



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

AC-3-21

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PROPOSED BY: ACAPT Board of Directors

TITLE: AMEND BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY TO ALLOW FOR DUES INCREASE OF \$500 EFFECTIVE 2022

MOTION LANGUAGE:

That the bylaws of the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy, Article VIII Finances, Section 3: Dues A) be amended by substitution by striking the amounts in i) and ii) and replacing them with \$3000 and 1,500 respectively so that it would read:

Section 3: Dues

A) The dues shall be as follows

- i) Member Institutions Dues shall not exceed ~~\$2,500~~ **\$3,000** per separately accredited program per year and shall be determined by the ACAPT Board of Directors
- ii) Institutions of higher education located in the United States of America with a physical therapist education program that obtain initial accreditation from CAPTE in the fall may pay an one-time only half dues of ~~\$1,250~~ **\$1,500** between January 1 - June 30 in the year following their fall accreditation.

Proviso: This dues increase would go into effect for the 2022 Membership cycle

***SECONDARY PROVISIO:**

This motion will not be in order if AC-1-21 passes

SUPPORT STATEMENT:

Ten years ago, in 2011 the ACAPT Finance Committee established our existing dues structure of \$2500. Below is a simple snapshot of the magnitude of positive change that has occurred within ACAPT over these ten years, most explicitly in the last three years, that justifies this nominal increase in dues.

Dues support the creation of resources: Dues are used to provide our members with the resources they need to ensure excellence in physical therapy education and in a decade's time the resources being provided by ACAPT continue to grow. Some of these resources include the products from our nine consortia, timely webinars on pedagogical and curricular issues, a robust website, the COVID teaching resources, advocacy efforts with CAPTE, the APTA and organizations in higher education, representation at the ELP and the leadership compass.



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51 Dues and operations: The last few years ACAPT staff has grown from a single Executive Director to four
52 individuals (3 FTE) including our full-time Executive Director, a part-time Communications & Data
53 Strategist/Special Projects Lead, a full-time Events and Partner Strategies Coordinator, and a part-time
54 Database and Office Administrator. In July 2020 ACAPT's contract for management services with APTA
55 ended and ACAPT moved to a new headquarters. The costs associated with the management of day-to-day
56 operations from leased space to technology are higher.

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58 Dues and the future: ACAPT's future signature initiatives including the initiatives we will engage in through
59 our strategic planning process, the 2022 NEDIC summit, the data repository and the establishment of the
60 criteria for excellence framework, work identified through ELP initiatives, purchase of a learning management
61 system, and more deliverables that provide for best practices, guidelines, standards will all require a significant
62 financial commitment.

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64 Dues in comparison to our peer organizations: Benchmarking data against peer associations such as the
65 Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) and Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (ACP) shows that
66 this increase in dues is consistent with or still falls below their dues structures (see below).

67 American Association of Medical Colleges - \$65,000
68 Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health - \$35,000
69 Association of Colleges of Pharmacy - \$29,000
70 American Dental Education Association - \$25,000
71 Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry - \$20,000
72 Association of Colleges of Nursing - \$5,539 (\$2,770 in the first year)
73 Physician Assistant Education Association - \$4,275 (\$2,915 for developing or international)

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75 The future is bright for ACAPT as long as we can continue to fund that future and this relatively small dues
76 increase is definitely appropriate.

REFERENCES:

CURRENT BYLAWS:

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83 <https://acapt.org/about/governance/policies-bylaws#>
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