



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

The American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT) Annual Meeting - October 17, 2024 Oakland, California

Call to Order

Vice President Peter Altenburger, PT, PhD, called the annual meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. EST on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at the Marriot City Center, Oakland, California. He reminded the audience of the protocols to be observed to ensure orderly and fair participation, during the business meeting. Attendees were reminded to seek recognition in the following manner:

Introduction

Dr. Altenburger introduced those seated at the head table: President Kimberly Varnado, PT, DPT, DHSc; Secretary, Beth Moody- Jones, PT, DPT, EdD, MS, OCS ; Treasurer Amy Heath, PT, DPT, PhD; Outgoing Executive Director, Sandy Brooks Incoming Interim Executive Director John Lewis and Parliamentarian, Colette Collier Trohan, MS, CAE, PRP, CPP-T.

Quorum Established

More than half of the 272 Member Institutions in good standing were present, in lieu of a roll call, the attached list represents the delegates who properly signed into **ElectionBuddy** with their name and institution.

Minutes Approval Committee

The chair appointed Alvaro Gurovich, PT, PhD, FACSM , Heather Ross, PT, MPT, PhD, and John Buford, PT, PhD, FAPTA to approve the minutes of the annual meeting.

Appointment of Timekeeper

Karl Bergmann, PT, ScD, OCS, COMT, CSCS was appointed timekeeper.



Approval of the Order of Business and Standing Rules Governing the Agenda

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Secretary Beth Moody-Jones moved the adoption of the Order of Business and the Standing Rules Governing the Annual Meeting as printed and distributed with notice of the annual meeting.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

President Kimberly Varnado reported on the accomplishments of ACAPT and the vision for the future.

Treasurer Amy Heath presented financial highlights from the fiscal year and reported that the Finance Committee. .

Peggy Gleeson, PT, Ph.D. Texas Woman's University, Chair of CAPTE (Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education), presented updates on the new CAPTE standards expected to go into effect in January 2024. Programs will have until 2026 to come into compliance.

Presentation of ACAPT Awards and Recognition:

Dr. Altenburger recognized the following recipients. Dr. Varnado presented awards to the following:

2024 recipient of the Emerging Educator Award – Derek Liuzzo, PT, DPT, PhD, MBA.

2024 recipient of the Innovation Award - Ian Rheault, PT, DPT, OCS.

2024 recipient of Friend of PT Award – Janet Stevenson.



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Recognition of Outgoing Board Members and Nominating Committee Member:

The following leaders were thanked for their participation over the past three years:

- Outgoing Vice President, Peter Altenburger Ph.D., PT
- Outgoing Director John Buford, PT, PhD, FAPTA
- Outgoing Director, Denise Bender, PT, J.D., M.Ed
- Outgoing Nominating Committee member, Jill Heitzman

Certificates of Commendation for extraordinary service were presented to:

- Kim Topp, Chair of the Data Advisory Committee
- Sheri Kiami, Vice Chair of SIPTEC
- Daniel Dale, Member of SIPTEC
- Susan Miale, member of SIPTEC

Welcome to New Leaders:

Dr. Altenburger congratulated the following on their election or appointment to the following positions for 2023-2026:

Board of Directors:

- Vice President, Patrick Pabian, PT, PhD, DPT
- Director, Kellee Harper-Hanigan, PT, PhD, DPT
- Director, Heather Ross, PT, MPT, PhD

Nominating Committee:

- Marisa Birkmeier, DPT



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The Clinical Education Commission:

- Chair, Matt Calendrillo, PT, DPT, BOCOP
- Vice Chair, External Affairs, Janette Scardillo, PT, DPT
- Vice Chair, Internal Affairs, Katie Myers, PT, PhD
- Secretary, Arvie Vitente, PT, DPT, PhD, MPH
- Commissioner, Carla Huggins, PT, DPT
- Commissioner, Jennifer Logan, PT, DPT
- Commissioner, Kelly Meyers, PT, DPT
- Commissioner, Tara Paradie, PT, MSPT, DHSc
- Commissioner, Paul Smith, PT, DPT

Institute chairs and vice chairs:

- Institute for Academic Advancement
 - Chair, Harsha Deoghare, PT, PhD
 - Vice Chair, Timothy Rethorn, PT, DPT
- Institute for Teaching & Learning
 - Chair, Frank Tudini, PT, DSc, OCS, FAAOMPT
 - Vice Chair, Michael Masaracchio, PT, DPT, PhD, OCS, FAAOMPT
- Institute for Scholarly Inquiry
 - Chair, Carole A. Tucker, PT, PhD
 - Vice Chair, Richard Souza, PT, PhD
- Institute for Community Engagement
 - Chair, Carol Beckel, PT, PhD
 - Vice Chair, Prisca Collins, PT, PhD

Presentation of Motions

ACAPT Board of Directors, presented by Amy Heath & Sara North

Amend Article III, Sections 1.A.1. and 1.A.2. as follows:

Section 1: Categories and Qualification of Members

ACAPT shall have members in the categories set forth below:

A) ~~Member Institutions~~ **Institutional Members**

1) Institutions of higher education located in the United States of America with a physical therapist education program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) **or granted Candidate for Accreditation status by CAPTE (PT candidacy Category A)** and pays the annual dues to ACAPT shall be ~~Member Institutions~~ **Institutional Members** of ACAPT.

