

**APTA New York
 Delegate Assembly
 Saratoga Springs, New York
 Saturday, June 1, 2024**

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Called to Order by Speaker of the Assembly, Genevieve Smith @ 8:00 am	
Introductions	<p>Officers President: Michael Tisbe Treasurer: Michael Huson Secretary: Catherine Zacher Chief Delegate: Nannette Hyland Speaker: Genevieve Smith Vice Speaker/VP: Michael Masaracchio Executive Director: Eileen Renaud Parliamentarian: Ann Homer (via zoom) Judicial/Reference Committee Chair: Peggy Lynam</p> <p>Student Delegates: Matthew Droney Inessa Fakhari Jenifer Ruiz</p> <p>Past APTA New York Presidents: Matt Hyland, Peggy Lynam, Marilyn Moffat</p> <p>Guest: Erin Stack Julia Barney Roger Herr Kate Herlihy Haley Williams Buddy Bemis</p>	

	Kelly Garceau	
Roll Call	Brooklyn/Staten Island 16 (15 PT + 1 PTA) Catskill 6 (6 PT + 0 PTA) Central 13 (12 PT + 1 PTA) Eastern 9 (9 PT + 0 PTA) Finger Lakes 11(10 PT + 1 PTA) Greater NY 34 (34 PT + 0 PTA) Hudson Valley 19 (19 PT + 0 PTA) Long Island 32 (30 PT + 2 PTA) Southern Tier 6 (6 PT + 0 PTA) Western 12 (11 PT + 1 PTA)	Voting Strength = 158 Majority = 80 2/3 vote = 106
In Memoriam	A special remembrance for Past APTA NY President Michael Mattia lead by former APTANY Executive Director Kelly Garceau and Vice President Michael Masaracchio. A moment of silence for recently departed colleagues followed special remembrance.	
Adopt the Rules	Reference Committee moves to adopt the rules as printed in the packet	Rules Adopted
Order of Business	Reference Committee moves to adopt the order of business as printed in Delegate Assembly packet	Order of Business Adopted
Adopt the Agenda	Move to adopt agenda as published.	Agenda Adopted
Committee Appointments	Committee to Approve the minutes: Kathleen Birnbaum Rosa Torres-Panchame Audrey Paslow	
Annual Reports	President: Michael Tisbe State of Chapter Address President APTA: Roger Herr Address Nominating Committee: Theresa Marko presented the slate of candidates. Legislative/Public Policy Chair: APTA New York Legislative Update by Marcia Spoto, Chair Public Policy Committee (Virtual) Federal Legislative: Update by Theresa Marko, Federal Affairs Liaison	

APTA NY Chapter Motions:		
JC 1A-23	<p>Nominating Committee moves to present the following candidates for the office of President: Michael Tisbe</p> <p>No nominations from the floor.</p>	
JC 1B-23	<p>Nominating Committee moves to present the following candidates for the office of Vice President Michael Masaracchio</p> <p>No nominations from the floor.</p>	
JC 1C-23	<p>Nominating Committee moves to present the following candidate for the position of Speaker of Delegate Assembly Audrey Paslow</p> <p>No nominations from the floor.</p>	
JC 1D-23	<p>Nominating Committee moves to present the following candidate for the position of Nominating Committee Member Genevieve B. Smith</p> <p>No nominations from the floor.</p>	
JC 2A-24	<p>The Nominating Committee moves to present the following candidates for the position of Delegate to the 2025 House of Delegates as presented:</p> <p>Jeremy Crow Shaina Flanzraich Anna Len Peggy Lynam Nicole Maniscalco Theresa Marko Jake McPherson Yasser Salem Marilyn Moffat</p>	

	<p>Matthew Smith</p> <p>Nominations from the floor: Elizabeth Barbaretti Shingpui Chow Lori Hochman Vinita Mody Sandra Ribeiro Lynn Rivers Adam Rufa Jesse Slevin Alison Wagman</p>	
JC 2B-24	<p>The Nominating Committee moves to present the following candidate for the position of Physical Therapist Assistant Council Representative</p> <p>David Faccini</p> <p>Nomination from the floor:</p> <p>Ryan Linhart</p>	
JC 2C-24	<p>MOVED: The Nominating Committee moves to present the following candidate for the position of Physical therapist Assistant council Alternate Representative: No nominations received prior to Delegate Assembly.</p> <p>Nomination from the floor:</p> <p>Carlos Lopez</p>	
JC-3-24	<p>MOVED: That the APTA New York Bylaws ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Section 4. Board of Directors, B. Duties of the Board, 3. be amended by striking out the words “the mandates and” after the word “out” so that it would read:</p>	<p>MOTION JC-3 -24 APPROVED</p>

