



# AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

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11        **PROPOSED BY:** ACAPT Board of Directors

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13        **TITLE: AMEND BY REVISION: BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF**

14        **ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY**

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16        **To be read-in as a revision to original motion:**

17        **The Board of Directors intends to move AC-1 with the deletion of this section of the revised**

18        **bylaws:**

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20        **Article V. OFFICERS, Section 2. Qualifications. Only Representatives of Member**

21        **Institutions are eligible to serve as an officer of ACAPT.**

22        **A. Eligibility to Serve as President:**

23            **1. Must have served on the ACAPT Board of Directors for at least one (1) full term**

24            **in the last five (5) years.**

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27        **MOTION LANGUAGE:**

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29        That the bylaws of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy be amended by revision.

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33                    **BYLAWS**

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35                    **ARTICLE I**

36                    **NAME**

37        **Article I. Name and Relationship to American Physical Therapy Association**

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39        The American Council of Academic Physical Therapy, hereinafter referred to as "ACAPT," **is**

40        **a Virginia Not-For-Profit Corporation.** shall be a component of the American Physical

41        Therapy Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association."



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## ARTICLE II PURPOSE

**Section 1. Purposes.** The purposes of ACAPT are:

- A. To develop, implement, and assess new and innovative models for curricula, clinical education, teaching/learning, scholarship/research, mentoring, and leadership in physical therapist education;
- B. To provide mechanisms for active and ongoing involvement of physical therapist educators and researchers to promote quality physical therapist education standards at the institutional and national levels;
- C. To promote academic physical therapist education through collaboration with organizations and institutions that represent health professional education; and
- D. To provide resources, mentorship and leadership to those seeking change and improvement in academic programs/departments/schools associated with physical therapist education.

## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1: Categories and Qualification of Membership.** ACAPT shall have the following membership categories:

### A. Member Institutions

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) and that pays the annual dues to ACAPT shall be Member Institutions of ACAPT.
2. Member Institutions shall be represented by one (1) DPT program director or one (1) full-time core faculty member, as defined by CAPTE, in the program as designated by the program director. This individual shall be referred to as the “Representative.”
  - a. Member Institutions shall identify their Representative each year at the time dues are paid.
  - b. Member Institutions with more than one (1) separately accredited physical therapist education program may have one (1) Representative for each of those accredited physical therapist education programs.
  - c. Each Representative from any Member Institution must be a member in good standing of the Association.
  - d. The Member Institution may change its Representative at any time by providing written notice of the change to ACAPT.

### B. Individual Members

1. A faculty member or clinical affiliate of a Member Institution who has been confirmed through the Member Institution’s Representative shall be admitted to membership as an Individual Member.
2. Individual Members shall be required to be members of the Association.



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### 1 **Section 2: Rights of Representatives of Member Institution Representatives.**

2 Representatives of Membership Institutions shall have the following rights:

3 A. To attend all ACAPT business meetings and:

- 4 1. To speak in debate;
- 5 2. To make, co-sponsor, and second motions;
- 6 3. To vote;
- 7 4. To hold office;
- 8 5. To serve in appointed positions;
- 9 6. To serve on task forces and committees; and
- 10 7. To be elected to a leadership position of a Consortium.

11 B. To designate an Individual Member of the Membership Institution with authority to act  
12 according to the rights outlined in A. above on behalf of the Representative in his/her  
13 absence.

- 14 1. Delegation of the authority of the Representative of a Member Institution to an  
15 Individual Member from the same institution must be:
  - 16 a. submitted in writing to ACAPT by the Representative of the Member Institution  
17 at least one (1) week in advance of exercising a Member Institution's right to  
18 representation; or
  - 19 b. hand-carried by the Individual Member to the business meeting and presented to  
20 the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.
- 21 2. In extenuating circumstances, an administrative representative of the Membership  
22 Institution may execute the written notice.

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24 **Section 3. Rights of Individual Members.** Individual Members shall have the following  
25 rights:

26 A. To attend all ACAPT business meetings and:

- 27 1. To speak in debate;
- 28 2. To make motions that are co-sponsored by the same Member Institution's  
29 Representative;
- 30 3. To serve in appointed positions; and
- 31 4. To serve on task forces and committees.

