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.

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We would like to also welcome and say a special thank you to our newest member(s) Matt Tuttle (Colorado) and Mathew Failla (Vermont). Your time is greatly appreciated.

ALABAMA – Representative: Andrea Johnson
- Nothing new to report.
- Legislation for unrestricted direct access will be submitted during the 2020 legislative session which begins on February 4th.

ALASKA – Representative: Rebecca Byerley
- Nothing to report.

ARIZONA – Representative: John Heick
- Nothing to report.

ARKANSAS – Representative: VACANT
- No report submitted.

CALIFORNIA – Representative: Andrew Saldivar
- Nothing to report.

COLORADO – Representative: Matt Tuttle
- CSM is coming up in Denver in February. AASPT pre-course work and SIG meetings can be found here: https://apta.confex.com/apta/csm2020/meetingapp.cgi/Subject/58.

CONNECTICUT – Representative: Peg Grey
- No report submitted.

DELWARE – Representative: Angela Smith
- Delaware’s governor signed Senate Bill 83, the PT Compact licensure, into law on July 30th 2019. DE is now part of the national PT Compact but not yet issuing Compact licenses.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA- Representative: McKenzie Bane
  · Nothing to report.

FLORIDA – Representative: Patrick Pabian
  · Florida is proposing a revision of its practice act to modernize language in House Bill 467 / Senate Bill 792. While most areas of practice are largely unchanged, it does include the practice of dry needling to the scope of practice. For bill text, please refer to [http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/467](http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/467).

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:
    o SB 653 – no update.
    o Legislation is pending to increase early intervention reimbursement by 3% - no update.
    o Physical Therapy Licensure Compact – no update.
    o Fair PT Co-Pays no update.
  · Events/Activities:
    o ReVitalize 2020 courses were announced. Registration will open in January. Wisconsin and Illinois PT Associations will be teaming up 4/24 – 4/25 at the Q Center in St Charles.
  · Awards (none – to be given at ReVitalize 2020)

INDIANA- Representative: Shane Sommers
  · Nothing to report.

IOWA – Representative: Shane McClinton
  · Legislative: No legislative news to report.
  · Events:
    o The IPTA Legislative Day will be held on February 26, 2020 hosted at the Iowa State Capitol and 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
  • Nothing to report.

MASSACHUSETTS- Representative: Malia Koppin
  • No report submitted.

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 2020 Lobby Day: When: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:00 AM; Where: Missouri State Capitol and Millbottom Event Center, Jefferson City, MO; Contact: Lindsay Roepe, Lindsay@bardgett.net, 573-556-6730. See link for further information: https://www.mopt.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1214427&group=
  • 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 sd02651@gmail.com. Elections will take place at the MPTA Spring Meeting in April 2020. We will be electing the four following positions: Vice President (3year term), Chief Delegate (3year term), Director (3year term), and PTA Delegate (2year 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
  • Nothing to report.

NEVADA- Representative: Steven Liaos
  • This year was a legislative year (every 2 years) in Nevada. The NV State Board of Oriental Medicine introduced a bill to make dry needling the sole practice of oriental medicine practitioners. The NV State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners responded by submitting SB 186 to include dry needling language in the state practice act for Physical Therapists. The Board had guidance from the APTA and FSBPT.
  • Athletic Trainers and Physical Therapists from the professional sports teams and entertainment industry in Nevada joined together to support SB 186 stating that inability to utilize dry needling would impair their ability to help athletes and performers recover from their injuries. Due to the support the OM Board amended the language in their bill to remove the reference to physical therapy. SB 186 passed before the end of the session, was signed by Gov. Sisolak allowing Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers to perform dry needling in Nevada. PTs and ATs held joint workshops to fine-tune details of regulations, which have been submitted to
LCB (file no. R054-19) and are expected to be accepted in early 2020.

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Representative: Greg Alnwick

- NHAPTA had their first annual conference in Concord NH on November 2nd, 2019. This year’s topic was “Current Trends in Applied Pain Science.” We had about 90 attendees with speakers from multiple disciplines. Greg Alnwick was the PT representative for the discussion panel and also talked on Motivational Interviewing. We look forward to future conferences.

