



**BYLAWS OF *THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION* -  
OREGON**

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**ARTICLE I. NAME AND RELATIONSHIP TO AMERICAN PHYSICAL  
THERAPY ASSOCIATION**

Section 1. The name of the organization is the American Physical Therapy Association – Oregon (APTA-Oregon), hereinafter referred to as the Chapter, which is a chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

Section 2. The geographical jurisdiction of the Chapter shall coincide with the boundaries of the state of Oregon.

**ARTICLE II. MISSION AND OBJECT**

The object of the Chapter shall be the object of the Association as stated in the Association bylaws. In addition, the object of the Chapter, is to support, promote, and advocate for the profession of physical therapy by striving to further the profession’s role in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions that affect movement and function.

**ARTICLE III. FUNCTIONS**

The functions of the Chapter shall be those prescribed by the Association in its bylaws, and include the following subsets:

- A.** Promote public policy to protect the interests of the public and the rights of qualified individuals practicing physical therapy.
- B.** Represent physical therapy in the geographic area served by the Chapter.
- C.** Promote a professional interest and exchange of information to enhance the understanding of physical therapy in the geographic area served by the Chapter.
- D.** Provide those services which would further the object and the functions of the Chapter and the Association.

## **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1: Categories and Qualifications of Members**

The Chapter membership categories and qualifications for Physical Therapist, Retired Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist, Student Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist Assistant, and Student Physical Therapist Assistant shall be the same as those of the Association.

In addition, the Chapter shall maintain a Corresponding Member category and a Student Corresponding Member category with rights and privileges as stated in the Association bylaws.

### **Section 2: Rights and Privileges**

- A. The rights and privileges of the Chapter's members shall be identical to those established in the Association's bylaws.
- B. Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, and Life Physical Therapist Assistant shall have 1 vote at the Chapter level.

### **Section 3: Admission to Membership and Chapter Assignment**

- A. Admission to Chapter membership is by assignment by the Association's Board of Directors.

### **Section 4: Good Standing**

- A. An individual member is in good standing within the meaning of these bylaws if the member is in good standing in the Association.

### **Section 5: Disciplinary Action**

- A. Any member of the Chapter who is suspended by the Association shall have his or her membership privileges suspended in the Chapter. Any member who is expelled from membership in the Association shall be expelled from Chapter membership.
- B. Complaints to the effect that a member has violated the ethical principles or standards of the Association shall be processed in accordance with the Association's *Disciplinary Action Procedural Document*.

### **Section 6: Reinstatement**

- A. Individuals are reinstated to Chapter membership in accordance with the Association's Standing Rules. The Chapter may not charge a reinstatement fee.

## **ARTICLE V. DISTRICTS, AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

Subject to the rules and conditions set down by the Association or Chapter Board of Directors, districts and special interest groups, may be established within the territorial jurisdiction of the Chapter.

## **ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS**

### **Section 1: Regular and Annual Meetings**

Two regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held every fiscal year, 1 meeting to be held in the first 6 months of the year, and the other within the second 6 months of the year. The second of the 2 meetings each year will be considered the Annual Meeting. Notice of these meetings shall be sent to the members as outlined in Article VI Section 3 below.

### **Section 2: Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the membership may be held at any time upon the call of the President or the Board of Directors either directly, or in response to a request to the Board by 20 members, provided that a notice is sent to the membership as outlined in Article VI Section 3 below.

### **Section 3: Notice of Meeting Requirements**

Notice of these meetings shall be sent to the members at least 30 days prior to the date of the meetings.

### **Section 4: Quorum**

A quorum shall consist of 5% of the voting membership.

### **Section 5: Minutes**

All meeting minutes shall be submitted to the Association within 45 days after the date of the meeting.

