

Fall Assembly to Consider Bylaw Amendment

The following is a proposed bylaw amendment that will be considered at the Fall Assembly of Representatives meeting, September 15, 2017 at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2017 CPTA Annual Conference. This notice of proposed amendments meets the requirement of the CPTA Bylaws, Article XVIII. Amendments, Section 2., Amendment by Assembly of Representatives, which requires that at least 30 days prior to this meeting a copy of the proposed amendment be provided to all Physical Therapist, Retired Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, and Life Physical Therapist Assistant but did not meet the noted deadline. This motion has been reviewed and approved by CPTA Reference Committee but has not been reviewed or approved by APTA.

Proposed by: San Joaquin Valley District

That the Chapter Bylaws, Article VII. Assembly of Representatives., Section 3. District Representatives., A. be amended by substitution so that the section reads:

“Each District shall elect a Chief Representative for its initial 8-50 Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist and Retired Physical Therapist members after which it shall be entitled to elect another Representative for each additional 50 Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist and Retired Physical Therapist members, or major fraction thereof. Any District that would be entitled to fewer than two Representatives according to the previous sentence shall be allowed two Representatives. Each Physical Therapist member Representative shall have one vote. In addition each District shall be entitled to elect a Physical Therapist Assistant member Representative for its initial ~~16-100~~ **8-50** Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist Assistant and Retired Physical Therapist Assistant members, after which it shall be entitled to elect another Physical Therapist Assistant member Representative for each additional ~~400~~ **50** Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist Assistant and Retired Physical Therapist Assistant members or a major fraction thereof. **Any District that would be entitled to fewer than one Representative according to the previous sentence shall be allowed one Representative.** Each Physical Therapist Assistant member Representative shall have one vote.”

Rationale: In 2015, The House of Delegates (HOD) amended American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) bylaws allowing components to amend their own bylaws to grant physical therapist assistant (PTA) members a full vote. That same year, the Northeast District developed motions to amend CPTA bylaws to allow California PTA members a full vote and the same apportionment for the Assembly of Representatives (AOR) as physical therapists. The bylaw motions dealing with the full vote were in order, considered and adopted by the CPTA Assembly of Representatives. However, a bylaw motion to modify the PTA apportionment method was in conflict with APTA bylaws and could not come before the AOR for consideration. At that time, APTA bylaws stated that the apportionment method for PTAs must be proportional to *one half* of the eligible PTA membership.

In 2016, the San Joaquin Valley District brought a motion to the AOR instructing the California delegation to bring a bylaw motion to the 2017 HOD that would amend this same APTA bylaw, allowing component's to change their bylaws to an equal PT and PTA apportionment method. The California motion was adopted by the 2017 HOD and cleared any obstacles for the AOR to now consider the CPTA bylaw requiring the use of the one half PTA apportionment method.

This CPTA bylaw amendment is consistent with the intent to increase PTA membership value and engagement within the association. APTA membership totals showed an increase in PTA membership of 9.08% from July 2016 to July 2017, which was the largest of any membership category. PTA membership in the California Chapter during the same timeframe increased by 28.7% compared to a 4.9% increase in PT membership. Equal apportionment within the representative body based on membership creates a culture of inclusiveness and value of each CPTA member represented.

Current Bylaw:

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Article VII. Assembly of Representatives., Section 3. District Representatives., A. Each District shall elect a Chief Representative for its initial 8-50 Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist and Retired Physical Therapist members after which it shall be entitled to elect another Representative for each additional 50 Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist and Retired Physical Therapist members, or major fraction thereof. Any District that would be entitled to fewer than two Representatives according to the previous sentence shall be allowed two Representatives. Each Physical Therapist member Representative shall have one vote. In addition each District shall be entitled to elect a Physical Therapist Assistant member Representative for its initial 16-100 Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist Assistant and Retired Physical Therapist Assistant members, after which it shall be entitled to elect another Physical Therapist Assistant member Representative for each additional 100 Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist Assistant and Retired Physical Therapist Assistant members or a major fraction thereof. Each Physical Therapist Assistant member Representative shall have one vote.

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ARTICLE V. COMPONENTS: CHAPTERS, SECTIONS, ASSEMBLIES, AND THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ACADEMIC PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Section 1: Chapters

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D. Structure

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(4) A chapter may create a representative body for the transaction of chapter business provided that the basis for establishing and apportioning the membership of the representative body shall be included in the chapter bylaws. A chapter's method of apportioning representatives of Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, and Life Physical Therapist Assistant members of the representative body shall be proportional to one-half the number of Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, and Life Physical Therapist Assistant members in the chapter, unless the chapter bylaws allow the apportioning of representatives of Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, and Life Physical Therapist Assistant members in the chapter to be the same as the apportioning of representatives of Physical Therapist, Retired Physical Therapist, and Life Physical Therapist members in the chapter.