



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

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

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13 **TITLE:** INCREASE IN DUES AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY
14 **EFFECTIVE 2022**

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16 **MOTION LANGUAGE:**

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18 That effective in 2022, Member Institution dues will be \$3,000 per accredited program per year. Institutions of
19 higher education located in the United States of America with a physical therapist education program that
20 obtain initial accreditation from CAPTE in the fall may pay an one-time only half dues of **\$1,500** between
21 January 1 - June 30 in the year following their fall accreditation

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24 **SUPPORT STATEMENT:**

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26 Ten years ago, in 2011 the ACAPT Finance Committee established our existing dues structure of \$2500. Below is
27 a simple snapshot of the magnitude of positive change that has occurred within ACAPT over these ten years, most
28 explicitly in the last three years, that justifies this nominal increase (\$500) in dues.

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

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

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

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

52 American Association of Medical Colleges - \$65,000

53 Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health - \$35,000

54 Association of Colleges of Pharmacy - \$29,000

55 American Dental Education Association - \$25,000

56 Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry - \$20,000

57 Association of Colleges of Nursing - \$5,539 (\$2,770 in the first year)

58 Physician Assistant Education Association - \$4,275 (\$2,915 for developing or international)

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

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63 **REFERENCES:**

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66 **CURRENT BYLAWS:**

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68 [https://acapt.org/docs/default-source/bylaws-rules/acapt-bylaws-approved-by-members-oct-
69 2018.pdf?sfvrsn=21bb8bd8_2](https://acapt.org/docs/default-source/bylaws-rules/acapt-bylaws-approved-by-members-oct-2018.pdf?sfvrsn=21bb8bd8_2)

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