The following is an overview of the information collected by the State Representative Network. The states not listed do not currently have a State Representative to the SPTS. If you are interested in serving as a State Representative for the Section, please contact Greg Alnwick at galnwick@ne.rr.com or (603) 466-5972.

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ALABAMA – Representative: Andrea Johnson
· Nothing to report.

ALASKA – Representative: Rebecca Byerley
· Nothing to report.

ARIZONA – Representative: John Heick
· Nothing to report.

ARKANSAS – Representative: VACANT
· No report submitted.

CALIFORNIA–Representative: Andrew Saldivar
· Tri State Physical Therapy Conference, 10/11-10/13/19. South Point Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV.

COLORADO – Representative: VACANT
· No report submitted.

CONNECTICUT--Representative: Peg Grey
· Nothing to report.

DELWARE – Representative: Angela Smith
· No report submitted.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA- Representative: McKenzie Bane
· Sept. 18th – Par Wars Golf Classic at Oak Creek Golf Club.
  o Location: 600 Bowieville Manor, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.
  o Time: 10am – 2pm.
  o Volunteers for body mechanics, stretches, and warm-up/cool down can contact Valerie Rucker (valerie.m.rucker@gmail.com)
· APTAMD and DCPTA Regional Student Conclave: Oct. 26th in Baltimore.
· APTA DC & MD Annual Conference: Nov. 9th
  o Early Bird Registration ends Sept. 15th
DC members use promo code DCPTA to get member rate.

- Nov. 27th – Feasts of Sharing:
  - Underserved populations enjoy a traditional meal.
  - Clothing donation, health fair, and more.
  - DCPTA will take part in health fair portion, more info to come.

FLORIDA – Representative: Patrick Pabian
- No report submitted.

GEORGIA – Representative: Ross Brakeville
- Nothing to report.

HAWAI’I – Representative: Ryan Moore
- Nothing to report.

IDAHO – Representative: Kyle Sela
- Nothing to report.

ILLINOIS – Representative: Anne Bierman
- Current legislative issues in the IPTA:
  - We just celebrated the one-year anniversary of direct access in IL!
  - Legislation is pending to increase early intervention reimbursement by 3%.
  - Physical Therapy Licensure Compact – no update.
  - Fair PT Co-Pays no update.
- Events/Activities:
  - ReVitalize 2020 proposals were due in late July. Wisconsin and Illinois PT Associations will be teaming up 4/24 – 4/25 at the Q Center in St Charles.
- Awards (to be given at ReVitalize 2020)

INDIANA – Representative: Shane Sommers
- No report submitted.

IOWA – Representative: Shane McClinton
- Legislative: No legislative news to report.
- Events:
  - On Friday, July 19, 2019, the Iowa Falls Prevention Coalition held its 5th annual symposium to help work toward developing a system that screens older Iowans for fall risks and makes referrals to appropriate evidence-based falls prevention programs.
  - The IPTA Fall Conference will be held October 24-25th, 2019 at Des Moines University.

KANSAS – Representative: Garrett Holle
- Nothing to report.

KENTUCKY – Representative: Chris Sharrock
- Nothing to report.
LOUISIANA - Representative: Christian Coulon
· No report submitted.

MAINE - Representative: VACANT
· No report submitted.

MARYLAND – Representative: Michael Zarro
· APTA of Maryland Sponsored Events:
  o APTA of Maryland & DCPTA Student Conclave October 26, 2019 - Baltimore, MD
  o APTA of Maryland & DCPTA Annual Conference November 9, 2019 - Arnold, MD
· APTA Sponsored Events:
  o Engaged: Professional and Leadership Growth Through a Variety of Lenses July 17, 2019 (8:00 pm-9:00 pm)
  o Insider Intel: Live Webinar Series on Payment and Regulatory Issues July 24, 2019 (1:00 pm-2:45 pm) - FREE to members
  o Well-Being: Your Career Depends on It July 25, 2019 (1:00 pm-2:00 pm, ET) – Live Webinar
  o CCIP Level 1 Trainer Credentialing Course August 2-4, 2019 - Alexandria, VA
  o Demonstrate Value of Therapy Services Before Home Health Payment Changes Begin August 5, 2019 (2:00 pm, ET) – Live Webinar (Members Only)

