

Illinois Physical Therapy Association
2023 Assembly of Representatives
March 18, 2023
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

II. Introduction of Officers of the Assembly

Speaker: Jeffrey Damaschke, PT
Vice Speaker: Patrick Withrow, PT
Secretary: Samantha Pietrzak, PT
Parliamentarian: John Novack, JD

III. Introduction of Guests in the Virtual Gallery

Thomas Dillon, PT; Colleen McQuillan, PT; Rachel Tappan, PT; William Fasick, SPT; Theresa Moulton, PT; Danielle Picciola, SPT.

IV. Introduction of IPTA Board of Directors, Executive Director, Staff, and SIG Officers

A. Board of Directors

President: Tina Frank, PT	East Central Chair: Laura Lenhart, PT
Vice President: Patrick Withrow, PT	Eastern Chair: Brianna DeBiasi, PT
Secretary: Samantha Pietrzak, PT	North Central Chair: Barb Gutierrez, PT
Treasurer: Joe Hanley, PT	Northern Chair: Katie Brito, PT
Chief Delegate: Karen Goodlow, PT	Southern Chair: Jaime Fortier-Jones, PT
Speaker: Jeffrey Damaschke, PT	West Central Chair: Megan Gibson, PT
PTA Director: Sara Owens, PTA	Western Chair: Cindy Rankin, PT

B. IPTA Executive Director and Staff

Colleen Flannery, Executive Director
Matthew Nicholas, Deputy Director
Linda Griffith, Operations & Special Programs Manager
Sharon Meyerhoff, Member Services Manager

C. Reference Committee Members

Julie Rosen, PT
Vicki Lee, PT

D. Special Interest Group (SIG) Officers

Student SIG

President: Miguel Musngi, SPT	SPTA Director: Natalia Martinez, SPTA
Vice President: Julia Giovanni, SPT	IL Core Ambassador: Dani Harkavy, SPT
Secretary/Treasurer: Peter McManus, SPT	Communications: TaShea' Moore, SPT
Special Events: Daniel Kuser, SPT	

Clinical Educators SIG

Chair: Cori Arquines, PT	Academic Vice Chair: Kristina Latva, PT
Secretary/Treasurer: Kristine Chase, PT	Clinical Vice Chair: Paul Bissler, PT

Geriatric SIG

Chair: Heidi Moyer, PT	Vice Chair: Sally Fisher, PT
Secretary/Treasurer: Mitchell Calderon, PT	

East Central	28	7	0	3	1	0	39
Eastern	35	24	0	0	2	4	65
North Central	9	0	0	0	1	0	10
Northern	20	5	0	3	1	0	29
Southern	7	2	0	3	0	0	12
West Central	6	3	0	0	1	0	10
Western	7	4	0	0	2	0	13
Total	112	45	0	9	8	4	178

Non-Voting: 13 Board Members, 2 Reference Committee Members; 13 Student SIG Representatives, 1 CESIG Representative, 1 GeriSIG Representative, 3 IPTA Staff Members, 6 Guests.

IX. Adoption of the Special Assembly Rules for Virtual Meeting
SRA 0318/00-23 Short Title: Adoption of Special Assembly Rules for Virtual Meeting CARRIED
 The Special Assembly Rules for Virtual Meeting were approved as printed in the packet.

X. Adoption of Agenda
SRA 0318/000-23 Short Title: Adoption of Agenda CARRIED
 The agenda was adopted as printed in the packet.

XI. Reports to the Assembly
 A. Reports of Officers
 B. Reports of Board, Committees, Task Forces, Liaisons, and SIGs (Packet)

XII. Consent Agenda
SRA 0318/0000-23 Short Title: Adoption of the Consent Agenda CARRIED
 The consent agenda was adopted as presented.

A. Appointment of the Committee to Approve the March 18, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The following individuals were appointed without objection to review the 2023 Assembly minutes: Katherine Enzler, PT; Danielle Mattea, PTA; Heidi Morris, PT.

