



AzPTA COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Archives: This committee is charged with the maintaining historical documents and photographs. In addition, committee members will photograph AzPTA events and provide occasional newsletter articles.

Awards: The AzPTA, through its Awards Committee, formally recognizes individuals whose contributions to the profession or the Association are outstanding and substantial, and satisfy the approved criteria for the award. Included in the Chapter's awards are: PT of the Year, PTA of the Year, and the Wampler Service Award. The committee will also prepare nominations for awards from the national organization, APTA.

Bylaws Committee: Committee shall be responsible for preparation and maintenance of the chapter bylaws insofar as they are consistent with and not contrary to the APTA Bylaws.

CEU: The CEU Committee, with staff assistance, processes and reviews applications from those requesting their upcoming courses be accepted for CEU. Members who have at least five (5) years practice experience and an advanced degree or an ABPTS specialty certification are eligible to serve on this committee.

Ethics Committee: Committee shall process reported violations of ethical standards in accordance with prescribed procedures of the APTA, and carry other duties as may be requested by the Executive Board.

Federal Advocacy: This committee monitors Federal public policy and works with APTA on issues affecting the profession of physical therapy.

Finance Committee: Committee shall advise the Executive Committee on matters pertaining to the chapter's financial needs, growth and stability, presentation of an annual budget to the Board of Directors, investment policies, and compliance with financial obligations to APTA, based on periodic review of income, expenditure and investments. **Subcommittee - Audit:** The Audit Committee is responsible for performing an annual internal "audit" of the AzPTA financial statements.

Membership: The Membership Committee will monitor membership trends and work to incorporate awareness, recruitment, engagement, renewal, and reinstatement of members.

Nominating Committee: Committee shall consist of three (3) members elected by the chapter members. The members shall serve a term of three (3) years. The term of one member expires each year. The senior member of the Committee shall serve as chairman. The Committee shall prepare a list of at least two (2) nominees, if possible, for each position from members who consent to serve, if elected, as officers, District Representatives, or the Chief Delegate of the Chapter. The Committee shall submit the slate of nominees to the Executive Board at least 30 days prior to the election.

Payer Relations: This committee coordinates advocacy efforts towards payers and responds to the membership regarding reimbursement issues. The committee works with insurances on issues including physical therapy coverage, payment, claims review, managed care, and service billing codes.

Practice: The Practice Committee is a group of physical therapist members who work together through e-mail, phone conversations and physical meetings to act as a collective resource for the entire Arizona Physical Therapy Association Membership in the area of our Practice Act. This includes assistance with interpretation of the Administrative Rules and the Statutes that govern our practice. Each committee member is expected to attend meetings, which are held every other 3rd Tuesday of the Month. Our meetings often times turn into working dinners, but we are social and have been known to throw some good potluck style smorgasbords. We are open to new members and encourage you to come to our next meeting.

Program: This committee organizes educational programs offered by the association including the Spring and Fall Membership Conferences which include PTA and student programming, the Clinical Practice update, the Pediatric and Women's Updates, the Practice Management Update, and others as directed by the Board of Directors. This committee reaches out to membership for assistance in deciding topics, and contacts & secures speakers.

Public Relations: Promote the physical therapy profession and the chapter using various public relations initiatives.

Scholarship Committee: The APTA-AZ Scholarship Committee mission is to raise funds for the purpose of awarding scholarships to physical therapist and physical therapist assistant students studying at CAPTE accredited programs or have candidacy for accreditation in Arizona. APTA-AZ Scholarship Committee Vision is to maintain an investment and a disbursement fund that exists in perpetuity to award scholarships.

State Government Affairs: This committee monitors Arizona public policy and regulations that impact the practice of physical therapy and healthcare in Arizona. We work directly with our contracted lobbyist, advocate for legislative changes where needed, and interact with the AZ State Board of PT.

AzPTA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) DESCRIPTIONS

Clinical Education SIG Committee: The AzPTA Clinical Education Special Interest Group is a consortium started by the Directors of Clinical Education from the four entry-level DPT and six PTA educational programs in Arizona. We are dedicated to enhancing the partnership between clinical practice and education. We serve as a resource to support the success of the student and clinical instructor in quality learning environments. We encourage collaboration and innovation in the professional development of both the novice and experienced physical therapist. Our common goal is to define and promote excellence in clinical education within the state of Arizona.

PTA SIG Committee: The object of the AzPTA PTA SIG is the same object of the American Physical Therapy Association and the Arizona Chapter as stated in their Bylaws. In addition, this group is to provide a means for the AzPTA to meet and promote the interests of Physical Therapists Assistants.

Student SIG Committee: The Arizona Physical Therapy Association Student Special Interest Group (AZSSIG) exists to enhance the educational experience of all Arizona Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant Students and facilitate PT/PTA student contribution to and collaboration with the AZPTA. This is accomplished through social networking as well as community and professional involvement.

OTHER DESCRIPTIONS

Political Action Committee: The PAC is an affiliated entity responsible for collecting and donating funds to state political candidates identified in conjunction with the State Government Affairs Committee as favorable or pivotal toward our stated mission and legislative agenda.