



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

Welcome to March! Spring is already approaching and I cannot believe how fast 2023 is going. I hope you all enjoyed APTA CSM in San Diego, California and it was great to see so many Arizona Chapter members and representatives in attendance. A special thanks to the APTA Arizona Board Members and our Executive Director Christa Lombardo-Ploof for their attendance.

PT Day at the Capitol was held February 1st and was a tremendous success due to the work of our partners with the Dorn Policy Group. We had tremendous student participation this year and I cannot thank the students at Creighton University enough for their attendance and participation. I hope you found the introduction to the Legislative process beneficial and I look forward to your continued participation in our State Advocacy and Legislative efforts. There is power in numbers and your presence was greatly appreciated. APTA Arizona hosted several Legislators including Senator TJ Shope, Representative Steve Montenegro, and Representative Dr. Amish Shah. Remember, if you are interested in participating in our State Governmental Affairs committee, we are still looking for a Chair. Please contact Christa at christa@aptaaz.org if interested.

Did you see the pictures of the Arizona Student SIG from APTA CSM? What a tremendous group of student physical therapists and physical therapist assistants! Thank you for representing the Arizona Chapter and for all of your contributions to the Chapter. The Student Conclave is being held March 25th at Gateway Community College and I cannot wait to spend time with all of our Arizona students. Thank you again to Gateway Community College for hosting the Student Conclave!

The Arizona Delegation has started preparing for the upcoming Leadership Congress and APTA House of Delegates. The Arizona Delegation intends to submit several motion concepts this session and is closely monitoring House activities and preparing for upcoming APTA Board of Director candidate interviews. Special thanks to our Chief Delegate Lori Pearlmutter and to all the Delegates elected to serve APTA Arizona. We appreciate your efforts and thank you for your service.

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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