

STATE REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK, SPTS  
2016 – 2nd quarter report

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](mailto:galnwick@ne.rr.com) or (603) 466-5972.

Alabama	Arkansas	Delaware	Maine
Mississippi	New Mexico	South Dakota	Vermont
West Virginia	Wyoming		

**ALABAMA – Representative: VACANT**

- No report submitted

**ALASKA – Representative: Rebecca Byerley**

- Nothing to report.

**ARIZONA – Representative: John Heick**

- No report submitted.

**ARKANSAS – Representative: VACANT**

- No report submitted.

**CALIFORNIA--Representative: Aimee Diaz**

- No report submitted.

**COLORADO – Representative: Brian Briggs**

- Nothing to report.

**CONNECTICUT--Representative: Peg Grey**

- No report submitted.

**DELAWARE – Representative: VACANT**

- No report submitted.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA- Representative: Tim Vidale**

- No report submitted.

**FLORIDA – Representative: Patrick Pabian**

- No report submitted.

**GEORGIA – Representative: Ross Brakeville**

- Nothing to report.

## HAWAII – Representative: Ryan Moore

- Nothing to report.

## IDAHO – Representative: Kyle Sela

- Nothing to report.

## ILLINOIS – Representative: Anne Bierman

- Due to the stalemate in Springfield, there are no updates about Co-Pay Equity, Dry Needling, or PT License Compact.
- Senate Bill 2742 and House Bill 6231: Athletic Trainer Legislation. These bills appear to try to expand the scope of practice of athletic trainers and reduce the requirements of supervision and oversight by a physician, without requiring any increase in training or education. Both bills stalled due to objections raised by the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS), the Illinois Department of Finance and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) and the IPTA.
- “The State of Illinois’s failure to pay their obligations has not only impacted the lives of disabled seniors, small business owners, families that rely on aid for child care, and our state universities, but also new graduates from PT and PTA programs. One of the unpaid bills was the state’s dues for membership in the Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy (FSBPT). Without that payment, PT and PTA students graduating and expecting to apply for the exam and Illinois license this month were going to be turned away. After being advised of this issue, the IPTA contacted IDFPR Secretary Bryan Schneider. Secretary Schneider immediately took it upon himself to arrange for the dues to be paid to ensure our graduating students would be able to take the exam.” – Mike Riley, PT (IPTA President)
- IPTA’s new mission statement was voted on at Revitalize 2016 Conference in St Charles, IL. It is succinct but declarative: “The IPTA exists to improve the health, wellness, and quality of life for the people in Illinois through physical therapy.” IPTA has also adopted new value-based strategic goals:
  - o IPTA will increase society’s awareness and understanding of physical therapy.
  - o IPTA will transform health care in Illinois by leading collaboration between physical therapists and all physical therapy providers to reduce barriers to consumer access and promote health focused lifestyle interventions
  - o To maximize the value of IPTA membership (internal)
  - o Revitalize 2016 Conference was March 18-19 in St Charles, IL. It was a great two-day conference, with action-packed lectures and labs. The State Assembly also met and passed several key pieces of legislation.
  - o On 4/8/16, the Student Special Interest Group hosted a Masquerade, a banquet to benefit the Foundation for Physical Therapy at the Crystal Sky Banquet Hall in La Grange, IL. They hosted almost 100 students from surrounding PT/PTA programs to celebrate and support evidence-based research. They donated 100% of the event’s proceeds (over \$2000) to the Foundation for Physical Therapy.
- 2016 Awards were issued at the Revitalize Conference in March
  - o Physical Therapist of the Year – Kathy Hall, PT, EdD
  - o Emerging Leader Award – Meg Simonetti, PT, DPT, MSHA
  - o Clinical Educator of the Year – Dawn Stackowicz, PT, DPT, MS, CCS
  - o Outstanding Physical Therapist Student of the Year – Lauren Toner, SPT

## INDIANA- Representative: Shane Sommers

- No report submitted.

## IOWA – Representative: Shane McClinton

- The IPTA continues to work on protecting the practice of dry needling by Iowan PTs. While IPTA won a battle against the petition brought to the Iowa PT/OT board by the Iowa Association of Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture (IAOMA), IAOMA approached their board (the Board of Medicine) in attempt to restrict PTs from performing dry needling and has been unsuccessful. In addition IAOMA attempted to change their scope of practice again through the Legislative process and has also been unsuccessful. It is anticipated that IAOMA will appear the Iowa PT/OT board action and IPTA will continue its fight to keep dry needling within our scope of practice.

