The thirtieth annual meeting of the Oklahoma Society of Physiologists took place on Friday, June 3, 2011 at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The title of the meeting was “Physiology: Gateway to Health Professions” and featured various health professionals speaking on the importance of their profession to society and how physiology plays a significant role in their profession. The meeting was extremely informative and very enjoyable.

Dr. Suzanne Vincent, President of OSP 2010-1011, came up with the idea and organized the meeting which got started on time and proceeded exactly on schedule. This was truly an enjoyable time for all who attended. The meeting began with greetings from Dr. Dominic Halsmer, Dean of Science & Engineering, followed by Dr. Hal Reed, Health Professions Advisor.

The speakers and their professions included:

Vince Lepak, Physical Therapist from the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, OU in Tulsa

Margy Cox, Family nurse practitioner from Guymon, OK

Theresa Foster, M.P.H. Program Director of the Medical Technology Program at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa, OK.
Mary Williams, M.S., and Ph.D. Candidate in epidemiology at the College of Public Health, OU in Oklahoma City

Stacey Knapp, D.O. Rural physician in Clinton, OK – Keynote Speaker

Michael Behrmann, D.D.S. OU Orthodontics Residency, Oklahoma City

Sarah Gallagher, O.D., Optometrist in Tahlequah, OK

Bettyjo Westerfield accepts registration forms from Kirby Jarolim and Sally Ruskoskie
Dr. Suzanne Vincent, OSP President welcomes members and visitors to the meeting. Below: Dr. Vincent introduces Vince Lepak, physical therapist.
Margy Cox, Family Nurse Practitioner addresses the audience
Vamsi Guda – ORU student and first-place winner

Aaron Allen, ORU student in light blue shirt, Michael Anderson, OSU-CHS student in dark blue shirt discuss their research with attendees.
Theresa Foster, M.P.H., gives her presentation on the principles and significance of medical technology.

Mary Williams, M.S. and Ph.D. candidate, delivers presentation on epidemiology.
Stacey Knapp, D.O. rural physician from Clinton, OK, gives keynote address at the luncheon.

Title of her talk – “Physiology and Rural Medicine”. Great talk Dr. Knapp!!

Michael Behrmann, D.D.S, gives presentation on the role of physiology in the field of dentistry.
Sarah Gallagher, O.D., gives excellent presentation on the field of optometry.

Our business meeting proceeded immediately after the final presentation by Dr. Gallagher. The members expressed high praise toward Dr. Vincent for organizing such a unique and successful meeting.

Joyti Abraham of Bacone College in Muskogee, OK accepted the nomination from the OSP members as OSP President Elect and the vote was unanimous. Members felt that the meeting at Bacone College, to be held in the spring of 2013, will be a great opportunity for OSP to reach out to an underserved area.

Items for discussion at next meeting include:

updated chapter bylaws

writing grant proposal for 2013 meeting

web page development

updating tax-exempt status