	<p>3. Carry out the mandates and policies of the Chapter as determined by the Assembly.</p> <p>RATIONALE: APTA House Officers’ review of the APTA New York Bylaws resulted in the recommendation that language indicating that the Delegate Assembly could “mandate” action of the Board could be interpreted as being in conflict with the Board being the governing body of the Chapter and the Board’s fiduciary responsibility.</p> <p>GOAL/OBJECTIVE: FISCAL IMPACT: TARGET DATE:</p>	
JC 4-24	<p>MOVED: That the APTA New York Bylaws ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Section 4. Board of Directors, B. Duties of the Board, 4. be amended by substitution so that it would read:</p> <p>4. Have full power and complete authority, <u>as the governing body of the Chapter,</u> subject to the provisions of these Bylaws and all resolutions and enactments of the Assembly, between meetings of the Assembly, to perform all acts, and transact all business for and on behalf of the Chapter.</p> <p>RATIONALE: APTA House Officers’ review of the APTA New York Bylaws resulted in the recommendation that language referring to the Chapter Board acting as the “governing body of the Chapter” would bring Chapter Bylaws into better compliance with APTA Bylaws.</p> <p>GOAL/OBJECTIVE: FISCAL IMPACT: TARGET DATE:</p>	<p>MOTION JC 4-24</p> <p>APPROVED</p>

<p>JC 5-24</p>	<p>MOVED: That the APTA New York Bylaws ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Section 4. Board of Directors, B. Duties of the Board, be amended by adding a new #15 so that it would read:</p> <p><u>15. Designate an Ethics Liaison to interact with the APTA Ethics Committee, to refer ethics complaints to the Ethics Judicial Committee, and to promote ethics related educational resources to members.</u></p> <p>RATIONALE: APTA House Officers’ review of the APTA New York Bylaws resulted in the recommendation that adding language referring to the designation of an Ethics Liaison would bring Chapter Bylaws into better compliance with APTA Bylaws. This language was taken directly from the Model Chapter Bylaws that have been developed by APTA.</p> <p>GOAL/OBJECTIVE: FISCAL IMPACT: TARGET DATE:</p>	<p>MOTION JC-5-24 APPROVED</p>
<p>JC 6-24</p>	<p>NOTE: This is a motion with six conforming amendments, Parts A – F, that all address allowing a Physical Therapist Assistant member to serve as a Chapter Delegate to the Association House of Delegates, and therefore, must be processed together with a single vote.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part A</p> <p>MOVED: That the APTA New York Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Section 1: Qualifications. A. be amended by inserting the words “and one Physical Therapist Assistant member in good standing” after the word “standing” so that it would read:</p> <p>ARTICLE IX. DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES Section 1: Qualifications</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. Only Physical Therapist members in good standing, <u>and one Physical Therapist Assistant member in good standing,</u> may serve as Chapter Delegates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Part B</p>	<p>MOTION JC 6-24 APPROVED AS AMMENDED</p>

MOVED: That the APTA New York Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Section 2: Election and Term, A. be amended by adding the words “Only delegates who are Physical Therapist members are eligible to be elected as Acting Chief Delegate” after the word “Delegate” so that it would read:

Section 2: Election and Term

A. In the event that the Chief Delegate is unable to attend the House, the Chapter Delegates in attendance will elect an Acting Chief Delegate to assume the duties of the Chief Delegate.

Only delegates who are Physical Therapist members are eligible to be elected as Acting Chief Delegate.

Part C

MOVED: That the APTA New York Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Section 2: Election and Term, B. be amended by inserting the words “Physical Therapist” after the word “District” so that it would read:

B. Each District is entitled to elect/select one District Physical Therapist member as its designated delegate to the House of Delegates.

Part D

MOVED: That the APTA New York Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Section 2: Election and Term, D. be amended by inserting the words “Only one Physical Therapist Assistant member may be elected as an At-large delegate, according to the Nominating Committee and Election Procedure Manual” after the word “Assembly” so that it would read:

D. At-large Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be elected by the Delegate Assembly. Only one Physical Therapist Assistant member may be elected as an At-large delegate, according to the Nominating Committee and Election Procedure Manual. The number of Delegates shall not exceed the number to which the Chapter is apportioned; the remainder of the candidates shall be designated as Alternate Delegates and shall be called to serve as a Delegate according to the Nominating Committee and Election Procedure Manual.