B. SRA 0318/01-23 SHORT TITLE: BOARD OF DIRECTORS TERM LIMITS (as presented in Assembly Packet 1)

I, Richard Severin, on behalf of the Nominating Committee move that the IPTA Bylaws Article VII. Chapter Board of Directors, Section 3 be amended by substitution.

ARTICLE VII. CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Section 3: Tenure

A. Chapter Officer shall assume office on January 1.

- B. The complete term of office for members of the Board shall be two years or until their successors are elected except the office of President shall be a 3 year-term.
- C. Members of the Board shall not serve more than two consecutive complete terms in the same office.
- D. Members of the Board shall not serve more than 10 consecutive years on the Executive Committee, and no more than 14 years as a member of the Board.
- E. Accepting appointment to complete an unfulfilled term shall not count towards the maximum number of yeas served on the Executive Committee or Board, to a maximum of 2 additional years.
- F. After completing fourteen (14) consecutive years on the Board, the member must wait a minimum of one year to be eligible to run for a position on the Chapter Board of Directors.

- C. **SRA 0318/03-23 SHORT TITLE: VACANCIES ON ILLINOIS DELEGATION** (as presented in Assembly Packet 1)
I, Karen Goodlow, on behalf of Board of Directors, move that the IPTA Bylaws Article XIV Delegates to the House of Delegates, Section 3 be amended by adding E as follows:

ARTICLE XIV. DELEGATES TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Section 3: Composition of the Illinois Delegation

- A. The number of delegates selected shall be in accordance with the Association bylaws.
- B. The Illinois Delegation shall be comprised of:
 - (1) The President
 - (2) The Chief Delegate
 - (3) District Delegates
Each district shall be represented by one (1) delegate.
 - (4) At-Large Delegate(s)
At-Large delegates(s) shall be elected by the membership prior to September 1st. The number of at-large delegates will be determined in accordance with the number of delegates allotted to the Chapter in any given year
- C. Alternate Delegates, if needed, shall be selected from the pool of candidates remaining in the order of the number of votes received, after the election of the at-large delegates.
- D. Other than for officers, the position of delegate shall be classified as an office with a minimum term of two (2) years, with one-half of the delegates elected each year.
- E. **Vacancies occurring in the Delegation where there is no eligible elected alternate will be filled by recommendation of the President with approval of the Board of an individual who meets the qualifications specified in the bylaws. The recommendation must be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors present and voting.**

XIII. New Business

- A. **SRA 0318/02-23 SHORT TITLE: PTAs TO SERVE ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

MOTION: I, Michelle Husted, on behalf of the IPTA Bylaw Review Committee move that the IPTA Bylaws Article XI. Committees, Section 1: A. (1) a. be amended as follows:

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES

Section 1: Membership Committees-elected by and responsible to the Chapter

Membership

- A. Nominating Committee

- (1) Composition, Term and Election

a. Qualifications Only Physical Therapist, Retired Physical Therapist or Life Physical Therapist, **Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant or Life Physical Therapist Assistant** members in good

standing in the Chapter for at least two (2) years immediately preceding their election and who have consented to serve may serve as members of the Nominating Committee. Members of the Executive Committee may not serve as members of the Nominating Committee.

b. This Committee shall be composed of three (3) members.

c. Members shall serve a term of three (3) years, commencing on January 1, with one member elected each year. The member with seniority shall chair the committee.

d. No member shall be slated for an elected position while serving on the IPTA Nominating Committee.

Amendment 1: SRA 0318/02-23

CARRIED

Michelle Hustead, PTA of the Bylaws Review Committee moved to amend “b. This Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, **of which at least one member shall be a PTA, unless a PTA does not consent to serve.**”

Motion to Refer: SRA 0318/02-23

FAILED

Sarah Haag, PT (Eastern) moved to refer to the Board of Directors. Tinas Jonas, PT (Northern) second the motion.

Amendment 2: SRA 0318/02-23

CARRIED

Scott Minor, PT (East Central) moved to amend “b. This Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, of which at least one member, **and not more than one member**, shall be a PTA, unless a PTA does not consent to serve.” Tina Jonas, PT (Northern) second the motion.

