

## **DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION'S HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND PTA CAUCUS**

### **Section 1.01 Qualifications and Election:**

- (A) Only Physical Therapist members who have been Association members for no fewer than two (2) years immediately preceding the start of the House of Delegates may serve as Physical Therapist Chapter delegates.
- (B) The qualifications of the representative to the PTA Caucus shall be as stated in the APTA Board policies and procedures.
- (C) In addition to the Chief Delegate, President and President-Elect/Vice-President position, the remainder of Physical Therapist delegates to which the Chapter is entitled will be elected during the annual Fall Meeting. Positions 1-5 will be elected in even calendar years and serve a two (2) year term. Position 5 will be designated a new delegate position and be open only to nominees who have never before served as a delegate. Positions 6-allotted will be elected in uneven calendar years and serve a two (2) year term. Position 6 will be designated a new delegate position and be open only to nominees who have never before served as a delegate. If for any reason there are no qualified nominees for position five or six, they will revert to a regular delegate position. The Physical Therapist Assistant member representative to the PTA Caucus will be elected by way of a vote of the Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, and Life Physical Therapist Assistant members of the Chapter at the annual Fall Chapter Meeting in uneven calendar years and serve a two (2) year term. Implementation procedures to be maintained in the Chapter policy and procedure manual.
- (D) If an elected delegate or representative is, for any reason, unable to carry out their duties, an alternate shall take their place. Alternates shall be selected as follows:

First alternate, second alternate, etc., shall be the person receiving the successively next highest number of votes at the time delegates or the PTA Caucus representative were elected by the Chapter Physical Therapist, Retired Physical Therapist, and Life Physical Therapist members for the Physical Therapist delegates and Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, and Life Physical Therapist Assistant members for the PTA Caucus representative.
- (E) The Chapter shall notify the Association of the names of the Physical Therapist Chapter delegates and alternates and the Physical Therapist Assistant representative and alternate.

### **Section 1.02 Rights and Duties:**

- (A) Chief Delegate:
  - (1) Shall attend the annual and special meetings of the Association House of Delegates.
  - (2) Shall carry on the official correspondence of the Chapter with the House of Delegates.
  - (3) Shall present to the House of Delegates such matters as are ordered by the Chapter Board of Directors and/or membership.
  - (4) Shall vote at the meetings of the House of Delegates and shall be responsible for the Chapter's total voting delegation.
  - (5) Shall submit a written report to the Chapter following the annual House of Delegates meeting.
  - (6) Shall present all materials from the House of Delegates to the Chapter Board of Directors and Chapter for their discussion, opinion, and/or vote.
- (B) All Physical Therapist Delegates:
  - (1) Shall represent the Chapter on such matters as are ordered by the Chapter Board of Directors or membership and vote by voice or ballot. In case of a temporary indisposition of the Chief Delegate attending the House of Delegates, an acting Chief Delegate may be elected by those delegates attending the session.
  - (2) Shall attend all sessions of the House of Delegates and other meetings as determined by the Chief Delegate.
- (C) Physical Therapist Assistant Representative:
  - (1) Shall represent the Chapter Physical Therapist Assistant members on such matters as may come before the PTA Caucus.
  - (2) Shall attend all sessions of the PTA Caucus.