### 32 33 **Section 4: Application for and Admission to Membership**

34 A. Membership Institutions. Payment of ACAPT dues shall constitute application for and  
35 admission to membership.

36 B. Individual Membership. A faculty member or clinical affiliate of a Member Institution  
37 who has been confirmed through the Member Institution's Representative shall be admitted to  
38 membership. Individual members do not pay dues to ACAPT.

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40 **Section 5: Good Standing.** Good standing shall be defined as follows:

41 A. Member Institutions .

- 42 1. Timely payment of all ACAPT dues; and
- 43 2. Maintenance of accreditation through CAPTE.

44 B. Individual Members.



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- 1 1. Are a faculty member or clinical affiliate confirmed by the Representative of a  
2 Member Institution.

## 3 4 **Section 6. Suspension or Revocation and Termination of Membership.**

### 5 A. Member Institutions:

- 6 1. A Member Institution whose dues have not been received by forty five (45) calendar  
7 days before the Annual Meeting shall be considered to be in arrears and its membership  
8 rights shall be suspended.
- 9 2. A Member Institution whose dues are not received within fourteen (14) calendar days  
10 before the Annual Meeting shall have its membership revoked and all rights of membership  
11 shall be terminated.
- 12 3. If a Member Institution no longer has a program accredited by CAPTE, the Member  
13 Institution shall have its membership revoked and all rights of membership shall be  
14 terminated.
  - 15 a. If one of the separately accredited programs of a Member Institution with more  
16 than one program is no longer accredited by CAPTE, the Representative  
17 associated with that program shall cease to be a Representative and may not  
18 exercise any membership rights on behalf of the Member Institution.

### 19 B. Individual Members:

- 20 1. Any Individual Member who is suspended by the Association and/or Member  
21 Institution shall have his or her membership rights suspended. Membership rights may be  
22 reinstated upon reinstatement by the Association and/or Member Institution
- 23 2. An Individual Member who is expelled by the Member Institution shall have his/her  
24 membership rights terminated.

## 25 26 **Section 7: Reinstatement**

### 27 A. Member Institutions

- 28 1. A Member Institution whose membership has been revoked due to nonpayment of dues  
29 may be readmitted upon payment of dues.
- 30 2. A Member Institution whose membership has terminated due to loss of accreditation  
31 may reapply for admission if Accreditation status is reinstated.

### 32 B. Individual Members

- 33 1. A former Individual Member of ACAPT who is in good standing in the Member  
34 Institution may be reinstated to ACAPT Individual Membership if that individual meets  
35 the requirements of Individual Membership.

## 36 37 **ARTICLE IV** 38 **MEETINGS**

### 39 40 **Section 1: Annual Meeting.** An Annual Meeting of the Member Institutions:

- 41 A. Scheduling. Shall be held each year at a date, time, and place as determined by the Board  
42 of Directors;
- 43 B. Purpose. Shall be held for the purpose of conducting ACAPT's business and other  
44 activities in accordance with the purposes of ACAPT.



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- 1 C. Authority of Representative. The Representative, or the Representative's designee, shall  
2 have the authority to:
- 3 1. Amend, revise, or rescind the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws;
  - 4 2. Enact policies of ACAPT;
  - 5 3. Approval all resolutions and statements of opinion in the name of ACAPT; and
  - 6 4. Act on any other business appropriate to come before the Member Institutions.

7 D. Motions.

- 8 1. Proposed motions must be submitted to ACAPT's Board of Directors no later than  
9 two (2) months prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.
- 10 2. The Board of Directors shall provide the motions meeting the two month deadline and  
11 to be considered at the Annual Meeting to the Representatives at least thirty (30) days  
12 prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.
- 13 3. Motions that do not meet the two (2) month requirement may be considered at the  
14 Annual Meeting upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Representatives present and  
15 voting.
- 16 4. Motions that do not meet the two (2) month requirement shall be distributed to all  
17 Representatives at the start of the Annual Meeting.

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19 **Section 2. Special Meetings**

- 20 A. Scheduling. Special Meetings of the Representatives may be called by a majority vote of  
21 the Board of Directors and/or shall be called upon receipt of written petitions from  
22 Representatives representing at least a majority of Member Institutions.

