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

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

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

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

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

REFERENCES:

CURRENT BYLAWS:

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