelican Bay and we want to help you feel as comfortable as possible while you are at the Ritz Carlton. In that regard, if you need help with transportation between properties, a place to change your clothes, or to store luggage or meeting materials, please do not hesitate to ask the APTA staff for assistance.

As we start a new year, January is always a busy month for APTA business members. I want to thank each of you for taking the time to join us, and for your active participation in our discussions.

I look forward to seeing you soon!