

1 **APTA AWARDS COMMITTEE**

2 Board Liaison: TBA

3 Staff Liaison: TBA

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5 The Awards Committee provides strategic counsel to the Board of Directors regarding the  
6 APTA Honors & Awards Program.

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8 **CHARGE**

9 The Board of Directors' determined charge for the Awards Committee is to:

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- 11 • Submit an annual report to the Board of Directors that includes subcommittee  
12 recommendations for award and scholarship recipients.
- 13 • Submit a report to the Board of Directors, annually as necessary, with  
14 recommendations to improve the APTA Honors & Awards Program, based on the  
15 committee's annual program review.
- 16 • Identify potential APTA Honors & Awards Program revisions and improvements by  
17 performing an annual program review, including but not limited to:
  - 18 ○ Review of award and scholarship descriptions, criteria, application materials,  
19 and application processes.
  - 20 ○ Review of subcommittee scoring rubrics, evaluation procedures, and  
21 recommendation processes.
  - 22 ○ Consideration of potential new awards and scholarships.
  - 23 ○ Consideration of awards or scholarships to be discontinued.
  - 24 ○ Consideration of ways to engage or leverage past award and scholarship  
25 recipients.
- 26 • Ensure that the APTA Honors & Awards Program recognizes outstanding  
27 contributions to the profession and association, with consistent and inclusive  
28 processes that create a positive member experience.
- 29 • Serve as ambassadors for APTA, actively encouraging nominations for awards and  
30 scholarships and assisting in recruitment of subcommittee member volunteers.
- 31 • Coordinate and collaborate with other APTA appointed groups and stakeholders,  
32 when doing so can further the work of the committee.

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34 The committee chair will serve as master of ceremonies at the APTA Honors & Awards  
35 Ceremony.

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1 All APTA appointed groups shall conduct their work to support APTA’s Mission, Vision,  
2 Strategic Plan, and APTA adopted policies and positions. All appointees shall agree to the  
3 APTA Volunteer Commitment.

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5 **QUALIFICATIONS OF APPOINTEES**

6 Shall be:

- 7 • An APTA member in good standing
- 8 • A subcommittee chair from one of the following eight APTA Awards Program  
9 subcommittees:
  - 10 • Subcommittee on Advocacy Awards.
  - 11 • Subcommittee on Catherine Worthingham Fellows.
  - 12 • Subcommittee on Education Awards.
  - 13 • Subcommittee on Lecture Awards.
  - 14 • Subcommittee on Practice and Service Awards.
  - 15 • Subcommittee on Publication Awards.
  - 16 • Subcommittee on Research Awards.
  - 17 • Subcommittee on Scholarship Awards.

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19 **MEETINGS**

20 The Awards Committee meets virtually each quarter. Other meetings may be scheduled as  
21 needed.

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23 **SIZE OF APPOINTED GROUP**

24 One Board chair, selected by the APTA President; 8 additional members (one chair from  
25 each of the 8 Awards subcommittees); and the APTA president as ex-officio.

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27 **TERMS OF APPOINTEES**

28 Committee members shall serve a one-year term; no individual shall serve more than three  
29 consecutive terms. Beginning in 2029, APTA members shall not serve on more than one  
30 board-appointed group at a time with the exception of APTA Board members.

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32 **AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEES**

33 \*The APTA Awards Committee has eight subcommittees. Each Awards subcommittee shall  
34 have a chair. Each subcommittee chair shall work with the staff liaison as needed to manage  
35 the work of their subcommittee and shall serve on the APTA Awards Committee.

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37 **CHARGE**

1 The Awards subcommittees shall apply the criteria established by the Board of Directors for  
2 each association honor and award to each nomination received for each award under its  
3 purview and make recommendations to the Board regarding award recipients.

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5 The Board of Directors' determined charge for each Awards subcommittee is to:

- 6 • Review award nominations\* received for each award that falls under the
- 7 subcommittee's purview against the applicable criteria established by the Board.
- 8 • Recommend potential recipients to the Awards Committee for final review.
- 9 • Review the current awards platform for recommendations and improvements,
- 10 • Review and make recommendations on proposals for new awards applicable to the
- 11 subcommittee's award category and provide feedback on the utility of the criteria
- 12 and measurement tools for existing awards within the subcommittee's purview.

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14 \*A nomination is the packet of materials submitted to APTA in response to the association's  
15 annual call for nominations for its honors and awards program. Each subcommittee works  
16 independently to review the received nominations that fall within its purview.

17 \*\*A recommendation is what each Awards subcommittee brings to the Awards Committee  
18 after it has completed its review of all nominations for each honor or award under its  
19 purview. The Awards Committee will submit recommendations to the Board. It is the Board's  
20 responsibility to either accept or reject recommendations.

## 21 22 **TERMS OF APPOINTEES**

23 Individuals appointed to a subcommittee shall serve a two-year term and shall not serve  
24 consecutive terms for appointments beginning in 2026 or thereafter. Beginning in 2029,  
25 APTA members shall not serve on more than one board-appointed group at a time with the  
26 exception of APTA Board members.