NEW JERSEY – Representative: Edison Au

- NJ Sports Physical Therapy Committee: the goal of the committee is to develop & promote Sports PT in the state, through analysis of sports trends at all levels, host continuing education courses, and foster discussion about PTs role in various settings. Recently gained a few new committee members that work in the NFL.
  - Chair of NJ Sports PT Committee; Edison Au, just presented at the annual NJ Sports Medicine Seminar on Nov. 22 (“Cuboid Syndrome: The Not-So-Uncommon Ankle Dysfunction.”)
- Upcoming events:
  - NJ Sports PT committee looking to host it’s first seminar, possibly at MetLife Stadium in the Spring, as well as a social networking event.
  - Emergency Response for the Athlete (ERA) to be hosted by Cogent Steps, LLC in NJ on Jan. 11-12, 2020 (Cherry Hill), but also close by in Bethlehem, PA (Feb. 22-23) & NYC (Apr. 18-19).
- Recent Legislative activity: Bill No. S431/S5256/A392.
  - Bill first introduced Feb. 15, 2018.
  - Permits certain physical therapists to perform Dry Needling, if the physical therapist has successfully completed a dry needling continuing education and competency program approved by the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, has two or more years of clinical experience treating patients in NJ, has current CPR certification.
  - “Dry needling” does not mean the stimulation of auricular or distal points or the practice of acupuncture.
  - The bill establishes requirements for board-approved dry needling continuing education and competency programs, which must include at least 54 hours of instruction.
  - The bill also requires a physical therapist to obtain written informed consent from each patient prior to the provision of dry needling, containing a minimum of 6 points, including a clearly and conspicuously written statement that the patient is not receiving acupuncture.
  - Update: For almost two years, APTANJ has been requesting for S431 which "Permits certain physical therapists to perform dry needling" to be heard in the Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee (SBA). APTANJ representatives were informed in November that S431 would be considered on Thursday, December 5th. It is the SBA Committee's first meeting since June 17, 2019 and this is one of the last stops in the overall legislative process for the bill to become law. The agenda for this Thursday's meeting was posted today at noon and S431 is not on the list of bills being considered. APTANJ were informed that acupuncturists are trying to obstruct the legislative process by contacting members of the SBA and asking them to not allow this bill to proceed. APTANJ is encouraging all their members to engage & contact the SBA members to request that S431 be added to This Thursday’s agenda!

NEW MEXICO--Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

NEW YORK – Representative: Terrance Sgroi

- Nothing to report.

NORTH CAROLINA –Ann Marie Husk

- Dry Needling:
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.

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:**
- 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 2019 and went into effect October 1, 2019.

**Compact Privileges:**
- The Physical Therapy Compact Commission (PT Compact) announced that compact privileges were available for the state of North Carolina Monday, July 1, 2019, at 9 a.m. Eastern.

**NORTH DAKOTA** – Representative: Kevin Axtman
- The following bills have passed and are in affect as of July 1, 2019 in North Dakota.
  - Physical Therapy SB 2125 updates the Physical Therapy Practice Act; including clarifying supervision definitions and updating Board makeup.
  - Another bill, SB 2059, exempts out of state sports physicians to work with teams without a ND license. The current ND PT Practice Act already exempts PT’s traveling with sports teams.
- The North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy is now working with legislative committees to update the Rules and Regulations.

**OHIO** – Representative: Jeffrey Swiers
- Nothing to report.

**OKLAHOMA** – Representative: Josh Williams
- Nothing to report.

**OREGON** – Representative: Eric Marchek
- Nothing to report.

**Pennsylvania** – Representative: Ivan Mulligan
- No report submitted.

**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
  · No report submitted.

TEXAS – Representative: Toko Nguyen
  · Treatment without a referral for up to ten (10) consecutive business days for a physical therapist with a doctoral degree in physical therapy or who has completed a minimum of thirty (30) continuing competence activities in the area of differential diagnosis.
  · Additionally, a PT with a doctoral degree in physical therapy who has completed a residency or fellowship can treat for up to fifteen (15) consecutive business days without a referral.
  · Stipulations on treatment without a referral are the PT must have been licensed to practice physical therapy for at least one (1) year and must be covered by professional liability insurance.
  · Before treatment can exceed the authorized number of days, a referral must be obtained from a qualified healthcare practitioner.

UTAH - Representative: Brian Boyle

VERMONT - Representative: Mathew Failla
  · Nothing to report.

VIRGINIA - Representative: Matthew Ward
  · Nothing new to report other than recent election results. The 2019 VPTA Elections results are as follows:
    - President Elect: Tony Grillo
    - Chief delegate: Dianne Jewell
    - Chapter secretary: Joe Spagnolo
    - Blue Ridge District Nominating Committee Member: Vacant
    - Mountain District Nominating Committee Member: Lee Chaffee
    - Valley District Nominating Committee Member: Jordan Molstre
    - Delegates: Shawne Soper, Lee Ann Eagler, Thomas Mayhew, Thomas Bohanon, Megan Bureau, Megan McIntyre, Kyle Feldman, Samantha Foster, Steve Elam, Emily Hawkins, Erik Lineberry
    - PTA Caucus Rep: Jeff Thilking
    - Director: Blue Ridge District: Comet Mekonen
    - Director Mountain District: Vacant
    - Director Valley District: Brian Britt
    - Director: Central District: Andrea Blanchard
    - Director: Tidewater District: Elizabeth Chambers
    - Secretary: Central District: Christopher Fosdick
    - Secretary: Northern District: Nandina Ustaris
    - Secretary: Tidewater District: Steelie Hurst
    - Treasurer: Blue Ridge District: Kyle Feldman
    - Treasurer: Mountain District: Kim Slemp
    - Treasurer: Valley District: Katie Morris

WASHINGTON – Representative: VACANT
  · No report submitted.

WEST VIRGINIA - Representative: VACANT
  · No report submitted.

WISCONSIN – Representative: Steven McCoy
  · No actual reportable legislative updates from Wisconsin.
  · There is some planning behind the scenes to re-open the practice act to clarify PTA student supervision. Our
statutes don’t completely follow the APTA stance based on terminology, and it is creating some issues with PTA student programs regarding clinical placements and supervising clinicians.

WYOMING - Representative: Tom Davis
- Nothing to report.