



CHIEF DELEGATE REPORT

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This year, the **House of Delegates** was an on-line meeting this year due to the pandemic. The house officially opened June 1, 2020 and closed June 3, 2020. The Alabama delegation included Donald Lein, Heather Mount, Andrea Bowens and Andrea Johnson (served for Tonquita Hampton). Amy Smith served as the PTA Caucus Representative and provided the Alabama delegation valued opinion and insight. We met as a delegation for the house in a local hotel in Birmingham.

The delegation listened to candidate interviews online over several days: May 16, 2020, May 18, 2020, and May 20, 2020.

The following APTA members were elected to the APTA's Board of Directors and nomination Committee on June 1, 2020:

- Jeanine Gunn, PT, DPT was elected Treasurer
- William (Bill) F McGhee, Jr, was elected Speaker of the House of Delegates.
- Skye Donovan PT, PhD was elected Director
- Victoria Tilley, PT was elected Director
- Leslie Simone Pilgrim, PT, DPT, MPH, Certified Lymphedema Therapist, was elected to the Nominating Committee.
- John DeWitt, PT, DPT, ATC, Board Certified Clinical Specialist in Sports Physical Therapy, was elected to the Nominating Committee.

These terms became effective at the close of the House of Delegates on June 3, 2020.

APTA members may submit a form now to the Nominating Committee to recommend an APTA member for national office. You can find the form here - <https://aptaapps.apta.org/Recommendations/Recommend.aspx>

In 2021, we will be electing a President, a Vice President, three Directors, and one Nominating Committee members.

This year we considered 42 motions. The final vote on each motion is as follows:

1. RC 1- 20 Amend: Bylaws of The American Physical Therapy Association To Grant Life Members The Privilege Of Serving As Delegates To The House Of Delegates – Passed - Consent Calendar
2. RC 2 – 20 Amend: Bylaws of the American Physical Therapy Association, Article XI. Finance, Section 3: Dues – Passed
3. RC 3-20 - Amend: Bylaws of the American Physical Therapy Association and Standing Rules of the American Physical Therapy Association to Change the Date that National Elected Leaders Assume Office – Passed - Consent Calendar
4. RC 4 – 20 Amend Bylaws of the American Physical Therapy Association and Standing Rules of the American Physical Therapy Association to Allow a Public Member to Serve on the APTA Board of Directors - Passed
5. RC 5-20 Amend: Bylaws of the American Physical Therapy Association, Article XIV. Amendment – Passed -Consent Calendar
6. RC 6-20 - Amend: Bylaws of the American Physical Therapy Association to Allow Sections to Vote in the House of Delegates – Passed
7. RC 7-20 Amend: Bylaw Amendment and Standing Rule Amendment to Restructure APTA Board of Directors by Removing the Officers of the House Of Delegates - Refer to board or Special Committee on House Bylaws for further deliberations to bring back to the House of Delegates next year
8. RC 8-20 - Amend Standing Rules of the American Physical therapy Association, Standing Rule 18. Background Paper Development – Passed

9. RC 9-20 Amend: Standing Rules of the American Physical Therapy Association, 17. Main Motion Criteria – Failed
10. RC 10-20 - Amend: Standing Rules of the American Physical Therapy Association, Standing Rule 21. Definitions of Viewpoints and Administrative Directives – Referred to Special Committee on House Bylaws for further deliberations to bring back to the House of Delegates next year
11. RC 11-20 Amend: Support of Environmentally Responsible Practice by the American Physical Therapy Association and its Components (HOD P06-19-56-23) - Passed
12. RC 12-20 Amend: Guidelines: Professional Oath for Physical Therapists (HOD G06-19- 59-72) - Passed -Consent Calendar
13. RC 13-20 Amend: Definition of Underrepresented Minority Populations in Physical Therapy Education (HOD P06-14-13- 08) – Passed
14. RC 14-20 Amend: Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapist (HOD S06- 19-47-67) to Incorporate Core Values for the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant – Passed
15. RC 15-20 Amend: Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant (HOD S06-19-47-68) to Incorporate Core Values for the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant - Passed
16. RC 16-20 Amend: Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapist by Striking the Lettered Principles (HOD S06-19-47-67) – Withdrawn
17. RC 17-20 Amend: Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Physical Therapist Assistant by Striking the Lettered Principles (HOD S06-19-47-68) – Withdrawn
18. RC 18-20 Amend: Guidelines: Recruiting and Hiring Internationally Educated Physical Therapists (HOD G06-94-34-45) – Passed
19. RC 19-20 Amend: Honoraria For Board Of Directors (HOD Y06-19-70- 34) – Passed
20. RC 20-20 Amend: Section III of the Standards Of Practice for the Physical Therapist (HOD S06-19-29-50) – Passed
21. RC 21-20 – Passed
22. RC 22-20 Adopt: Practice And Business Financial Arrangements For Physical Therapists - Passed
23. RC 23-20 Adopt: The Role of the Physical Therapist and the American Physical Therapy Association in Sleep Health - Passed -Consent Calendar
24. RC 24-20 - Adopt: The Role of the Physical Therapist and the American Physical Therapy Association in Behavioral and Mental Health - Passed -Consent Calendar
25. RC 25-20 Adopt: Transparency in Delegate Motion Voting – Withdrawn
26. RC 26-20 Adopt: Financial Transparency CAPTE-Accredited Programs – Withdrawn
27. RC 27-20 Charge: Financial Transparency CAPTE-Accredited Programs – Withdrawn
28. RC 28-20 Adopt: Workforce Planning - Passed
29. RC 29-20 Charge: Workforce Planning – Passed
30. RC 30-20 Adopt: Support of Emergency Physical Therapist Practice
31. RC 31-20 Charge: Barriers to and Opportunities for Emergency Physical Therapist Practice – Passed
32. RC 32-20 Adopt: World Confederation For Physical Therapy Congress Dubai 2021 – Passed
33. RC 33-20 Adopt: World Confederation For Physical Therapy Congress Location Selection – Passed
34. RC 34-20 Charge: Presentation of APTA Motions to 2023 World Confederation for Physical Therapy Congress – Passed
35. RC 35-20 Charge: Explore The Scope and Impact of Uncompensated Physical Therapist Services – Passed
36. RC 36-20 - Charge: Physical Therapy Competencies for Prevention, Health Promotion and Wellness - Withdrawn
37. RC 37-20 Charge: Accessing Posters and Platform Presentations - Withdrawn
38. RC 38-20 Discontinue Reports to the House of Delegates for RC 30-05 Consumer Information Available on the American Physical therapy Association Web Site and RC 41-01 Public Relations Campaign – Passed -Consent Calendar
39. RC 39-20 Election to Honorary Membership in the American Physical Therapy Association: John J. Bennett, JD – Passed -Consent Calendar
40. RC 40-20 Election to Honorary Membership in the American Physical Therapy Association: Dale M. Needham, MD, PhD - Passed -Consent Calendar
41. RC 41-20 Charge: Appropriate Use Of Telehealth In Physical Therapy – Passed
42. RC42-20 Resolution: Acknowledging Healthcare Professionals During COVID-19 Pandemic - Passed

Next year, the House will be held September 11-12, 2021 in the new headquarters of the APTA, Washington, DC.

Finally, the 2020 House of Delegates Apportionment was busy and stimulating. My fellow delegates and I would like to thank you for your support an allowing us to represent you this year.