2) ~~Member Institutions~~ **Institutional Members** shall be represented by ~~one full-time core academic faculty member~~ **two full-time core faculty members** (as defined by CAPTE) in the program as designated by the program director (hereinafter referred to as the Representative.)

a. ~~Member Institutions~~ **Institutional Members** shall identify their Representative each year at the time dues are paid.

b. ~~Member Institutions with more than one separately accredited physical therapist education program~~



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~~may have one Representative for each of those accredited physical therapist education programs.~~

c. Each Representative from any ~~Member Institution~~ **Institutional Member** must be a member in good standing of the Association.

d. The ~~Member Institution~~ **Institutional Members** may change their Representative by written notice at any time to the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT).

3) Academic and clinical education faculty (as defined by the Physical Therapy Clinical Education Glossary) of a ~~Member Institution~~ **an Institutional Member** shall have access to ACAPT resources as determined by the Board.

B) Associate Institutional Members

1) Institutions of higher education located in the United States of America with a physical therapist education program that has CAPTE-accredited expansion of program accreditation status to an additional program offering (e.g., expansion program) and pays annual dues to ACAPT shall be Associate Institutional Members of ACAPT.

2) ~~Member Institutions~~ **Associate Institutional Members** shall be represented by one ~~program director~~ or one full-time core faculty member (as defined by CAPTE) in the program as designated by the program director (hereinafter referred to as the Representative.)

2i) ~~Member Institutions~~ **Associate Institutional Members** shall identify their Representative each year at the time dues are paid.

2ii) ~~Member Institutions with more than one separately accredited physical therapist education program may have one Representative for each of those accredited physical therapist education programs.~~

2iii) Each Representative from any ~~Member Institution~~ **Associate Institutional Member** must be a member in good standing of the Association.

2iiiv) The ~~Member Institution~~ **Associate Institutional Member** may change their Representative by written notice at any time to the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT).

Section 2: Rights of Representatives of ~~Member Institutions~~

A) Representatives of ~~Member Institutions~~ **Institutional Members and Association Institutional Members** shall have the following rights:

1) To attend all ACAPT business meetings

2) To speak and debate

3) To make, co-sponsor, and second motions

4) To vote

5) To hold office

6) To designate an individual ~~from the academic faculty~~ of the Member Institution with authority to act according to the above rights on behalf of the Representative in his or her absence. Delegation of the authority of the Representative of a ~~Member Institution~~ **an Institutional Member** to an individual from the academic faculty from the same institution must be submitted in writing to ACAPT by the Representative of the Member Institution (or, in extenuating circumstances, by an administrative representative of the Member Institution) at least 1 week in advance of exercising a Member Institution's right to representation or hand-carried by the individual from academic faculty into a business meeting and presented to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.



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Amend Article III, Sections 1 as follows:

Section 1: Categories and Qualification of Members: Add new section 1.C:

The motion was approved 118/29

C) Provisional Institutional Members shall be Institutions of higher education located in the United States of America with a physical therapist education program that are CAPTE-recognized pre-accreditation developing programs who have either submitted an Application for Candidacy but have not yet received Candidate for Accreditation status (PT candidacy Category B) or who have notified the Department of Accreditation that a Program Director has been employed (PT candidacy Category C) and pays the annual dues to ACAPT shall be Provisional Institutional Members of ACAPT.

The motion was approved 118/29

Elections 2025, schedule, positions and application:

Nominating Committee member Amber Fitzsimmons, PT, MS, DPTSc, announced the open positions for the 2025 elections: 1 position for Board of Directors, Secretary, (1) member of the Nominating Committee, Vice Chairs for the Institutes. Those wishing to serve should submit their consent and bios by February 28, 2025. The slate will be announced April 15; polls open May 17 and close June 21. Those elected assume office at the close of October 17, 2025, Annual Meeting.

PT PAC update:

Arie Van Duijn, PT, MScPT, EdD, provided updates on PT PAC efforts and accomplishments. In addition, he provided methods for ACAPT members to contribute financially to PT PAC.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Varnado

Kimberly Varnado, PT, DPT, DHSc
ACAPT Secretary

Minutes Approval Committee

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