

ACAPT BOARD BRIEF



February 2026

DEAR MEMBERS,

As I share this update following our recent Board of Directors meeting in Anaheim, I am also marking a personal milestone: my first anniversary as your Executive Director. This past year has been one of the greatest honors of my professional life. I stepped into this role with deep respect for the work already underway and with a commitment to listen, learn, and serve this community with care. I am profoundly grateful for the trust you have extended to me, for the partnership of our volunteers and leaders, and for the dedication you bring to your students and programs every day. Your work continues to inspire and guide my own.

STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

The Board spent time discussing bylaws and succession planning to ensure ACAPT continues to benefit from strong, thoughtful leadership in the years ahead. This work is about stability, continuity, and preparing the organization to serve members well over the long term.

LAUNCHING A NEW PTA COLLABORATIVE

We approved the creation of a PTA Collaborative, which will provide a meaningful way for physical therapist assistant programs to share perspectives and inform Board discussions. We are excited about the opportunities this will create for stronger connection and dialogue across the education community.

CONTINUING THE INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE SURVEY (IPS)

The Board reaffirmed the importance of the Institutional Profile Survey and approved moving forward with this year's administration, with some thoughtful updates. We will be adding an advocacy-focused lens to better support national efforts on behalf of programs, while also working toward stronger data tools and reporting capabilities.

To support this, we will be issuing an RFP for a psychometrician who will help enhance survey design, analysis, and usability so that the data you provide returns meaningful value to your institutions.

SUPPORTING BETTER ACCESS TO DATA

We discussed ongoing challenges related to program access to national data sources and how this affects planning and decision-making. This remains an active area of exploration as we continue advocating for resources that benefit our member programs.

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

The Board reviewed progress on the Social Determinants of Health glossary and requested additional refinement to ensure strong academic grounding, transparency in methodology, and broad accessibility across institutions. We appreciate the task force's work and look forward to sharing the updated version with members.

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STUDENT FINANCING CONSIDERATIONS

We also discussed the complex issue of private loan endorsement. No endorsement was approved at this time. The Board agreed that continued conversation with partner organizations will help us better understand the implications for programs and students.

ACCREDITATION REFORM ENGAGEMENT

ACAPT has been invited to apply to participate in accreditation reform discussions. We will share more information as this work develops and as opportunities arise for member input.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

The Board completed advocacy training with ACAPT's federal lobbying group to equip our team for future meetings with policymakers and ensure our strategy for addressing physical therapy education matters aligns with governmental procedures.



A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

This first year has been filled with listening tours, conversations with program leaders, advocacy efforts on behalf of DPT education, and the steady work of building systems that will support ACAPT into the future. I have seen firsthand the passion, resilience, and commitment that define this community. It has reinforced my belief that ACAPT's strength comes from its members.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly, for your candor, and for your partnership. I look forward to continuing this work together and to the year ahead with optimism and determination.

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