SRA 0318/02-23 SHORT TITLE: PTAs TO SERVE ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CARRIED AS AMENDED

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B. SRA 0318/04-23 SHORT TITLE: TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS

CARRIED

MOTION: I, Sarah Keller, on behalf of the East Central District, present the following motion for consideration of the Illinois Assembly.

Whereas, the role of a physical therapist is to support a person's mobility and ability to engage in personal and social activities at the highest level of Independence.

Whereas, Physical Therapy has Social Responsibility as one of the Core Values of the profession.

Whereas, the PT Code of Ethics includes "Physical therapists shall advocate to reduce health disparities and health care inequities, improve access to health services, and address the health, wellness, and preventive health care needs of people."

Whereas, safe and reliable transportation is a common barrier to accessing health care services, work places, areas of physical activity, shopping, and community engagement for individuals which can directly impact their physical health and mental health.

Resolved, the IPTA publicly support safe, affordable, reliable, and consistent transportation for all individuals within IL.

C. SRA 0318/05-23 SHORT TITLE: Rescind SRA 0421/4-07 CARRIED

MOTION: I, Joe Hanley, on behalf of the Board of Directors, present the following motion for consideration of the Illinois Assembly.

Whereas, Federal law, including the Anti-Kickback Statute (42 U.S.C. Section 1320A-7B(B)) and the Physician Self-Referral Law (42 U.S.C. Section 1395NN), also known as the Stark Law, prohibits anyone from "knowingly and willfully" receiving a form of payment in return for referring a patient to another provider, and prohibits physician referrals of designated health services (DHS) if the physician has a financial relationship with that entity.

Whereas, APTA's current position related to this (HOD P06-19-16-46) outlines the Association's opposition to physician ownership of physical therapist services. In our federated model, any position or policy of the APTA is by default that of the IPTA as well.

Whereas, the IPTA Assembly, as a representative body, does not need to oppose activities that are illegal at either the state or federal level, and does not have any other position statements which stand in opposition to illegal activities.

Resolved, the IPTA moves to rescind the Assembly position statement, SRA 0421/4-07 Short Title: Opposition to Referral for Profit.

D. SRA 0318/06-23 SHORT TITLE: IPTA ANTI- RACISM INITIATIVES CARRIED

MOTION: I, Dawn Brown, on behalf of the IPTA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, present the following motion for consideration of the Illinois Assembly.

Whereas, in 2021, the APTA delegates overwhelmingly adopted a statement indicating that our association is "committed to being an anti-racist organization and has an obligation to address policies and practices that perpetuate systemic racism and inequity in our association, the profession, and society"; and

Whereas, as a Chapter, the IPTA is accountable to ensuring that our association and members follow the path of the APTA to ensure that racial inequities within our association and profession are dismantled, and all members can actualize their fullest potential within the association, regardless of race and ethnicity; and

Whereas, racism is a public health and human rights crisis; and

Whereas, an explicit commitment to antiracism is an acknowledgement that racism impacts our daily lives – personally and professionally; and

Whereas, the physical therapy profession (education, clinical practice, and leadership) is one of the least racial and ethnically diverse health care professions; and

Whereas, systemic racism is a barrier to access, equality, and representation in our profession and association; and

Whereas, in alignment with the APTA anti-racism motion, the IPTA is obligated to investigate processes that support and align with anti-racism initiatives.

Resolved, that the IPTA Board of Directors work with the DEI Committee to review and implement processes and policies as they relate to anti-racism, with a report outlining initiatives and outcomes due annually to the Assembly of Representatives.

XIV. Announcements

No new announcements were reported by the Assembly.

XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

*Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Pietrzak, PT, DPT
IPTA Secretary*

The Committee to Approve Minutes from the March 18, 2023 Assembly APPROVED these draft minutes by electronic vote on March 24, 2023. Katherine Enzler, PT (Eastern); Danielle Mattea, PTA (Southern); and Heidi Morris, PT (West Central).