### **Section 6: Voting**

- A. Voting of motions and resolutions may be made by any form of voting that the chapter chooses to employ that is congruent with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, latest edition.
- B. If a vote must be taken between meetings, the Board of Directors may, by a majority vote, determine that the voting members be polled. Notice of

proposed membership votes shall be transmitted to all voting members via mail, email, facsimile or other similar electronic communication directed to each voting member at least 30 days prior to the date of voting. The voting members shall be polled by mail or an electronic communications ballot. The majority of the votes cast shall determine the outcome of the vote. The Board shall provide for adequate procedures so that unauthorized votes will be invalidated.

## **ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Section 1: Officers: Rights, Duties, and Responsibilities**

- A. The officers of the Chapter include the President, President Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee and can serve as a delegate to the House of Delegates.
  2. The President Elect shall assume the duties of the President in the vacancy of the President. The President Elect shall automatically assume the office of President at the end of the President Elect term.
  3. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence or incapacitation of the President when there is no President Elect.
  4. The Secretary shall record, or cause to be recorded, the proceedings of all Chapter, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee meetings.
  5. The Treasurer shall report on the financial status of the Chapter and ensure that the Chapter maintains solvent financial standing.
  6. The Board of Directors may employ an Executive Director and/or staff who shall be empowered to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Chapter including, but not limited to, the hiring and dismissal of all other Chapter employees, negotiation and execution of contracts on behalf of the Chapter, and fiscal operations of the Chapter. The Executive Director shall undertake such duties as the Board of Directors shall determine and define in policies, and who shall act under its supervision. The Executive Director shall provide advice and counsel to the Board and its officers, but shall not have a vote on any matters to come before the Board or any of its committees.

### **Section 2: Vacancies**

Vacancies created by death, resignation, succession or disqualification of any directors or elected officers other than the President or President-Elect, shall be filled by Chapter Board appointment to fill the unexpired portion of the term. If the position

of President-Elect becomes vacant, a special election shall be held. The Board of Directors shall nominate at least one person for the position of President-Elect and notify the membership accordingly.

### **Section 3: Qualifications**

- A. Only such members of the Chapter as are provided for in the Association bylaws, Article IV, Section 2, sub-paragraph B(3).b, who have consented to serve, shall be eligible for election to office.
- B. Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist Assistant, and Retired Physical Therapist Assistant may hold office subject to the limitations specified in the Association bylaws, Article V, Section 5, Sub-paragraph C.
- C. The President-Elect shall have been a Physical Therapist member of the Association for the last 3 years, and a member of the Chapter for 2 years immediately preceding the election. The Chief Delegate shall have been a delegate to the House of Delegates at least once. In addition, the offices of President must have served a minimum of 1 year on the Chapter Board of Directors within the past 2 elective years.
- D. All other Board of Directors members shall have been a member of the Association for at least 1 year and Chapter for at least 6 months.

### **Section 4: Board of Directors**

- A. Composition  
The Board of Directors of the Chapter shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Delegate, PTA Caucus Representative, PTA Director and (4) Directors. The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board of Directors.
- B. Terms
  - 1. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve a 2-year term, or until the election and assumption of office of their successors.
  - 2. Terms of members of the Board of Directors, with the exception of the Chief Delegate and PTA Caucus Representative, shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting in the year they were elected, and terminate on December 31st 2 years later. The combined terms of service of President-Elect and President shall be considered as serving 1 term in office.
  - 3. No member of the Board of Directors shall serve more than ~~three~~ 3 consecutive terms in the same elected office on the Board of Directors. No member of the Board of Directors shall serve more than 10 consecutive years in any elected office.

4. The President-Elect, Vice President, PTA Caucus Representative, and 2 Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Directors, Chief Delegate, and PTA Director shall be elected in even-numbered years.

### **C. Duties and Responsibilities**

1. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision over the policies and affairs of the Chapter, and shall be the final authority in interpreting the meaning and intent of the bylaws. The governance and fiduciary duty to manage the affairs of the Chapter shall be vested in the Board of Directors as further provided in these bylaws. Directors shall perform such other tasks as assigned by the President or Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation.
2. The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of 4 times per year. Directors shall attend and take part in Board of Directors meetings called by the President or an authorized Executive Committee member. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at any time upon call of the President, or a majority of the members of the Board. A special meeting of the Board shall be called by the President upon written petition of 50% of the Board.
3. All members of the Board are full voting members. Board of Directors and Executive Committee business and voting shall be conducted by meeting in person, mail, electronic communication methods, or any other form of communication at the Board's discretion.
5. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

### **Section 5: Executive Committee**

#### **A. Composition**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

#### **B. Duties and Responsibilities**

The Executive Committee shall carry out the mandates and policies of the Chapter between scheduled Board meetings.

