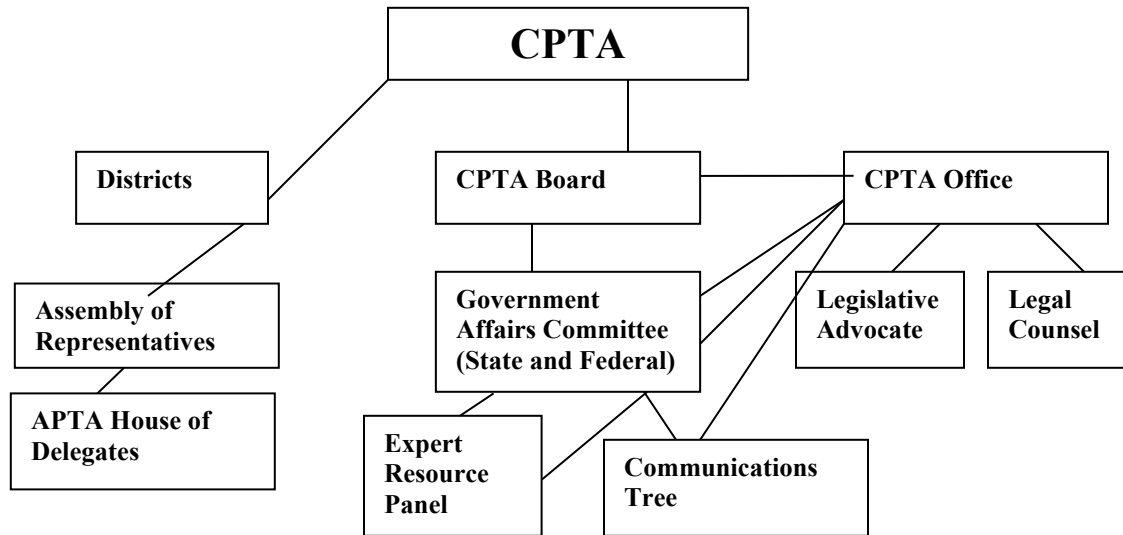


CPTA Government Relations

Involvement in Government is a high priority of the membership. An efficient program of government relations depends upon the effective utilization of members, staff, consultants, Districts, Special Interest Groups, and the Assembly of Representatives within the California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA). In order for the membership to fully appreciate the relationship between the CPTA and State Government, the Government Affairs Committee developed an organizational chart with an outline of the responsibilities in each area. The effectiveness of CPTA Government Relations depends upon the commitment of the membership. Each CPTA member has the opportunity to support the program by becoming aware of issues confronting the profession through District and CPTA activities. For further information, contact the CPTA office.



CPTA: All physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who are members of the American Physical Therapy Association.

CPTA Board: Implements all policies and activities of CPTA guided by the policies established by the Assembly of Representatives.

CPTA Office: (1) Advises the Board and Assembly of Representatives; (2) Coordinates government relations with legal counsel and the legislative advocate; (3) Acts as a spokesman for

CPTA; (4) Maintains contact with government; (5) Provides staff support to the California Delegates to the House of Delegates; and (6) Provides management team services.

District/Special Interest Groups: (1) Serve as a viable resource to the CPTA Board; (2) Act as a sounding board to the CPTA Board; (3) Offer advice to the Board and within local government relations; (4) Help coordinate CPTA advocacy activities at the District level.

Government Affairs Committee (GAC): (1) Receives and carries out delegated charges from the CPTA Board (parts of the Assembly policy); (2) Advises the CPTA Board in government relations; (3) Utilizes Legislative Key Contacts, to advocate for CPTA legislative endeavors; (4) Utilizes communication tree to mobilize membership on grassroots efforts; (5) Assigned Committee member(s) attend Legislative and Regulatory meetings as necessary; (6) Assists management team as necessary to comment on all legislative and regulatory proposals that impact the profession of physical therapy.

Legal Counsel: Analyzes and formulates opinion upon request of the California Physical Therapy Association.

Legislative Advocate: (1) Advocates information on behalf of the California Physical Therapy Association; (2) Advises the CPTA in government relations.

Expert Resource Panel: Content experts used for advice in their area of expertise

Legislative Communication Tree: Group of members identified by the Government Affairs Committee and CPTA office. Staff to mobilize membership for letter writing and telephone campaigns on legislative and regulatory efforts to support, oppose, neutralize or amend legislation and regulation.

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