## KANSAS – Representative: Daniel Lorenz

- Nothing to report.

## KENTUCKY – Representative: Chris Sharrock

- 2016 Kentucky Conclave: The 2016 Kentucky Conclave will be held September 9-10 on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington! Attendees may earn up to 6 CEUs. Multiple, concurrent educational programs are available for both students and licensed members. Session topics include documentation, community-wellness, joint replacement, inter-professional health teams, and pain/fibromyalgia. Registration coming in July.
- Norton Sports Health and KORT Sports Medicine Symposium: The Sports Medicine Symposium provided by Norton Sports Health and KORT is designed to provide physicians, health care clinicians, and athletic trainers with the latest scientific and clinical information about sports medicine in the female athlete. The symposium is being held June 17-18 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville. To register, call (502) 629-1234, option 2, or [click here](#). Registration deadline is June 13, 2016. Up to 11.25 category 1 contact hours awarded for attending. For more information, contact [Rob Hinkebein](#).

## LOUISIANA - Representative: Christian Coulon

- No report submitted.

## MAINE- Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

## MARYLAND – Representative: Michael Zarro

- Nothing to report.

## MASSACHUSETTS- Representative: Malia Koppin

- Spring Representative Assembly/Delegate Caucus 5/15/16
- Manual therapy SIG: Neurophysiology of Pain Education in Patients Low Back Pain 5/25/16
- Dementia Series Part 2 - Utilizing Tests and Measures in Patients with Dementia 6/14/16
- Dementia Series: Part 3 - Evidence Based Treatment 7/13/16
- Full Representative Assembly 10/19/16
- Annual Conference 11/5/16
- H-1912. An Act Relative to Athletic Training Rep Coppinger. Would remove “athlete” from definition of Athletic trainer and remove the need for direction from a physician.(Oppose)
- H-2006 An Act Relative to the safe treatment of pain: Would prohibit physical therapists (and other non-acupuncturists) from doing dry needling.(Oppose)
- H-176. An Act establishing a board of registration in physical therapy which would establish an independent licensing board. Filed by Rep Donato on Behalf of APTA of MA (Support)
- H2025, An Act relative to health cost savings. Asks the state to use their database to study costs for physical therapy treatment under a physician referral model vs treatment under self-referral or direct access care. Filed by Rep Nagle on behalf of APTA of MA.(Support)

## MICHIGAN--Representative: Mark Brostman

- Nothing to report.

## MINNESOTA – Representative: Amanda Frake

- An Athletic Trainer's scope of practice bill has been introduced in the state legislature. It proposes the following changes:
  - o Deletes the context that currently defines the distinct population of individuals that athletic trainers are educated and certified to treat by removing all reference to "athlete" or "athletic injury."
  - o It fails to define supervision. It removes the reference to the current form of supervision including the protocol form and the primary physician.
  - o It opens the door for the athletic trainer to treat complex populations of patients as the front line provider, WITHOUT REFERRAL, WITHOUT SUPERVISION and WITHOUT LIMITATION.
- The MNAPTA has taken a stance against these proposed changes

## MISSISSIPPI – Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

## MISSOURI- Representative: Chuck Rainey

- Volunteers Needed for FUNFitness Screenings: Volunteers needed to screen Special Olympic athletes at Thomas Jefferson Middle School - Jefferson City on October 13-16, 2016. Event run from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. This volunteer opportunity is open to any/all PTs and PTAs. We screen flexibility, strength, and balance in quick, easy manner. To volunteer contact Jeff Krug at [krugi@health.missouri.edu](mailto:krugi@health.missouri.edu) with the following information: Name, Dates available, and Times available.
- On-line Continuing Education Opportunity: MPTA's partnership with MedBridge allows us to provide a discounted subscription for \$200, regularly \$425. Click here: <https://www.medbridgeeducation.com/mpta> to learn more and subscribe or enter the promo code MPTA at checkout.

## MONTANA – Representative: John-Henry Anderson

- No report submitted.

## NEBRASKA – Representative: Claire Lakatos Rathjen

- No report submitted.

