



ISWP Professional Standards Board (PSB) March 5, 2019 Meeting Recap

The ISWP Professional Standards Board (PSB) met by conference call on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. U. S. Eastern Time. This provides a recap.

Link to Meeting Recording: <https://iswp.adobeconnect.com/pw2nd84z7qrb/>

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Discussion: Action items are shown in bold/underline.

1. **PSB Members:** Robertangelo Ciccone, ICRC, is located in Myanmar and cannot participate on the regularly scheduled calls. We will hold two calls in May so that he can provide input.
2. **Continuing Discussion from January 31 PSB Call:** Working on a skills assessment which could be incorporated later on at certification. Preparing a report from testing the skills assessment and feasibility for incorporating into credential process. Example: Could be incorporated by the time someone would need to be re-certified, or the PSB could agree on when it would be incorporated. Mary's concern for making seating assessment form more competency based is that we have not factored that into the pricing model, and it would be fairly labor intensive, and the evaluator would have to have specific skills. Threshold for re-certification is that ISWP staff could do random audits of forms submitted (common practice for certifications across field) where not every single submission – once we have a significant number – only nth person's documents would be reviewed. Would be simple check of completing seating form in entirety, completing CPD form in entirety. As opposed to moving more to skills assessment which would require significant checks from our side to accomplish by: 1) recruit a significant number of volunteers; and 2) pay evaluators to review skills assessment. We are not breaking even yet on the credential program, so there is no way with the current model to be able to include something that is comprehensive and labor-intensive. Can re-evaluate after the launch to see uptick including just knowledge assessment at this time. Perry, Rosie and CJ agree.

Perry suggested that any information that ISWP could gather like a survey of country, institutions, might be useful later in terms of networking.

3. **Seating Assessment Form:** CJ agrees to keep the form simple and leave as is. Other suggestions from the group:
 - Maybe complete an outcome measure, encourage them to complete the functional

- mobility assessment, especially if they see the client at multiple time periods. (Mary)
- Add more information, such as how many clients the provider has fit for wheelchairs or context where the provider's practice takes place. (Perry)
 - Mention follow-up services, because it is not just about providing a wheelchair. Or follow-up service provided (yes/no). Or, services completed today and follow-up services recommended. (Rosie)
 - Maybe rename the document seating service log. Submit additional survey at re-certification time period which could justify the person is an active and contributor to the field. If they have trouble completing, could be cause for concern. (Mary)

Krithika and **Mary** to provide comments about the forms to rest of the Board for final comment.

4. **CPD Form:** No additional changes.
5. **Payment Portal:** Portal was tested by four team members. Applicants can pay by credit card or check. Once payment is made, certificate is shared in WIN.
6. **Credential Launch:** ISWP provided certificates to English pilots participants. ISWP sent an e-mail on March 4 to all Basic test takers who are eligible to apply for certification.

There will be a wider in-person launch at ISS, where providers from 30 countries will be attending. Credential will be announced: a) at ISWP training workshop pre-con on Monday, March 18; b) during Jon Pearlman's opening remarks (including a goal to have a certain number or percentage of ISS attendees become certified); and c) at ISWP/RESNA International SIG breakfast on Thursday, March 21.

Beginning March 25, ISWP will send communications, including recaps from the conference and, hopefully, early numbers to share. We will continue to communicate with partners we talked with about certification at the concept stage. Announcements also are planned through Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO). Also, will engage national societies; e.g., AOTA, APTA, and RESNA.

Other suggestions: a) universities to engage their students; e.g., academic training partners as a pilot then roll out to universities; b) CLASP; c) USAID projects in Laos and other countries with HI. **CJ** could contact Bernard; e) GATE list; and f) Physiopedia. Rosie commented that the Physiopedia course didn't give her a sense of how much time it would take to complete; people are more likely to take it on if they know what the time commitment is.

7. **PSB Tenure:** PSB members were originally asked to serve a one-year term, beginning in December 2017. Initially, Mary requested 5 members to volunteer for a two-year term, expiring in December 2019. Instead of holding elections now since we are in the start-up phase, we would like to extend all members' terms to December 2019 and hold elections sometime in 2020. **Krithika** to send note to the group regarding staying on longer. Perry,

Rosie, Paula and Patience have agreed to stay on.

Participants (*check mark indicates participation on call*)

	Robertangelo Ciccone, ICRC
	Susan Cwiertnia, VARILITE
✓	Rosemary Joan Gowran, University of Limerick
✓	Perry Loh, Loh Medical
	Patience Mutiti, Motivation
	Karen Reyes, WHO
	Paula Rushton, University of Montreal
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