



Greetings Friends of the Arizona Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association:

Welcome to June! I cannot believe the year is almost half way over but APTA Arizona is excited for all the remainder of the year holds and gearing up for the APTA Federal Advocacy Fly-In scheduled for June. Special thanks to our Federal Affairs Liaison Phil Tygiel for organizing our Arizona team which consists of Cammy Koerber, Kristen Johnson, Mackenzie Greenhalgh, Makaylee Madriz, Stephanie Weiner, Tanya Herman, and Taryn Harker. Thank you to all those involved in our continued Federal advocacy efforts.

Please allow me to recognize Arizona members Phil Tygiel PT, FAPTA and Todd Ellenbecker PT, DPT, MS, FAPTA who were both awarded the Catherine Worthingham Fellow designation. Congratulations to both members and thank you for your profound contributions and impact on our Profession! In addition, we would also like to recognize Kelly Carroll PT, DPT who was awarded the APTA Minority Scholarship Award. Award recipients will be recognized at the APTA Honors & Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C. this August.

I am very pleased to inform you that the House side of the Arizona Legislature voted in favor of S.B. 1312 Physical Therapist; Medical Imaging 53 – 0 on May 31, 2022. The bill will now return to the Senate for concurrence in the House amendment and then voted on again in a Final Reading. If the Bill continues to pass, it will then be sent to the Governor's office for signing. APTA Arizona thanks you for your continued support and to our lobbyists at the Dorn Policy Group for their continued work on this issue.

Remember, licensure renewal is due in August 2022 and APTA Arizona wants to make sure you're aware of our Summer CEU Conference at A.T. Still University in Mesa on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Presenters include Dr. Michael Ross from Daemon College in New York who will be presenting on **Evidence-based Concepts of Musculoskeletal Imaging in Physical Therapy Practice**. We will also be hosting Brett Larson, presenting on **Practical methods for transforming Burnout into Bliss** and Dr. Christine Childers, founding program director for the DPT program that is in the early stages of development at the University of Arizona, presenting **Frankie to Elton, Beetles, and DDD: One size just never fits all!** We are also excited for our PT-PAC event after the course which will be held at Bucca di Beppo to offer networking opportunities in support of the PT-PAC. Tickets are sold separately and will cost \$50 which will include a full dinner, unlimited soft drinks, and 1 beer/wine ticket. Registration links for both events are posted on our website and we hope to see you there! Thank you to District IV Representative and PT-PAC Chair extraordinaire Jennifer Zoucha for her efforts in organizing this event and to Cynthia Driskell and Carefree Physical Therapy for their sponsorship of the PT-PAC event.

Most importantly, we have numerous Board positions up for Election this Fall. If you are interested in running for a position on the APTA Arizona Executive Board, please contact Christa Lombardo-Ploof at [admin@aptaaz.org](mailto:admin@aptaaz.org) to discuss your interest and learn more about the structure and function of the Board. Our future success as a Chapter and a Profession is dependent on you and we would love to have a full slate of candidates for the Fall Election.

I wish you all the best on behalf of the Arizona Chapter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything the Chapter can do on your behalf.

With Gratitude,

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