

October President's Message

October is PT month, so take time within your organization to promote PT! In addition PT Global Day-of-Service is October 14. If you haven't already gotten involved and you want to find a place to serve, [click here](#).

One of the most critical functions of the MNPTA is the work of our state Governmental Affairs Committee around legislation and health care regulation as it affects physical therapy. Establishing relationships with legislators is an extremely critical part of health care policy making and one way we do this is through our Political Action Committee (PAC) funds. Our legislators are receiving messages from all different providers from chiropractors, PT's, OT's, MD's with different arguments on the same issues. Our Government Affairs Committee along with our lobbyist, Randy Morris, are establishing the right relationships with legislators that are knowledgeable and understand the issues surrounding the practice of physical therapy. We have started a new campaign this year to address a number of our prioritized legislative issues. See the message from PAC Chair Craig Johnson.

By financially supporting your PT-PAC you will ensure that a single voice dedicated to protecting and advancing the profession will be heard where it is needed most, at the State Capitol. Your PT-PAC is here to help support the most knowledgeable legislators who realize the services you provide to the community are extremely beneficial such as: authorizing handicapped parking permits and protecting and expanding access to physical therapy. Help us to keep your profession strong by ensuring those in power know how important Physical Therapy is to the health of our communities.

The good news is that many individuals have responded. But we still need your help! If one thousand PT's/PTA's donated just \$25, we could raise \$25,000. For the price of 5 latte's, you could help ensure physical therapy has a loud voice with our legislators. So I have two asks. First, make a donation. I challenge you to contribute at the \$25 dollar level. Donate more if you can. Second, reach out to any non-MNPTA members for a donation. Non-members benefit just as much from all of our legislative efforts as do members and we need them to contribute. There is no free lunch!

[Click here to donate today!](#) Thanks in advance for your help!

In other news, the Nominating Committee, which is chaired by Shawn McLaughlin, will be seeking candidates for several MNPTA elected positions for next year. In particular, we are seeking a candidate for Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for monitoring and overseeing the financial health of the Chapter and is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. If you are interested in learning more about the specific job duties, contact Jill Lein, 651-635-0902, at the Chapter Office.

Thank you all for continuing to represent our profession so well!

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