It is our pleasure to inform you that the following Private Practice Section member has been selected by the American Physical Therapy Association’s Board of Directors to receive the following award from APTA’s 2013 Honors and Awards Program:

Roger M. Nelson, PT, PhD, FAPTA

44th Mary McMillan Lecture

In 1963, the Mary McMillan Lecture Award was established to pay tribute to Mary McMillan, dedicated pioneer of physical therapy in the United States and abroad, the founding President of the American Physical Therapy Association, and an esteemed teacher. The award was established to acknowledge and honor a member of the American Physical Therapy Association who has made a distinguished contribution to the profession, and to provide the recipient with an opportunity to share his or her achievements and ideas with members through a lecture presented at the Association's annual conference. Nominees must have made distinguished contributions to the profession of physical therapy in the areas administration, education, patient care, or research.

Roger’s lecture is entitled The Next Evolution. Evolution is a word that can evoke passionate debate, signal development, or inspire innovation. The evolution of physical therapy will accelerate as we identify and meet patients' needs. When asked why they want to become PTs, students often answer: "I want to help people." This outward focus can prepare PTs for the dramatic changes on the horizon, including new models of patient care, better patient access to information, a greater emphasis on cost containment, and an increased demand for evidence-based practice. This talk will highlight a vision for the profession's next evolution.

Section members are invited to attend The 44th McMillan Lecture – The Next Evolution on Thursday, June 27 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am at APTA Conference and Exposition in Salt Lake City, Utah.