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24 **Section 3. Notice**

- 25 A. Written notice of the date, time, and place of the Annual Meeting shall be sent to all  
26 Member Institutions at least thirty (30) days before the date of the scheduled meeting.
- 27 B. Written notice of the date, time, and place of a Special Meeting shall be sent to all Member  
28 Institutions at least ten (10) days before the date of the scheduled meeting.
- 29 C. Notice may be provided by mail, personal service, or to the electronic mail address on  
30 record at ACAPT for the Member Institution Representative.

31 **Section 4. Quorum**

32 A quorum for any Annual or Special Meeting shall be at least a majority of the Representatives  
33 representing the Member Institutions in good standing with ACAPT.

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36 **ARTICLE V**  
37 **OFFICERS**  
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39 **Section 1. Officers.** The officers of ACAPT shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary,  
40 and Treasurer.

41 **Section 2. Duties.** The officers shall perform the duties provided in this section and such other  
42 duties as are prescribed for the office in these bylaws, by the ACAPT Board of Directors, by  
43 the president, or in the adopted parliamentary authority.

44 A. Duties of the President. The President shall:



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- 1 1. Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and Executive Committee;
- 2 2. In the event of the absence or incapacity of the Vice President, preside at the meetings
- 3 of the Representatives of the Member Institutions;
- 4 3. Be the official spokesperson for ACAPT or shall designate an individual to serve as
- 5 spokesperson;
- 6 4. Present a written report of the activities of ACAPT at the Annual Meeting; and
- 7 5. Serve as an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

8 B. Duties of the Vice President. The Vice President shall:

- 9 1. Preside at all meetings of the Representatives of Member Institutions;
- 10 2. Temporarily assume the duties of President in the absence or incapacity of the
- 11 President; and
- 12 3. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, succeed to the Presidency for the
- 13 remainder of the unexpired term.

14 C. Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall:

- 15 1. Be responsible for ensuring that minutes of all meetings are recorded and distributed
- 16 for all meetings of the Representatives, the Board of Directors, and the Executive
- 17 Committee;
- 18 2. Be responsible for ensuring that all official notices are provided to the membership;
- 19 and
- 20 3. Be responsible for ensuring the maintenance of the records of all official actions of the
- 21 Representatives, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee.

22 D. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:

- 23 1. Present the annual budget to the Board of Directors;
- 24 2. Maintain complete and accurate financial records, including a record of all receipts and
- 25 disbursements;
- 26 3. Provide a written financial report at the Annual Meeting;
- 27 4. Serve as Chair of the Finance Committee;
- 28 5. Recommend to the Board of Directors an auditor to complete the annual audit of the
- 29 financial records; and
- 30 6. Provide financial reports to the Board of Directors at least quarterly or upon request of
- 31 the Board.

32 **Section 3. Term of Office.**

33 A. Officers shall assume office at the close of business at the Annual Meeting in the year in

34 which they are elected.

35 B. The term of office shall be for three years or until a successor is elected and assumes

36 office.

- 37 1. A person who serves more than half of a term in an office shall be considered as having
- 38 completed a full term.

39 C. No person shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the Board of Directors or

40 more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

- 41 1. A person who has completed the maximum consecutive terms shall be eligible to run
- 42 for office again after one full year out of office.

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44 **Section 4. Vacancies.**





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- 1 A. If a vacancy occurs in any office except President, within the first twelve months of a  
2 three-year term and at least two months before the Annual Meeting, the Nominating  
3 Committee shall present at least one (1) candidate for election at the next Annual Meeting  
4 to fill the remainder of the unexpired term.
- 5 B. If a vacancy occurs after the first twelve months of a three-year term, or if the vacancy  
6 occurs less than two months before the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall  
7 appoint an individual to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.
- 8 C. Individuals appointed to fill a vacancy for less than one-half of a full term shall be eligible  
9 to be elected and serve for two full terms.

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11 **ARTICLE VI**  
12 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
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14 **Section 1. Composition** The Board of Directors of ACAPT shall be the officers and five  
15 Directors-at-Large. The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio member without vote.

16 **Section 2. Qualifications.** Only Representatives of Member Institutions are eligible to serve  
17 on the Board of Directors.