#### **C. Meetings**

The Executive Committee shall meet as called upon by the President with a minimum of 3 days notice to the Executive Committee members. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1. Standing Committees ~~and Chairmen~~**

- A. The standing committees of the Chapter shall be:

1. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall consist of 3 members. The chairperson shall be the Chapter Treasurer. Two members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. All members of the Finance Committee shall have been Physical Therapist, Retired Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, or Life Physical Therapist Assistant members of the Association for a period of 2 years and of the Chapter for 1 year preceding the election. Each member shall serve a 2-year term. Members shall provide the Board of Directors with reports and recommendations that inform fiscal decisions, including financial needs, growth and stability; present an annual budget to the Board of Directors for approval; monitor and assess investment policies; and maintain compliance with financial obligations to APTA.

**2. Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee shall consist of 3 elected members elected by all eligible voting members. The chairman shall be the most senior member of the committee. All members of the Nominating Committee shall have been Physical Therapist, Retired Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, or Life Physical Therapist Assistant members of the Association for a period of 2 years and of the Chapter for ~~one~~ 1 year preceding the election. Each member shall serve a 3-year term commencing at the time of the Annual Meeting at which the election takes place. One member per year shall retire and ~~one~~ 1 member per year shall be elected at the time of the Annual Meeting, with a new member being nominated each year.

(a). Responsibilities:

Prepare and announce a slate of 1 or more candidates for each office not later than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

(b). Vacancies of any nominating committee members shall be filled by Chapter Board appointment to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

**B.** Additional special committees or task forces may be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors as deemed necessary in order to carry on the work of the Chapter. Members on all committees and task forces shall be approved, discharged, and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

## **Section 2. Duties and Terms**

The President can appoint committees at any time with the approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating and ethics committees.

- A. Duties.** Committees shall have such duties as their titles indicate and as are determined by the adoption of committee policy documents by the Board of Directors or assigned to them by the President. All actions of committees shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
  
- B. Appointment and Term.** Subject to the policies developed for the committee's purposes and structure, committees and committee chairs shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. All committee chairs shall be members of the Chapter as are provided for in the Association bylaws, Article IV, Section 2, sub-paragraph B.(3).b, and who have consented to serve, shall be eligible for committee chair positions. Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist Assistant, and Retired Physical Therapist Assistant may hold office subject to the limitations specified in the Association Bylaws, Article V, Section 5, Sub-paragraph C. Committee members must be members of the Chapter in good standing. The chairs of each committee shall serve for a term as designated by the committee and the committee's work, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, with a maximum of 4 consecutive years. The chair shall report to the Board of Directors as needed, or at the request of the Board of Directors. All committee requests for finances or policy approval must be submitted to the Board of Directors for final approval. All committee appointments are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and can be removed from their committee appointments by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX. DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION'S HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

### **Section 1: Qualifications**

- A. Only Physical Therapist members who have been members in good standing of the Association in any category of membership for no fewer than ~~two~~ 2 years immediately preceding the start of the House session may serve in the House of Delegates, consistent with the Association bylaws. The Chief Delegate shall have been a Physical Therapist member of the Association and a member of the Chapter for 2 years immediately preceding the election. The Chief Delegate shall have been a delegate to the House of Delegates at least once. A Chapter Delegate may not, in the same year, serve as Section or Assembly Delegate.