Part E

MOVED: That the APTA New York Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Section 2: Election and Term, G. be amended by substitution so that it would read:

G. In the event that the number of Delegate candidates does not meet the number to which the Chapter is apportioned, those candidates who are Physical Therapist members shall be

designated as ~~the~~ Chapter Delegates to the House of Delegates. If only one Physical Therapist Assistant member is a Delegate candidate, that candidate shall be designated as a Chapter Delegate. If multiple Physical Therapist Assistant members are among the Delegate candidates, an election shall be held to determine which Physical Therapist Assistant member candidate shall serve as a Chapter Delegate according to the Nominating Committee and Election Procedure Manual.

Part F

MOVED: That the APTA New York Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DELEGATES TO THE ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Section 2: Election and Term, H. be amended by adding the words "A Chapter Delegate who is a Physical Therapist Assistant member may not serve as a PTA Council Delegate in the same year" after the word "Directors" so that it would read:

H. A Chapter Delegate may not, in the same year, serve as a Section Delegate or as a member of the Association Board of Directors. A Chapter Delegate who is a Physical Therapist Assistant member may not serve as a PTA Council Delegate in the same year.

RATIONALE: Amending the APTA New York Bylaws to include the election of one Physical Therapist Assistant to the slate of Delegates to the House will allow more PTA members to participate in governance and bring the APTA New York Bylaws to be aligned with the APTA Bylaws which state:

Section 6: Voting Delegates B. Qualifications of Voting Delegates (1) Chapter and section/academy delegates: Only Physical Therapist members in good standing and, subject to component bylaws, one Physical Therapist Assistant member in good standing per delegation may serve as component delegates.

GOAL/OBJECTIVE: Goal 4, Obj 2

FISCAL IMPACT: None

TARGET DATE: Immediate

ACTION TAKEN:

CARRIED _____

DEFEATED _____

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	BOARD CHARGE NUMBER _____	
JC 7-24	<p>PROVISO: This motion will only be considered if JC 6-24 is adopted.</p> <p>MOVED: That the Nominating Committee and Election Procedure Manual Section III. Nomination and Election Process, B. Elections. 1. Conduct of Elections be amended by substitution so that it would read:</p> <p>B. Elections 1. Conduct of Elections</p> <p>a. The Elections Committee is responsible for conducting the elections, in accordance with such rules as the Delegate Assembly may adopt at each annual meeting. The Elections Committee is appointed by the Speaker of the Delegate Assembly. The Elections Committee is responsible for coordinating the activities surrounding the Chapter elections including the preparation, distribution, collection and tabulation of the ballots under the supervision of the Speaker of the Delegate Assembly (JC 6-07).</p> <p>b. <u>At-large Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Association House of Delegates shall be elected by plurality of votes cast, taking into account that only one Physical Therapist Assistant member may be elected as an At-large delegate. If multiple Physical Therapist Assistant member candidates receive a sufficient number of votes to otherwise be elected by plurality, the Physical Therapist Assistant member candidate with the highest number of votes will be elected as an At-large Delegate and the other Physical Therapist Assistant member candidates will be designated as Alternate Delegates in order of votes received.</u></p> <p>b.c. c. The number of Delegates elected to the House of Delegates for the following calendar year will be equal to the number allocated for the current year. Should that allocation increase, the delegate position(s) will be filled from the alternate list in descending order of votes received <u>taking into account that only one Physical Therapist Assistant member may serve as a Chapter Delegate.</u> Should the allocation decrease, the elected delegates will be removed in accordance with votes received in ascending order.</p> <p>d. <u>In the event that the number of Delegate candidates does not meet the number to which the Chapter is apportioned, those candidates who are Physical Therapist members shall be designated as the Chapter Delegates to the House of Delegates. In the event that the number of Delegate candidates does not meet the number to which the Chapter is apportioned, and only one Physical Therapist Assistant member is among the Delegate candidates, that Physical Therapist Assistant member shall be designated as a Chapter Delegate. However, if</u></p>	<p>MOTION JC 7-24 APPROVED AS AMENDED</p>