18 **Section 3. Duties.** The Board of Directors shall:

- 19 A. Carry out the mandates and policies of ACAPT as set by the membership at the Annual  
20 Meeting;
- 21 B. Foster the growth and development of ACAPT;
- 22 C. Approve the annual budget;
- 23 D. Create and appoint special committees and task forces as necessary;
- 24 E. Create and appoint consortia as necessary, and facilitate the activities of the consortia;
- 25 F. Establish the date, time, place, and program for the Annual Meeting;
- 26 G. Develop and maintain procedural documents related to the Bylaws;
- 27 H. Review and revise ACAPT policies for consistency with policies adopted by the  
28 membership at a Meeting;
- 29 I. Have general supervision of ACAPT between meetings of ACAPT. No action of the Board  
30 shall countermand any action taken by the membership of ACAPT.

31 **Section 4. Meetings.**

- 32 A. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet at least two times per calendar year,  
33 at a date, time, and place established by the Board of Directors.
- 34 B. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President and shall be called  
35 upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Board.
- 36 C. Electronic Meetings. The Board of Directors may meet via electronic means as long as all  
37 there is simultaneous aural communication amongst all individuals participating.
- 38 D. Notice of Regular Meetings. Notice of regular meetings shall be provided no later than 30  
39 days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting.
- 40 E. Notice of Special Meetings. Notice of a special meeting shall be provided no later than 10  
41 days prior to the date of the meeting and shall include the purpose for which the meeting  
42 is called.
- 43 F. Quorum. The quorum for any regular or special meeting shall be a majority of the  
44 members of the Board of Directors then in office.



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## ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

### Section 1. Executive Committee.

- A. Composition. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of ACAPT. The Executive Director shall serve as an ex-officio member without vote.
- B. Duties. The Executive Committee shall exercise the responsibilities of the Board of Directors between meetings of the Board of Directors. All actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. No action of the Executive Committee shall countermand the actions of the Board of Directors or the membership of ACAPT.
- C. Meetings.
  1. Regular Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet at least two times per calendar year at a date, time, and place established by the Executive Committee.
  2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.
  3. Notice of Regular Meetings. Notice of regular meetings shall be provided no later than 30 days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting.
  4. Notice of Special Meetings. Notice of special meetings shall be provided at least 48 hours in advance of the meetings and shall include the purpose for which the meeting is called.
  5. Quorum. The quorum for any regular or special meeting shall be a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.
  6. Electronic Meetings. The Executive Committee may meet via electronic means as long as all there is simultaneous aural communication amongst all individuals participating.

### Section 2. Finance Committee.

- A. Composition. The Finance Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer and shall include at least two (2) other members appointed by the ACAPT Board of Directors. In each year in which a Treasurer is not elected, at least one (1) member shall be appointed
- B. Term. The term of office for the members appointed by the Board of Directors shall be three years or until a successor is appointed and assumed office.
- C. Duties. The Finance Committee shall:
  1. Advise the Board of Directors on matters pertaining to ACAPT's financial needs, growth, and stability based on a periodic review of income, expenditures, and investments.
  2. Prepare an annual budget for the Treasurer to present to the Board of Directors.
  3. Serve as the contact point for the independent auditors, meeting at least annually with the auditors to discuss the annual audit.
    - a. The committee shall advise the Board of Directors of any irregularities or materials findings in the financial records.





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## **Section 3. Nominating Committee.**

- A. Composition. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members who are Representatives of Member Institutions and who are elected by the Representatives at the Annual Meeting.
- B. Term. Members shall serve a term of three (3) years or until their successors are elected and assume office.
  - 1. The term of office shall commence at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting at which the member is elected.
  - 2. One (1) member of the committee shall be elected at each Annual Meeting.
  - 3. No individual shall be elected or appointed to successive complete terms.
- C. Chair. The chair of the committee shall be elected annually by the committee from the members of the committee.
- D. Duties. The Nominating Committee shall:
  - 1. Provide a slate of candidates for each position up for election.
    - a. Each candidate shall consent in writing to serve;
    - b. The slate of candidates shall be provided to the Representatives at least two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting;
  - 2. Foster activities that maintain and promote a pool of qualified individuals willing to be nominated for office;
  - 3. Perform other duties as prescribed by these Bylaws or as directed by the Board of Directors or the ACAPT membership.

