

Summit Development and PSAP Update

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Overview:

This 2-hour workshop updated delegates on developments specific to future Teacher Training Summits and the progress of the Pilates School Approval Program (PSAP.)

The Presentation:

- History of Summit meetings 2009 – present
- Importance of Standards
- Vocational school licensing, accreditation, and approval
- PSAP overview
- Current PSAP applications and approvals
- Q & A with two approved PSAP school owners

The historical account of the Summit meetings beginning in 2009 allowed for a refresher for those that had participated in Summit meetings in the past. It also provided a framework for new participants with limited understanding of past Summit content.

The review of Standards from licensing and certification to school approval and accreditation set the stage for a discourse on US norms related to vocational education.

The value of vocational school licensing and accreditation was reviewed. They were identified as steps in a developmental progression available for schools and for the development of an industry.

The role of educators in industry development was established, as was the need for educators to work together.

As a Standard and a major development in the Pilates industry, the PSAP became the focus of the presentation.

Two PSAP approved school representatives who attended were asked a series of questions regarding their experience applying for PSAP approval, and their vision of its impact on the industry. The presentation allowed for audience participation, and discussions allowed for greater understanding of the program, common interests, and the steps needed for further development.

In closing, the upcoming 2018 Teacher Training was discussed and the following points were reviewed to support participation:

- The critical role that educators have in industry development
- The importance of working together in furthering development
- The potential of future accomplishments
- The direction for development is both established and open to crafting and shaping to suit the needs of the Pilates industry

**The 2018 Teacher Training Summit will take place from
June 7 – 10, 2018 in Hollywood, FL.**