	<p><u>multiple Physical Therapist Assistant members are among the Delegate candidates, an election shall be held to JC 7-24 determine which Physical Therapist Assistant member candidate shall serve as a Chapter Delegate. This election process will be determined by the Officers of the Assembly in consultation with the Elections Committee.</u></p> <p><u>e.e.</u> In the event of a tie for the last position of delegate to the House of Delegates, that delegate position will be selected by lottery of those tied, <u>taking into account that only one Physical Therapist Assistant member may be elected as an At-large Delegate.</u></p> <p><u>d.f.</u> The remainder of the candidates shall be designated as Alternate Delegates and shall be called to serve as a delegate according to the greatest number of votes received, <u>taking into account that only one Physical Therapist Assistant member may serve as a Chapter Delegate.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When an individual's name appears on the elected delegate list and the individual is later chosen as a district Designated Delegate, the individual's name shall be removed from the elected delegate list. 2. Each district should submit the name of at least two alternate Designated Delegates. Alternate Designated Delegates will be called to serve in the event the Designated Delegate cannot attend the House of Delegates in the order submitted by the District. 3. In the event a Designated Delegate slot is vacant and there is not an alternate, the position will be filled from the elected <u>alternate</u> list, <u>taking into account that only one Physical Therapist Assistant member may serve as a Chapter Delegate.</u> (JC 19-03) 4. In the event the elected alternate list has been exhausted, delegate positions will be filled by lottery of the remaining District Designated Alternates. 5. In the event that no elected nor District Designated Alternates are available to fill a vacant delegate position, the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Chief Delegate, shall appoint an individual to serve as a Chapter delegate at that year's House of Delegates provided that APTA's deadline for adding new names to the Chapter Delegate roster has not expired, and <u>taking into account that only one Physical Therapist Assistant member may serve as a Chapter Delegate.</u> <p>RATIONALE: This motion is necessary to keep our manuals up to date if the Bylaw amendment allowing a Physical Therapist Assistant member to serve as a Chapter Delegate to the Association House of Delegates is adopted. Any changes to the Nominating Committee and Election Procedure Manual that may affect the rights of members must be brought to the Delegate Assembly for a vote.</p> <p>GOAL/OBJECTIVE: Goal 4, objectives 2 and 3 FISCAL IMPACT: none TARGET DATE: immediate</p>	
JC-8-24	MOVED: That the current 2020-2-24 Strategic Plan be adopted as the new APTA	MOTION

	<p>New York 2025-2026 Strategic Plan.</p> <p>RATIONALE: Per the Chapter Policy Manual, the Strategic Plan should be updated no more than every five years. The current strategic Plan has been in place since 2020. Recently, the Board of Directors has revised the methods in which the Board reports are completed to fill out on document to assess if goals are being met. The Executive Committee would like to extend the time in which this can be assessed, as this will give additional information on the next strategic plan. The APTA will be revising the National Strategic Plan in 2026, and the Executive Committee is interested to consider the National Strategic Plan for APTA New York's next plan.</p>	JC 8-24 APPROVED
APTA MOTIONS TO THE HOD	All RCs were discussed and then a straw poll was taken to determine the delegation's will in terms of support or opposition. General comments are included below.	
General Discussion of RCs	A motion requires 90% strong support in order to co-sponsor.	
RC 1-24	Amend: PTs as Primary Care and Entry-Point Providers	Majority in Opposition
RC 2-24	Adopt: Equitable and Inclusive Process of Licensure by Endorsement for an Internationally Educated Physical Therapist	Majority in Support
RC 3-24	Adopt: Preferred Nomenclature for an IEPT	Majority in Support
RC 4-24	Amend: PTs as Practitioners of Choice to Rehabilitate Persons With Vestibular-Related Balance Disorders	Majority in Support
RC 5-24	Amend: Diagnosis by PTs	Majority in Support
RC 6-24	Adopt: Support for Education and Training for Psychological Safety in the Workplace	Majority in Support
RC 7-24	Recommended Education on Trauma-informed Care Across Physical Therapist Practice	Majority in Support
RC 8-24	Amend: Standards of Practice for Physical Therapy	Majority in Support
RC 9-24	Rescind: Commitment to Interprofessional Education and Practice	Majority in Support