## 27 28 **SUBCOMMITTEES**

29 The subcommittees are as follows:

### 30 31 **ADVOCACY AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE**

32 This subcommittee will review nominations received for the following awards:

- 33 • State Legislative Leadership Award & State Legislative Commitment Award
- 34 • Federal Government Affairs Leadership Award
- 35 • Public Service Award

## 36 37 **Qualifications for Appointees**

1 Preference will be given to individuals with the following experience:

- 2 • Federal Affairs Liaison or Federal Key Contact.
- 3 • Current or former component leader (president or board member).
- 4 • Former Advocacy Award recipient.
- 5 • PTPAC Club member.
- 6 • State legislative chair.

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### 8 **Meetings**

9 This subcommittee meets virtually two times per year between December and March.

10 Additional virtual calls will be scheduled as needed.

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### 12 **SIZE OF APPOINTED GROUP**

13 Five APTA members.

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### 15 **CATHERINE WORTHINGHAM FELLOW OF THE APTA AWARD SUBCOMMITTEE**

16 This subcommittee will review nominations received for the honor of Catherine

17 Worthingham Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association, the association's highest  
18 membership category.

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### 20 **Qualifications for Appointees**

- 21 • Must be a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of APTA.

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### 23 **Meetings**

24 This subcommittee meets virtually two times per year between December and March.

25 Additional virtual calls will be scheduled as needed.

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### 27 **SIZE OF APPOINTED GROUP**

28 Five APTA members.

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### 30 **EDUCATION AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE**

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32 The Education Awards Subcommittee will review nominations received for the following  
33 awards:

- 34 • Dorothy Baethke-Eleanor J. Carlin Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching
- 35 • F.A. Davis Award for Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Educator
- 36 • Margaret L. Moore Award for Outstanding New Academic Faculty Member
- 37 • Minority Initiatives Award

- 1 • Signe Brunstrom Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching
- 2 • Outstanding Physical Therapist Fellow Award
- 3 • Outstanding Physical Therapist Resident Award

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#### 5 **Qualifications for Appointees**

6 Must have expertise in education.

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#### 8 **Meetings**

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10 Additional virtual calls will be scheduled as needed.

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#### 12 **SIZE OF APPOINTED GROUP**

13 Five APTA members.

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#### 15 **LECTURE AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE**

16 This subcommittee will review nominations received for the following awards:

- 17 • Mary McMillan Lecture Award
- 18 • John H.P. Maley Lecture Award

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#### 20 **Qualifications for Appointees**

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- 22 • Must have distinguished contributions to the profession of physical therapy in the areas
- 23 of administration, education, patient care, or research.
- 24 • Preference will be given to past McMillan lecturers and/or past Maley lecturers.

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#### 26 **Meetings**

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#### 30 **Size of Appointed Group**

31 Five APTA members.

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#### 34 **PRACTICE AND SERVICE AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE**

35 This subcommittee will review nominations received for the following awards:

- 36 • Henry O. and Florence P. Kendall Practice Award
- 37 • Lucy Blair Service Award

- 1 • Marilyn Moffat Leadership Award
- 2 • Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Award
- 3 • Outstanding Physical Therapist/Physical Therapist Assistant Team Award
- 4 • Humanitarian Award
- 5 • Societal Impact Award

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### 7 **Qualifications for Appointees**

- 8 • Must have expertise in clinical practice.
- 9 • One subcommittee member must be a physical therapist assistant member.
- 10 • For review and recommendation of the Henry O. and Florence P. Kendall Practice Award  
11 only: Preference is given to qualified Maryland Chapter members; if no chapter  
12 representative is identified, then the award will be reviewed per standard procedure by  
13 those appointed.

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### 15 **Meetings**

16 This subcommittee meets virtually two times per year between December and March.  
17 Additional virtual calls will be scheduled as needed.

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### 19 **Size of Appointed Group**

20 Six APTA members.

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### 22 **PUBLICATIONS AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE**

23 This subcommittee will review nominations received for the following awards:

- 24 • Chattanooga Research Award
- 25 • Dorothy Briggs Memorial Scientific Inquiry Award
- 26 • Helen J. Hislop Award for Outstanding Contributions to Professional Literature
- 27 • Jack Walker Award
- 28 • Jules M. Rothstein Golden Pen Award for Scientific Writing

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### 30 **Qualifications for Appointees**

31 Must have expertise in one of the areas of practice, education, and research, with an overall  
32 expertise in written communications.

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### 34 **Meetings**

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1 **Size of Appointed Group**

2 Five members and the editor-in-chief of PTJ: Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Journal as  
3 consultant. The PTJ editor-in-chief is not a voting member of the subcommittee.

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5 The Editorial Board may, at its discretion, submit a nomination for applicable Publication  
6 Awards. Should the PTJ editor-in-chief actively participate in the Editorial Board's selection  
7 of the nominated article, they must recuse themselves from discussion of the respective  
8 nomination when meeting with the subcommittee.

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10 **RESEARCH AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE**

11 This subcommittee will review nominations received for the following awards:

- 12 • Eugene Michels New Investigator Award
- 13 • Marian Williams Award for Research in Physical Therapy

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15 **Qualifications for Appointees**

16 Must have expertise in research.

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18 **Meetings**

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23 Five APTA members.

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25 **SCHOLARSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE**

26 This subcommittee will review nominations received for the following awards:

- 27 • Mary McMillan Scholarship Award
- 28 • Access and Opportunity Scholarship Fund Award

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30 **Qualifications for Appointees**

31 Must be an educator.

- 32 • One subcommittee member must be a PT or PTA who is a physical therapist assistant  
33 educator.

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35 **MEETINGS**

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