

ACAPT BOARD BRIEF



Summer 2026

The ACAPT Board of Directors met virtually on August 7 for its annual onboarding session and regular Board meeting. The meeting provided an opportunity to welcome new and returning Board members, review current organizational work, and establish priorities for the coming year.

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

The Board approved its consent agenda, which included previous meeting minutes and updates related to ACAPT's finances, advocacy efforts, and ongoing operations.

The Board also welcomed Ubaid Tariq, ACAPT's new data analyst. Ubaid will support ACAPT's efforts to strengthen its data collection, analysis, reporting, and member resources.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Board discussed what it hopes to accomplish during the coming year and identified several areas of continued focus:

- Expanding opportunities for new voices and emerging leaders
- Strengthening leadership development
- Increasing member engagement
- Advancing ACAPT's advocacy efforts
- Improving the visibility and usefulness of ACAPT's data
- Building greater momentum and influence for academic physical therapy

These priorities will help guide Board discussions and organizational decision-making throughout the year.

BOARD GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

As part of its annual onboarding, the Board participated in a governance development session focused on effective board service and strategic leadership.

Board members discussed several qualities that will guide their work throughout the year, including:

- Preparation and active participation
- Curiosity and thoughtful inquiry
- Strategic and evidence-informed decision-making
- Trust and accountability
- Respectful communication
- Constructive discussion and healthy debate

The Board also completed a strategic questioning exercise based on a current organizational challenge. The exercise encouraged members to examine alignment, available evidence, underlying assumptions, potential risks, measures of success, and the possible effects of inaction.

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INSTITUTES AND VOLUNTEER-LED WORK

The Board reviewed updates and proposals from ACAPT's institutes related to program advancement, student success, artificial intelligence, scholarship, and assessment.

The discussion focused on ensuring that institute initiatives have clear objectives, achievable timelines, measurable outcomes, and strong alignment with ACAPT's strategic plan. Institute leaders, Board liaisons, and staff will continue working together to refine and advance this work.

The Board also approved the new ACAPT's AI Advisory Group. This structure will support coordination between the advisory group and ACAPT's broader work in teaching, learning, and educational innovation.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (ELC)

The Board received an update on preparations for the 2026 Educational Leadership Conference. Planning is progressing well across programming, sponsorship, exhibits, registration, and event logistics.

Sponsor and exhibitor interest remains strong, reflecting the value of ELC as a place for academic physical therapy leaders to learn, connect, and engage with partners across the profession. ACAPT and the APTA Academy of Education continue working together to prepare for a successful conference in Washington, D.C., this October.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Reference Committee provided an update on preparations for ACAPT's Annual Business Meeting. The committee is reviewing proposed motions, preparing governance materials, and working with the parliamentarian as needed.

The committee is also developing educational resources to help members better understand ACAPT's motion process and participate meaningfully in the organization's business. Additional materials and meeting information will be shared with members before ELC.

LOOKING AHEAD

The August meeting established a strong foundation for the Board's work during the coming year. The Board will continue focusing on ACAPT's strategic priorities, supporting the contributions of our institutes and volunteers, strengthening member engagement, and advancing the interests of academic physical therapy.

Thank you for your continued engagement with ACAPT. We look forward to sharing additional updates as this work progresses.

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