RC-10-24	Adopt: Fitness and Risk Assessments for Employer Safety and Health Promotion Programs	Majority in Support
RC 11-24	Adopt: Ethical and Effective Integration of Artificial Intelligence Across Physical Therapist Practice	Majority in Support
RC 12-24	Adopt: Inappropriate Use of Artificial Intelligence by Payers	Majority in Support
RC 13-24	Amend: Digital Health Technologies and Therapeutics in Physical Therapist Practice	Majority in Support
RC 14-24	Amend: Cultural Competence	Majority in Support
RC 15-24	Adopt: Family-friendly Organizational Policies in PT	Majority in Support
RC 16-24	Amend: Bylaws of the American Physical Therapy Association Related to APTA National Elections	No Majority to Support or Oppose
RC 17-24	Amend: Standing Rules of the APTA Related to the Formation of a Section/Academy and Institutional Groups	Majority in Support
RC 18-24	Amend: Recommendations and Nominations for National Office	No Majority to Support or Oppose
RC 19-24	Election to Honorary Membership in the APTA: Tad Fisher	Majority in Support
RC 20-24	Assessing Existing Workforce and Future Projections in Specialty Growth Areas to Meet Population Health Challenges	Majority in Support
RC 21-24	Charge: Develop Contemporary Operational Definitions of Terminology Impacting APTA Documents	Majority in Opposition
RC 22-24	Charge: Special Committee to Develop Contemporary Definition of Physical Therapy	Majority in Opposition
RC 23-24	Adopt: Definition of Patients, Clients, and Patient-PT Relationships	Majority in Opposition
General Discussion Period	NA	
Report of Elections	Results of Elections: President: Michael Tisbe Vice-President: Michael Masaracchio Speaker: Audrey Paslow Nominating Committee: Genevieve Smith PTA Council Rep: Ryan Linhart PTA Council Rep Alternate: Carlos Lopez	

	<p>2025 HOD Delegates- 11 elected in alphabetical order: Crow, Jeremy Hochman, Lori Len, Anna Lynam, Peggy Marko, Theresa Moffat, Marilyn McPherson, Jake Rivers, Lynn Rufa, Adam Smith, Matt</p> <p>Alternates to the HOD in ranking order: Ribeiro, Sandra Maniscalco, Nicole Barbaretti, Elizabeth Chow, Shingpui Mody, Vinita Flanzraich, Shaina Salem, Yasser Wagman, Alison Slevin, Jesse</p>	
Installation of Officers	Installation of President, Vice President, Speaker of Delegate Assembly, Nominating Committee, New/Re-Elected Directors	
Awards	<p>DR. MARILYN MOFFAT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD Sharon Marion, PT, DPT</p> <p>APTA NEW YORK LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD Debra Engel, PT, DPT, MS</p>	

TRACY SAWYER PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Karen Litzzy, PT, DPT

MERIT AWARD

Rosa Torres-Panchame, PT, DPT

NEW YORK CHAPTER APPRECIATION AWARD

Theresa Marko, PT, DPT, MS

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Matthew Hyland, PT, PhD

PTA EXCELLENCE AWARD

Ryan Linhart, PTA

PT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Lauren Tourtellott, PT, DPT

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO DISTRICT AWARD

Jennifer Strizak, PT, DPT – Central District

Theresa Marko, PT, DPT, MS – Greater NY District

Matthew Smith, PT, DPT – Western District

*Brooklyn/Staten-Island, Catskill, Eastern, Finger Lakes, Hudson Valley, Long Island
and Southern Tier*

Districts had no submissions.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION AWARD:

Daemen University: Joella McLaurin

Ithaca College: Karli Fosco

Long Island University: Bernardo Mulingtapang

Nazareth University: Rachel Coombs

New York Institute of Technology: Vincent Masciello

NYU Steinhardt: Leah Kaplan

University at Buffalo: Andrew Syvertsen

DEI STUDENT AWARD

	<p>Ithaca College: Treasure Blackman</p> <p>STUDENT FUTURE LEADER IN DEI AWARD</p> <p>NYU Steinhardt: Haley Williams</p>	
Good and Welfare	<p>Speaker informed Delegates of upcoming Chapter wide Access to Health event 10/26/24. More information will be coming to all members.</p> <p>The Speaker was recognized by Judicial Reference Chair for her service in the role for the last 4 years.</p> <p>Recognition and applause for new Delegates</p> <p>Thank you to all the Delegates.</p> <p>Thank you to the Chapter Staff.</p> <p>Thank you to the Student Delegates.</p> <p>Thank you to the Nominating Committee.</p> <p>Thank you to the Parliamentarian, who was also recognized for 25 years of service to the Chapter.</p> <p>Thank you to the Committee to Approve the Minutes.</p> <p>PAC raised over \$4000 at the Delegate Assembly.</p>	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned 3:49pm	

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Zacher, PT, DPT
APTA New York Secretary