## **Section 4. Reference Committee.**

- A. Composition. The Reference Committee shall consist of three (3) Representatives appointed by the Board of Directors. The Vice President shall serve as an ex-officio member.
- B. Term. Each appointed member shall serve a term of three (3) years or until the successor is appointed and assumes office. One (1) member shall be appointed each year no later than November 1.
- C. Duties. The Reference Committee shall review all proposals and/or amendments to the Bylaws which are to be presented to the Representatives at the Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1. Nominations by Committee.** The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers, directors, and Nominating Committee member in accordance with Article VII of these Bylaws.

### **Section 2. Nomination by Petition.**

- A. On petition of at least five (5) Member Institution Representatives, a qualified representative shall have his/her name placed in nominating for officer, director, or



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1 Nominating Committee member. The Representative shall have consented in writing to  
2 serve as elected to the office for which he/she is nominated.

3 B. A nominating petition must be filed with the Secretary no later than fourteen (14) days  
4 after the slate presented by the Nominating Committee has been presented to the  
5 Representatives.

6 C. Candidates nominated by petition shall be provided similar opportunities for publication  
7 of candidacy to the Representatives as the opportunities provided a candidate nominated  
8 by the Nominating Committee.

### 9 **Section 3. Elections.**

10 A. The Representatives shall elect the officers, directors, and members of the Nominating  
11 Committee.

12 B. Elections shall be conducted annually, prior to the Annual Meeting, at a time established  
13 by the Board of Directors.

14 C. Elections shall be conducted on-line or via another method established by the Board of  
15 Directors.

16 D. A majority of votes cast shall be required for election.

## 17 18 **ARTICLE IX** 19 **FINANCES AND DUES**

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21 **Section 1: Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of ACAPT shall be January 1 through December 31.  
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### 23 **Section 2: Expenditures.**

24 A. Individuals and committees. No officer, director, employee, or committee member, or  
25 committee shall expend any funds not established in the adopted budget, nor expend any money  
26 in excess of the adopted budget, unless expressly authorized by the Board of Directors.

27 B. Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Neither the Board of Directors nor the  
28 Executive Committee shall commit ACAPT to any financial obligations in excess of its current  
29 financial resources.

30 **Section 3: Dues.** Membership dues shall be as follows:  
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32 A. Member Institutions.

33 1. Annual dues for each separately accredited program shall be established by  
34 the ACAPT Board of Directors.

35 2. Pro-rated.

36 Institutions of higher education located in the United States of America with a physical  
37 therapist education program that obtain initial accreditation from CAPTE in the Fall  
38 may pay half of the established Annual due-period January 1 - June 30 following their  
39 initial accreditation.

40 B. Individual Members. Individual Members shall not pay dues.

41 C. Dues Changes. All dues changes must be approved by the Board of Directors.

42 D. Assessments. ACAPT may impose assessments on Member Institutions to preserve the  
43 solvency of ACAPT.  
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3 **Section 4: Audits and Financial Reports**

4 ACAPT shall submit the annual audits, financial statements, and tax returns to the  
5 Association as directed by the Association.  
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7 **ARTICLE X**  
8 **CONSORTIA**  
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10 **Section 1. Establishment.** Member Institutions may establish consortia following these  
11 procedures:

- 12 A. **Application.** At least five (5) Representatives of Member Institutions shall complete  
13 the “Application to Form a Consortium” and submit it to ACAPT in accordance with  
14 ACAPT Procedures for the Establishment and Operation of a Consortium.  
15 B. **Executive Committee Review.** ACAPT’s Executive Committee shall review the  
16 Application and will take one of the following actions:  
17 1. Approve it for consideration by the ACAPT Board of Directors;  
18 2. Ask for further clarification and then either deny the application or submit it to the  
19 ACAPT Board of Directors of consideration; or  
20 3. deny the application for formation of a consortium.  
21 C. **Review of Approved Applications.** Applications approved by the ACAPT Executive  
22 Committee will be considered by the ACAPT Board at its next regular meeting. The  
23 Board of Directors will either approve or deny the application.  
24 D. **Appeal of Denial of Application.** Five (5) or more of the Institutional Members who  
25 submitted the Application that was denied by the ACAPT Board may appeal the denial  
26 decision to the ACAPT Board.

27 **Section 2. Composition.** Consortia are comprised of Individual Members. Any additional  
28 criteria for membership shall be established in ACAPT *Procedures for the Establishment and*  
29 *Operation of a Consortium.*

30 **Section 3. Role.** The role of a consortium is to provide a forum for Individual members to  
31 gather and disseminate information related to a specific area of shared interest and to provide  
32 a line of communication within ACAPT and with the ACAPT Board of Directors.