MASSACHUSETTS- Representative: Malia Koppin
· PT Day on the Hill: PT, PTA, student involved. APTA of MA members advocated at Massachusetts States House for a day of discussing issues that affect the profession and patients.
· Lobbyists are working on a power point presentation to present to higher-level insurance meetings. The meeting was scheduled for June 5th with Blue Cross, Blue Shield. They plan to schedule a meeting with Harvard Pilgrim soon.
· PAC: Hosted a fundraiser for Speaker of the House, Bob DeLeo, who is a supporter of PT in the legislature.
· Lobbyists are working on issues:
  o Athletic Training Association of Massachusetts (ATOM) - Goal: find language for scope of practice that makes sense for the safety of our patients.
  o APTAMA plans to collaborate with OT and Orthopedic MD.
  o Dry needling: APTAMA Board passed guidelines on dry needling. The Department of Allied Health is discussing continuing education requirements.
· Annual Conference scheduled in Norwood, MA on 10/26.

MICHIGAN--Representative: Corey Snyder
· Nothing to report.

MINNESOTA – Representative: Jaynie Bjornaraa
· Nothing to report.

MISSISSIPPI – Representative: Stephen Dill
· Nothing to report.

MISSOURI- Representative: Chuck Rainey
· MPTA Fall Conference, When: Saturday, October 26, 2019; Where: St. Louis University, Allied Health Building, 3437 Caroline St, St. Louis, MO 63104; Time: Registration begins at 7:00 AM; Contact: Lindsay Roepe, Lindsay@bardgett.net, 573-556-6730. See link for further information: https://www.mopt.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1257087.
MPTA 2020 Elections. The nominating committee is currently seeking candidates for the 2020 Elections. If you would like to learn more about these positions, please contact Chase Miller, Chair of the Nominating Committee at sd402651@gmail.com. Elections will take place at the MPTA Spring Meeting in April 2020. We will be electing the four following positions: Vice President (3 year term), Chief Delegate (3 year term), Director (3 year term), and PTA Delegate (2 year term). Nominations and consent forms must be submitted by March 1, 2020 in order for the slate to be prepared and shared with the MPTA membership 30 days prior to the MPTA Business Meeting. If you would like to run for any of these open positions, see link for please see link for nominating form: https://www.mopt.org/page/2020elections.

MONTANA – Representative: VACANT
· No report submitted.

NEBRASKA – Representative: Dan McCutchen
· The Nebraska Physical Therapy Association has approved an "Early Professional Development" SIG to help new therapists become more involved.

NEVADA- Representative: Steven Liaos
· No report submitted.

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Representative: Greg Alnwick
· NHAPTA is working on an issue with the Compact since one of the Cigna plans is not recognizing NH as part of the compact.
· Currently working on building relationships with the NH Athletic Trainer’s Association since APTA has begun working with the NATA.
· NHAPTA’s Night at the Fisher Cats: We again plan to be a sponsor for a night at the Fisher Cats scheduled for August 16th at an evening game.
· We will be having our first Annual Conference: Scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2019 with the theme of Applied Pain Science. This conference will bring together providers from various segments and aspects of healthcare who routinely deal with the challenges of effective pain management as well as review the latest research in the area of applied pain science. More details to come!

NEW JERSEY – Representative: Edison Au
· Nothing to report.

NEW MEXICO--Representative: VACANT
· No report submitted.

NEW YORK – Representative: Terrance Sgroi
· Nothing to report.

NORTH CAROLINA –Ann Marie Husk
· Dry Needling:
  o March 2019 NC state’s acupuncture licensing board relented on its attempt to restrict the intervention, signing off on a settlement agreement in federal district court that acknowledges dry needling as a part of the PT scope of practice in the state.
  o The agreement acts as an end to a lawsuit from a combination of PTs and patients against the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board (NCALB) that originated back in 2015.
· Spinal Manipulation:
  o Session Law 2019-43 (HB548), the bill NCPTA introduced to eliminate the need for a physician
referral to perform spinal manipulation has made its way through the legislative process.