## NEVADA- Representative: Steven Liaos

- Nothing to report.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE – Representative: Greg Alnwick

- Things are quiet this quarter in NH. However, they are currently looking into the PT compact for next year. For those states who agree to the compact, it allows you to practice in compact states with minimal paperwork and you do not need to get an additional license. <http://www.fsbpt.org/FreeResources/PhysicalTherapyLicensureCompact.aspx> Nursing currently has it in 24 states, physicians just passed it in NH this year.

## NEW JERSEY – Representative: Edison Au

- NJ SPTS State Rep; Edison Au, was the team therapist for Wrestling Canada at the final 2016 World Olympic Qualifier in Istanbul, Turkey May 3-9. Au provided physical therapy services for six freestyle wrestlers (and one Greco-Roman), most of which are national champions, some former Olympians.
- Feb. 8, 2016 - Bill No. S1315/A1389
  - o This bill seeks again to revise/update the "Physical Therapist Licensing Act (1983, 2003)."

- o Adds "balance disorder" to what a PT may assess for (a prelude to positioning PTs to be a part of the ever growing concerns of identifying and treating of concussions).
- o Adds "intramuscular techniques" to inclusive treatments (protecting PTs as approved practitioners of techniques such as dry needling and intramuscular stimulation [IMS]).
- o While already approved by the NJ assembly last year, the bill was not passed on to the NJ Senate for final voting by the committee chair, an example of the ongoing battle for scope of practice between NJ acupuncturists and PTs.

#### NEW MEXICO--Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

#### NEW YORK – Representative: Terrance Sgroi

- Nothing to report.

#### NORTH CAROLINA –Ann Marie Husk

- Acupuncturists are challenging our ability to dry needle.
  - o This would limit patient access to our services
  - o Dry Needling is within the scope of practice in 26 jurisdictions, and physical therapists have long been performing needle insertion for EMG and NCV testing in 46 states and jurisdiction.
  - o In September 2015, NCALB filed the lawsuit against NCBPTE, asking the Wake County Superior Court to declare that dry needling by PTs is the unlawful practice of acupuncture.
  - o On April 26, Judge Louis Bledsoe III dismissed the suit largely on jurisdictional grounds.
  - o A second lawsuit *Henry v North Carolina Acupuncturist Licensing Board* filed in October 2015 is still pending in US District Court. It is supported by NCPTA, argues that NCALB is violating antitrust law and due process rights in its actions to prevent PTs from practicing the skilled intervention.
  - o Henry vs NCALB will affect ALL 50 states since it is a federal anti-trust suit.  
<http://files.ctctcdn.com/44bfa6d1401/625747e1-e54c-453e-9112-51fdaee22494.pdf> to view the complaint.
- You can help by contributing to the NCPTA's legal defense at:
  - o [GOFUNDME.COM/DEFENDDRYNEEDLING](http://GOFUNDME.COM/DEFENDDRYNEEDLING)
  - o [BOOSTER.COM/DEFENDINGDRYNEEDLING](http://BOOSTER.COM/DEFENDINGDRYNEEDLING)
  - o [www.ncpt.org/nc-advocacy](http://www.ncpt.org/nc-advocacy)
  - o If you have specific questions about the legal case pending contact: Andrew H. Erteschik | Partner PoynerSpruill LLP Attorneys at Law, 301 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1900, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601. D: 919-783-2895 | M: 919-602-1953
- H135(S190) Modernization Physical Therapist Practice. This bill would eliminate the NC statutory law requirement for a physician referral for physical therapists (PTs) to perform spinal manipulation, which physicians agree is not necessary, and when eliminated will increase the time used to best care for patients, and will decrease the cost and delay of an extra appointment to obtain a special referral. This treatment is currently performed safely by physical therapists without a prescription in 47 other states, the military, and D.C. April 30<sup>th</sup>
- 2015 HB 135 Modernize PT Practice was passed in the House and sent to the Senate.
- We now have 166 physician letters of support, have had constituent PT personal meetings with 40 of the 50 senators and educated the other 10, have had lots of support, no stated opposition, 561 people on Spinal Manipulation Task Force, have spent the past 3 weeks of the 8 week General Assembly short session calling on Health Care Committee members. So far no health bills have emerged to move from the Rules Committee to the Health Care Committee. We are still hoping for the bill to move before the session ends at the end of June, but it might not go until next year.
- Physical therapist and physicians should contact their Senators to support the bill.
- Go to [www.ncpt.org](http://www.ncpt.org) for more information

#### NORTH DAKOTA – Representative: Kevin Axtman

- No report submitted.