### **Section 2: Elections and Terms**



- A. All delegates, including the Chief Delegate, shall serve 2 year terms. The terms for the delegates, Chief Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s) shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting in the year they were elected.
- B. The Chief Delegate shall not serve more than 3 consecutive terms in that position.
- C. The Chief Delegate and 2 delegates shall be elected in even-numbered years. The remaining delegates which are allocated to the Chapter shall be elected in odd-numbered years. After the election of the delegates, the person(s) receiving the next highest number of votes for that position will be appointed Alternate Delegate(s) in order of number of votes received for a 1-year term. The Chapter shall notify the Association headquarters of the names of the Chapter delegates as required by the Association and the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates.
- D. In the event the Chief Delegate position is vacated for any reason, the Delegates shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for a successor. The Board of Directors shall appoint a successor.
- E. The Alternate Delegate who received the next highest number of votes shall immediately assume the role of Delegate in the event a Delegate position is vacated for any reason.
- F. A Chapter shall be represented in the House of Delegates at least every third year.

### **Section 3: Rights and Responsibilities**

- A. All delegates shall attend the annual meetings and special meetings of the APTA House of Delegates representing the Chapter in such matters as are ordered by the Chapter. The delegates shall vote on issues with consideration of the instructions of the membership.
- B. The Chief Delegate shall:
  1. Call meetings as necessary of the Chapter delegates prior to attending the House of Delegates for the purpose of discussing House of Delegates issues.
  2. Attend meetings of the Board of Directors. If the Chief Delegate is unavailable to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors, one of the delegates will attend as a substitute with the full rights and privileges of the Chief Delegate.
  3. Apprise the Board of Directors and Chapter members on issues and motions pertinent to the House of Delegates.
  4. Attend the Annual Meeting as well as special meetings of the House of Delegates, and shall present to the House of Delegates such matters as are ordered by the Board of Directors and/or the membership
  5. Present to the Chapter a summary of the decisions made by the House of Delegates.
  6. Cast the vote or votes of any delegates not attending the House of Delegates.

**ARTICLE X. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT CAUCUS (PTA CAUCUS)**

**Section 1: Qualifications**

- A. The qualifications of the representative shall be as stated in the APTA Board Policies and Procedures.
- B. The Chapter shall notify Association headquarters of the name of the Representative, as required by the Association.

**Section 2: Election and Term**

- A. The PTA Caucus Representative shall be elected in odd numbered years. After the election of the representative, the persons receiving the next highest number of votes for that position will be appointed the Alternate PTA Caucus Representative in order of number of votes received for a 2-year term.
- B. The PTA Caucus Representative shall serve a 2-year term. The terms for the PTA Caucus Representative and Alternate PTA Caucus Representative(s) shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting in the year they were elected.
- C. The PTA Caucus Representative shall not serve more than 3 consecutive terms in that position.
- D. In the event the PTA Caucus Representative position is vacated for any reason, the Delegates shall make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for a successor. The Board of Directors shall appoint a successor.

**Section 3: Duties of Representative**

The PTA Caucus Representative shall:

- A. Attend the annual and special meetings of the House of Delegates and the PTA Caucus.
- B. Present to the PTA Caucus such matters as are ordered by the Board of Directors, Physical Therapist Assistant members, and voting body.
- C. Vote at meetings of the PTA Caucus in accordance with the instructions and policies of the Chapter.
- D. Attend meetings of the Board of Directors. If the PTA Caucus Representative is unavailable to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors, the Alternate PTA Caucus Representative will attend as a substitute with all the rights and privileges as the PTA Caucus Representative.
- E. Apprise the Board of Directors and Chapter members on issues and motions pertinent to the PTA Caucus.

**ARTICLE XI. ELECTIONS**

**Section 1: Elections**

Not later than 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting or as soon thereafter as practical, the Chapter shall announce the nominating committee's nominations to each member via mail, association publications, email, fax, or any form of electronic communication and also shall announce that additional nominations may be made by written petition containing the signatures of no fewer than 5 voting members. Such nominating petitions must be received by the Chapter office not later than 20 days after the announcement is sent out. The nominating committee chair shall immediately notify each member who has been nominated by petition and ascertain the nominee's willingness to serve if elected. Final election ballots shall consist of all candidates who were either nominated by the nominating committee or by the nominating petition and who have expressed willingness to serve.