○ The act updates the definition of physical therapy to exclude the practice of chiropractic and to include manipulation of the spine without a prescription form a physician licensed to practice in this state.
○ This process has taken 6 years.
○ Thanks to a task force the bill passed in the state House in 2015 and again in 2017, but both times the effort stalled in the state Senate. This year, the task force successfully worked to move legislation through both chambers.
○ The bill was signed in June and will go into effect October 1, 2019.

Compact Privileges:

○ The Physical Therapy Compact Commission (PT Compact) is pleased to announce that compact privileges will be available for the state of North Carolina starting Monday, July 1, 2019, at 9 a.m. Eastern.

○ This will bring the total number of states issuing compact privileges to fourteen.

NORTH DAKOTA – Representative: Kevin Axtman
• Nothing to report.

OHIO – Representative: Jeffrey Swiers
• Currently no new legislation has been proposed within Ohio. The Ohio State Advocacy Committee will be meeting in August and September to finalize wording for legislation moving forward. Anticipate will introduce new legislation later this year.

OKLAHOMA – Representative: Josh Williams
• Nothing to report.

OREGON – Representative: Eric Marchek

• Senate Bill 742 was passed in Oregon which creates a path to licensure for Athletic Trainers in the state. The Oregon Physical Therapy Association supported this element of the bill. Elements in the original draft of the bill that were opposed would have broadened the scope of practice for Athletic Trainers in Oregon. That language was removed from subsequent versions of the bill before passing.

PENNSYLVANIA – Representative: Ivan Mulligan
• Pennsylvania is still working on Compact legislation. Currently this bill is in committee. The PPTA is planning an Advocacy day in Harrisburg for September 24th. More info can be found at www.ppta.org.

RHODE ISLAND – Representative: VACANT
• No Report submitted.

SOUTH CAROLINA – Representative: Chris Hopkins
• Nothing to report.

SOUTH DAKOTA – Representative: Matt Dewald
• Nothing to report.

TENNESSEE – Representative: Bryan Clary
• Nothing to report.

TEXAS – Representative: Toko Nguyen
• We are currently working on the finalizing the language for Direct Access in Texas.
UTAH- Representative: Brian Boyle
- Big news out of Utah is that Medicaid is going to be reimbursed at 90% of the Medicare fee schedule and by CPT code not the lump sum.
- Other recent wins influenced by UPTA that improve our ability to practice physical therapy in Utah include (but are not limited to):
  - Ability of physical therapists to order imaging including plain films and MRI.
  - Clarification in the definition for mobilization/manipulation.
  - Addition of Dry Needling to Utah’s practice act.
  - Participation in the PT Compact Agreement.
  - Ability for new graduates to practice sooner after graduation.
  - Protecting the term neuromuscular response.
  - Enacting the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund and the Pediatric Neuro-Rehabilitation Fund.
  - Constantly defending encroachment of other professions and challenges to the practice of physical therapy and our practice act.

VERMONT - Representative: VACANT
- No report submitted.

VIRGINIA - Representative: Matthew Ward
- VPTA Fall Summit – Submission Deadline: September 26th, 2019 by midnight.
  - The VPTA Research Committee is currently accepting abstracts for consideration for poster presentations at the Fall Summit, November 9th, 2019 in Richmond.
  - See VPTA.org for more information on submission requirements.
  - 2019 Fall Summit Meet Us In Richmond! Join us for the 2019 VPTA Fall Summit.
    South University 2151 Old Brick Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060.
  - Early Bird registration August 31, 2019.
  - Advance registration closes on Tuesday, October 29, 2019.
  - PAC Event 7 pm on November 9.
  - Annual Members Meeting on November 9 at 3:45 pm.
  - PT Pint Night- November 9 at Casa at 6:00 pm.
  - Poster Presentations and Exhibit Hall on November 9 at 12:00 pm.
- There are still a few spots that need to be filled, so if you are interested in serving the VPTA please contact Marie Stravlo at vpta@vpta.org.

WASHINGTON – Representative: VACANT
- No report submitted.

WEST VIRGINIA - Representative: VACANT
- No report submitted.

WISCONSIN – Representative: Steven McCoy
- Nothing to report.

WYOMING - Representative: Tom Davis
- Nothing to report.