33 **Section 4. Voting Privileges.** A consortium does not hold voting privileges within ACAPT.

34 **Section 5. Operation.** Consortia shall operate under ACAPT *Procedures for the Establishment*  
35 *and Operation of a Consortium*, including amendments, approved by the ACAPT Board of  
36 Directors.

37 **Section 6. Dissolution.** The ACAPT Board of Directors may dissolve a consortium for cause  
38 by a two-thirds vote. In the event a consortium is dissolved, all property, records, and remaining  
39 funds after payment of bona fide debts shall be transferred to ACAPT.  
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41 **ARTICLE XI.**  
42 **DISSOLUTION OF ACAPT**  
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1 **Section 1. Vote to Dissolve.** ACAPT may be dissolved by a vote of the Representatives of  
2 the Member Institutions in accordance with § 13.1-902 of the Virginia Nonstock Corporation  
3 Act.

4 **Section 2. Property and Records.** All property and records in the possession of ACAPT at  
5 the time of dissolution shall be distributed in accordance with § 13.1-907(A)(1-3) of the  
6 Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act. All remaining funds, after payment of all bona fide debts,  
7 any remaining property, and remaining records shall be transferred to the Association.  
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## 9 **ARTICLE XII.**

### 10 **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

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12 The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall  
13 govern ACAPT in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent  
14 with these Bylaws and any special rules of order that ACAPT may adopt.  
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## 16 **ARTICLE XIII.**

### 17 **AMENDMENTS**

18 **Section 1. Vote Required.** The Bylaws may be amended at any meeting by two-thirds vote  
19 of the Representatives.

20 **Section 2. Notice.** Notice of proposed amendments shall be given to the Member  
21 Institutions at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be considered.  
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## 24 **ARTICLE XIV**

### 25 **ASSOCIATION AS HIGHER AUTHORITY**

26 In addition to these bylaws, ACAPT is governed by the Association's Bylaws and standing  
27 rules, and by the Association's House of Delegates and Board of Director Policies.  
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### 29 **SUPPORT STATEMENT:**

30 As ACAPT has matured as an organization and grown in governance structures, the BOD  
31 hired the consultative services of a Parliamentarian to review current bylaws, standing rules,  
32 and assist the BOD in deliberating and governing in a productive and efficient manner. At  
33 the recommendation from our Parliamentarian, this revision includes a significant amount of  
34 reformatting with more precision of language in many sections without changing significant  
35 content. The substantive changes with respect to rights and privileges are found in the  
36 following Articles:

37 **Article VII. COMMITTEES, Section 4A, Reference Committee** – *removal of the*  
38 *requirement that only representatives may serve on the reference committee.* Members of the  
39 Reference Committee are currently identified as the representative with voting authority on  
40 behalf of their member institution. Since members of the Reference Committee can be  
41 involved in helping structure motions which may be unfavorable to the institution associated  
42 with the Reference Committee member this creates a potential conflict of interest. Thus, by



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1 removing the requirement that the Committee is comprised of only the voting representative,  
2 we hope to remove the conflict of interest in the vote.

3 **Article IX. FINANCES AND DUES, Section 3, Dues, A Member Institutions** – *removal*  
4 *of amounts* – Consistent with APTA bylaws and those of most other associations, removal of  
5 the specific amount of the dues expands ACAPT’s ability to not require a bylaws revision to  
6 propose a dues change. Rather, it would only require a main motion.

7 **Article XIII. AMENDMENTS, Section 1. Vote Required** – *removal of reference to Annual*  
8 *Meeting for bylaws changes* – This allows for greater flexibility for amendments to the  
9 bylaws to occur outside of just the Annual Meeting.

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### 11 **REFERENCES:**

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13 See [separate efile](#) provided with *Track Changes* to see all formatting and revisions.

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### 15 **CURRENT BYLAWS:**

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17 [https://acapt.org/docs/default-source/bylaws-rules/acapt-bylaws-approved-by-members-oct-](https://acapt.org/docs/default-source/bylaws-rules/acapt-bylaws-approved-by-members-oct-2018.pdf?sfvrsn=21bb8bd8_2)  
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