

STATE REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK, SPTS
2016 – 4th 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 or (603) 466-5972.

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

I'd like to also welcome and say a special thank you to our newest member, Andrew Contreras (Virginia), Andrew Saldivar (California). Your time is greatly appreciated.

ALABAMA – Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted

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: 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 STILL no updates about Co-Pay Equity, Dry Needling, or PT License Compact.
- ReVitalize Road Trip took place 11/12/16 in Springfield.
- ReVitalize 2017 is scheduled for April 21-22 at the Q Center in St Charles, IL

INDIANA- Representative: Shane Sommers

- Nothing to report.

IOWA – Representative: Shane McClinton

- On October 8th, 2016 the Iowa District court upheld the Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy’s ruling that dry needling is within the Physical Therapist’s scope of practice. While this is another win for physical therapists and physical therapy patients in Iowa, the Iowa Association of Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture can take this matter up in the Iowa Supreme court. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

KANSAS – Representative: Daniel Lorenz

- Nothing to report.

KENTUCKY – Representative: Chris Sharrock

- Nothing to report.

LOUISIANA - Representative: Christian Coulon

- Nothing to report.

MAINE- Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

MARYLAND – Representative: Michael Zarro

- APTA of Maryland Mini Combined Sections Meeting & Spring Meeting
 - o Date: March 25th
 - o Location: Carroll Community College
 - o Time: 9-Noon
 - o Member Meeting: from Noon - 1:00 p.m.
- MD General Assembly to begin January 11, 2017 to discuss:
 - o Athletic Trainer Treatment of "Tactical Athletes"
 - o Fair Co-pays
 - o Dry Needling

- o Individualized Education Plans
- o National Legislative Issues
- o Advocacy Resources

MASSACHUSETTS- Representative: Malia Koppin

- Annual Conference held on 11/5/16
- SB 1216 was pulled from a study bill in Public Health today, signaling the increasing likelihood of a vote in the Massachusetts Senate.
- SB 1216: An Act Relative to Athletic Training would expand the definition of who athletic trainers could treat to include virtually anyone. It would eliminate the distinction in scope of practice between PTs and ATCs, despite the additional education and training of every licensed physical therapist.
- Contact State Senators. Urge them to vote "NO" on S 1216. Let them know why you are concerned about expanding the ATC scope to include patients beyond their education and training.
- Massachusetts Chapter was named Innovative Chapter for its successful efforts to enhance member engagement by implementing a robust on boarding campaign for new members, capitalizing on the strength of its Special Interest Groups, adding "Movement Matters" exhibits to its PT Day on Beacon Hill event, and hosting a forward-thinking Salon during its membership conference.
- Call for Nominations for election are open for APTAMA
- 81 New Certified Clinic Specialists in Massachusetts

MICHIGAN--Representative: Mark Brostman

- No report submitted.

MINNESOTA – Representative: Amanda Frake

- A bill is still being considered in the state legislature to modify the scope of practice for athletic trainers. The MNAPTA has taken a stance against these changes. The Athletic Trainer's scope of practice bill proposes the following changes: (HF3038/SF2609)
 - 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.
- In an attempt to address opioid overuse, a bill was introduced into the Minnesota House of Representatives to mandate opioid training for all providers who are able to prescribe opioids (HF 4026).
- Another bill that has been introduced into the house would limit a prescriber from prescribing any more than a 3-day supply of controlled medications for pain relief, however it would not apply to chronic pain conditions (HF4032).

MISSISSIPPI – Representative: Meredith Warf

- Nothing to report.

MISSOURI- Representative: Chuck Rainey

- Nothing to report.

MONTANA – Representative: John-Henry Anderson

- No report submitted.

NEBRASKA – Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

NEVADA- Representative: Steven Liaos

- The 79th (2017) session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on Monday February 6th. The Nevada Physical Therapy Association has proposed changes to the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) including:
 - o Definition of the “Practice of Physical Therapy.”
 - o Add DPT and PTA to the list of protected terms and titles.
 - o Clarify language in NRS 629.021 to include all licensed healthcare providers.
- The Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners has also proposed changes to the Nevada revised Statutes (NRS) including:
 - o NRS 640.013 “Board” defined Board means the Nevada Physical Therapy Board.
- Additional changes related to the roles and functions of the Nevada Physical Therapy Board are also being proposed including: NRS 640.030 Creation; number, appointment, qualifications, terms, removal of members; quorum; civil liability. The Governor shall appoint:
 - o Three members who are licensed Physical Therapists in the state of Nevada.
 - o One member who is a licensed Physical Therapy Assistant or a Physical Therapist in the State of Nevada.
 - o One member who is a member of the general public.
 - o NRS 640.050: Powers and Duties.
 - o NRS 640.070: Deposit of fees; expenses; delegation of authority to take disciplinary action; deposit of fines impose by the Board; claims for attorney’s fees and costs of investigation.