Ballots shall be transmitted to all voting members by mail or electronic communications at least 30 days prior to the deadline for voting. The plurality of the votes cast shall determine the outcome of the election. Results of the election must be forwarded to the Association within 45 days.

## **ARTICLE XII. FINANCE**

### **Section 1: Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the *Chapter* shall be from January 1 through December 31.

### **Section 2: Limitations on Expenditures**

No officer, employee, or committee shall expend any money not provided in the budget as adopted, or spend any money in excess of the budget allotment, except by order of the Chapter's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall not commit the Chapter to any financial obligations in excess of its financial resources.

### **Section 3: Chapter Dues and Assessments**

A. The annual dues of the Chapter shall be according to membership classification as follows:

1. Physical Therapist - \$125
  2. Physical Therapist - Post Professional Student \$65
  3. Physical Therapist Assistant - \$75
  4. Student Physical Therapist & Student Physical Therapist Assistant - \$20
  5. Life Physical Therapist - \$0
  6. Life Physical Therapist Assistant - \$0
  7. Retired Physical Therapist & Retired Physical Therapist Assistant - \$50
  8. Corresponding Physical Therapist & Corresponding Physical Therapist Assistant - \$50
  9. Corresponding Student - \$20
- B. Student Physical Therapist and student Physical Therapist Assistant member dues are for 12 months from the time of renewal or join date. As of the last day of

the graduation month, the student Physical Therapist or student Physical Therapist Assistant member automatically converts to the Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant member category for the remainder of the 12 months of membership. Once the membership remainder expires, these new Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant members are eligible for the following dues rate schedule for the Association and chapter dues rate for a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant member.

<u>Year Postgraduation</u>	<u>Dues Rate</u>
Year 1	50% discount
Year 2	40% discount
Year 3	30% discount
Year 4	20% discount
Year 5	Full Dues

- C. All dues shall be for the period specified in the Association bylaws and shall be payable following the Association’s schedule.
- D. All dues changes approved by the Chapter membership and approved by the Association's Board of Directors before the Associations deadline will become effective on the first day of the Association’s next fiscal year.

**Section 4: Annual Financial Reporting**

The Chapter shall submit its annual financial statements, tax returns, and audit reports to the Association when and as directed by the APTA headquarters.

**ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION**

The Chapter may be dissolved subject to a recommendation to dissolve supported by no less than a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Chapter and adopted by the present and voting Chapter's members. Any residual funds on dissolution shall be dispensed as determined by the Board.

**ARTICLE XIV. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, latest edition, shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order adopted by the Chapter.

**ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1: Bylaws Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of the Chapter, provided that at least 30 days prior to that meeting a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent out to members of the Chapter. The bylaws may also be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership, voting by mail or electronic ballot, provided that

at least 30 days prior to the vote a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent out to members of the Chapter.

## **Section 2: Editorial Changes**

If the intent of an amendment is editorial or to bring the Chapter's bylaws into agreement with those of the Association, the amendment shall be made as required by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The President shall notify the Chapter's membership that such amendments have been made.

## **Section 3: Effective Date**

Amendments to the Chapter's bylaws become effective upon approval in writing by the Association's Board of Directors with the exception of changes in chapter dues which become effective on the first day of the fiscal year following approval.

## **ARTICLE XVI. ASSOCIATION AS HIGHER AUTHORITY**

In addition to these Chapter bylaws, the Chapter is governed by the Association's bylaws and standing rules, and by the Association's House of Delegates and Board of Directors policies.

### Approvals:

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### Additional:

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Proviso: In the first year the new cycle of elections occurs, elections will be conducted for all positions. The terms for those positions designated in the same numbered year as the year of the election (odd or even) shall be 2-year terms. The terms for those positions designated in the alternative year of the election (odd or even) shall be 1-year terms. Full, 2-year terms for the latter positions will commence in elections the following year.