## OHIO – Representative: Michael Bogden

- House Bill 169: The bill focuses on PTs being able to make a diagnosis within their scope of practice and order imaging that would be interpreted by other medical personnel. The bill was set to go to committee on December 1<sup>st</sup> with approval by the committee allowing the bill to be able to go up for a vote in the house. However, the bill reached a stalling point due to a block by the Ohio Medical Association being in close ties with the chairman of the committee and asking the Ohio Physical Therapy Association to change the language of the bill to the point in which the intent of the bill would be lost. Due to the Ohio Medical Associations opposition, the chairman of the committee will not put the bill up for vote even though a majority of committee members approve of the bill and would vote for the bill to go to the house.

## OKLAHOMA– Representative: Josh Williams

- A lawsuit has filed by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and the Oklahoma State Medical Association against the State of Oklahoma questioning the constitutionality of HB 1020 was heard on May 10, 2016 by Judge Patricia Parrish. Judge Parrish denied the motion of the plaintiffs and therefore preserving the constitutionality of HB 1020 and upholding Oklahoma’s direct access law. At this time, I am unaware of any decision of the plaintiffs to appeal the judge’s ruling.
- SB 1164 which was a measure to amend and update Oklahoma’s state concussion law passed on May 24, 2016. The bill which updates and clarifies terminology, develops penalties, and directs the State Health Department to create resources has now been sent to the governor for signature. Pending signature, the new law will be in effect as of November 1, 2016. A copy of the bill can be read at: [http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf\\_pdf/2015-16%20ENR/SB/SB1164%20ENR.PDF](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2015-16%20ENR/SB/SB1164%20ENR.PDF)
- The Oklahoma Physical Therapy Association hosted their annual meeting on April 1-2, 2016. The Western District of the OPTA will host a two part Therapeutic Neuroscience Pain Education course on June 18, 2016. Part 1 is entitled “Educating Patients about Pain” and part 2 is entitled “Too Hot to Handle: Desensitizing the Hypersensitive Patient.” The course will be taught by Kory Zimney, PT, DPT, CSMT, CAFS.

## OREGON – Representative: Christine Panagos

- Nothing to report.

## PENNSYLVANIA – Representative: Ivan Mulligan

- We are investigating the need to introduce legislation and we are developing our strategies over the next couple of months.

## RHODE ISLAND – Representative: Jeff Konin

- Nothing to report.

## SOUTH CAROLINA – Representative: Rebecca Arndt

- No report submitted.

## SOUTH DAKOTA- Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

## TENNESSEE – Representative: Joe Black

- No report submitted.

## TEXAS – Representative: Toko Nguyen

- Texas is currently getting closer to solidifying dry needling as part of their practice act.

## UTAH- Representative: Brian Boyle

- A tele-health bill was introduced asking insurance and the Utah Dept. of Health to look into coverage for PT tele-health services. This bill did not move out of committee this session, but it was a good start and it should open up future discussion.

- There was previously a State Licensure Law exam which is no longer required to pass in order to receive licensure.
- The Utah Physical Therapy Association is looking for assistance for the Utah PT PAC. They are asking that all members donate 1-2 hours of your wages in order to continue to assist this cause. Donations can be made at the following website: <https://uptaonline.site-ym.com/donations/donate.asp?id=11739><https://uptaonline.site-ym.com/donations/donate.asp?id=11739>

**VERMONT - Representative: VACANT**

- No report submitted.

**VIRGINIA - Representative: Justin Podell**

- No report submitted.

**WASHINGTON – Representative: Samantha Gubka**

- No report submitted.

**WEST VIRGINIA - Representative: VACANT**

- No report submitted

**WISCONSIN – Representative: Steven McCoy**

- Wisconsin Senate passed Assembly Bill AB-549 on Tuesday, March 15, by unanimous voice vote.
- Wisconsin Assembly Bill AB-549 had passed unanimously by voice vote on February 18, 2016. This legislation allows physical therapists to resume ordering x-rays and for radiologic technologists to accept such orders to take x-ray films as directed. This includes opportunity for public input. The process is expected to take several months.

**WYOMING - Representative: VACANT**

- No report submitted.