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Representative: Greg Alnwick

- Nothing to report.

NEW JERSEY – Representative: Edison Au

- Nothing to report.

NEW MEXICO--Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

NEW YORK – Representative: Terrance Sgroi

- Governor Cuomo vetoed our Workers' Compensation PTA legislation that would have allowed treatment of injured workers by physical therapist assistants. While we were successful in getting this bill passed in the Senate and Assembly, the Governor's action brings us back to square one in this next legislative session.
- HSS Holiday Hip and Knee Course:
 - o Total knee and hip replacements are among some of the most common inpatient procedures. Continued modifications in surgical techniques and materials have further enhanced patient outcomes. Orthopedic surgeons need the most up-to-date knowledge to successfully perform a total knee or hip replacement, provide optimal care and treatment, manage post-operative complications, and appraise current controversies in the care and treatment of knee and hip disorders in various patient populations.
 - o <https://hss.classroom24-7.com/courses/display/1202#!28th+Annual+Holiday+Knee+%26amp%3B+Hip+Course+%2812%2F01%2F2016-12%2F03%2F2016%29>
 - o Dec. 1-3, 2016
- MLS 2016 Sports Symposium:
 - o Collegiate and professional soccer leagues rely upon their medical teams to treat soccer related injuries and return injured players to the sport in a safe and efficient manner. This activity will provide medical

- teams with guidance on the identification, prevention, and treatment of injuries and illnesses common to the soccer athlete. The team approach will be emphasized during case presentations, updates on current recommendations for treatment, and methods for return to sport in common areas affecting the soccer population. Emphasis will be placed on acknowledging the rare, but life threatening catastrophic injuries and illnesses that can happen in contact sports.
- o Jan 7, 2017

NORTH CAROLINA –Ann Marie Husk

- Nothing to report.

NORTH DAKOTA – Representative: Kevin Axtman

- Nothing to report.

OHIO – Representative: Michael Bogden

- House Bill 169
 - o 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.
 - o The bill never reached a vote though a majority of members in committee supporting the bill due to a block by the Ohio Medical Association being in close ties with the chairman. The bill will be re-introduced at the next general assembly and possibly in a new committee with hops to have better traction in getting out of committee.
- HB 617/SB 366
 - o Major legislative alert: This bill eliminates our licensure board and consolidates the PT board with OT, AT, orthotists, prosthetists, pedorthitists. The board would be made up of 1 rep from each profession and a public member. This means that all issues related to practice, licensure, disciplinary action etc. would be made by this group, of whom only one board member from our profession.
 - o The current board has nine physical therapy members who provide expertise from their respective fields to facilitate regulation and protect the public. The new combined board would greatly limit the physical therapist perspective on issues of discipline, law and rule change, and licensure to only one person. Furthermore, there would be a massive misrepresentation based on numbers as several of the professions only have a fraction of the licensed professionals PT's have. Though, they would have the same number of representatives on the board.

OKLAHOMA– Representative: Josh Williams

- The OPTA hosted a “Back to School Bash” for students from local PT/PTA programs on September 1, 2016.
- Therapists in both the Tulsa & OKC areas participated in the Global PT Day of Service on October 15, 2016.
- OKC area therapists volunteered at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma while Tulsa area therapists volunteered at a Senior Living Community.
- Both the Eastern and Western Districts of the OPTA held celebrations for PT month on October 25, 2016.

OREGON – Representative: Christine Panagos

- No report submitted.

PENNSYLVANIA – Representative: Ivan Mulligan

- No report submitted.

RHODE ISLAND – Representative: Jeff Konin

- Nothing to report.

SOUTH CAROLINA – Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

SOUTH DAKOTA- Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

TENNESSEE – Representative: Joe Black

- Nothing to report.

TEXAS – Representative: Toko Nguyen

- Nothing to report.

UTAH- Representative: Brian Boyle

- Nothing to report.

VERMONT - Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

VIRGINIA - Representative: Andrew Contreras

- Nothing to report.

WASHINGTON – Representative: Samantha Gubka

- No report submitted.

WEST VIRGINIA - Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted

WISCONSIN – Representative: Steven McCoy

- Nothing to report.

WYOMING - Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.