



# AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

## IMPLICATIONS FOR MOTION LANGUAGE

The following list, developed by the Reference Committee, identifies the implication of certain language that may be used in motions to be considered by the House. This standardized language helps to clarify the implication or direction of any position, standard, guideline, policy, or procedure, or charge adopted by the House. Delegates should refer to this standardized list to ensure that the words selected are consistent with the intent of the action or any outcome expected.

### APPROPRIATE TO USE

Word	Definition	Association Interpretation	Fiscal Implication (monetary and human resources)	Assoc Action Req'd (y/n)
Advocate	To speak on favor of; recommend	Emphasize, raise awareness of. Not as strong as pursue, support, promote	Minimal to moderate	Y
Conduct	To direct the course of: control; To guide or lead	Implies an action, but prefer the use of the words "Develop and Implement"	Usually significant	Y
Develop	To bring into being; make active	Requires action; generally requires an end product	Usually significant	Y
Encourage	To give support to; to foster; to stimulate	Non-financial support; to foster member action	Minimal to moderate	Y
Endorse	To give approval of or support to	General approval or support with minimal financial commitment	Minimal	Y
Evaluate	To determine or fix the value of; to examine carefully or appraise	Requires action; requires an end product	Minimal to significant	Y
Identify	To find out the original nature or obligation	Requires action; requires an end product	Moderate to significant	Y
Implement	To put into effect	Put into effect; make happen	Usually significant	Y
May	To be allowed or permitted	Allowed or permitted, but does not obligate	None to significant	Y/N
Oppose	To be in disagreement with or resistant to	Affirmative statement of opposition	None to significant	Y
Promote	To raise to a more important or reasonable rank; to contribute to the progress or growth of; to urge adoption of (advocate)	Raise to a more important rank; Emphasize; Raise awareness; not as strong as "pursue" or "support"; stronger than advocate, endorse	Minimal to moderate	Y

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Provide	To furnish; supply; to make available	Requires action, generally requires an end product	Minimal to significant	Y
Pursue	To strive to obtain or accomplish	Strongly implies goal directed activity with an identified end product	Moderate to significant	Y
Recognize	To acknowledge, sanction	Public acknowledgement	None to minimal	Y/N
Shall	Used to express duty or obligation	Obligates action and is preferred over "should" and stronger than "may"	Minimal to significant	Y
Should	Used to express expectation	Use judiciously. Implies expectation, not action		N
Support	To provide for, by supplying with money; to aid the cause of by approving, favoring or advocating	Implies action but not necessarily the attainment of an end product; not as strong as "pursue" but stronger than "endorse" and "promote"; Stronger than advocate	Minimal to significant	Y

### INAPPROPRIATE TO USE

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Charge		Inappropriate for use in motions (motion is a charge)		N
Consider	To think about seriously	Inappropriate for use in motions		N
Ought	Probability or likelihood; duty or obligation	Inappropriate for use in motions; use shall or may		N
Recommend	To counsel or advise (that something be done)	Inappropriate for use in motions (only a suggestion; does not imply action)		N
Will	To decree; to resolve with a forceful will	Inappropriate for use in motions (implies expectation, not action; use "shall" or "may")		N