

STATE REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK, SPTS  
2018 – 3rd 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.

Arkansas	New Mexico	Rhode Island	South Carolina
Vermont	Washington DC	West Virginia	

I'd like to also welcome and say a special thank you to our newest member(s), Stephen Dill (Mississippi). Your time is greatly appreciated.

**ALABAMA – Representative: Andrea Johnson**

- The Alabama Chapter of the APTA (ALAPTA) plan to submit legislation that will remove referral language from the current practice act. This language change will improve patient's access to Physical Therapist services. The legislative session in Alabama begins in March 2019. More details regarding this action will be provided once the language is solidified.

**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**

- Nothing to report.

**DELAWARE – Representative: Angela Smith**

- No report submitted.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA- Representative: VACANT**

- No report submitted.

## FLORIDA – Representative: Patrick Pabian

- Florida continues to press forward on dry needling. The Florida Board of Physical Therapy approved dry needling and moved forward on rule making for establishing the necessary competencies practice for dry needling in the state. However, the rule was challenged by the Florida State Oriental Medical Association which resulted in a FL Department of Health hearing on the matter. The Board and the Florida Physical Therapy Association presented their case, and now are in a waiting period for the judgement, which will likely take several months.

## GEORGIA – Representative: Ross Brakeville

- No report submitted.

## 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:
  - Direct Access legislation – PASSED House and Senate in late spring. Governor Rauner just signed Thursday 8/16/18! HUGE accomplishment!
  - Physical Therapy Licensure Compact – no update
  - Fair PT Co-Pays no update
- Events/Activities:
  - ReVitalize 2019 will be held April 6, 2019 at the Q Center in St Charles. Proposals are due 9/28/18.

## INDIANA- Representative: Shane Sommers

- Nothing to report.

## IOWA – Representative: Shane McClinton

- The 2018 Fall Conference will be held October 25-27, 2018, at Des Moines University. Details and registration information can be found at [www.iowaapta.org](http://www.iowaapta.org).

## KANSAS – Representative: Garrett Holle

- Nothing to report.

## KENTUCKY – Representative: Chris Sharrock

- Nothing to report.

## LOUISIANA - Representative: Christian Coulon

- The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact Bill (SB 203), authored by Sen Barrow Peacock, was successfully passed. LA becomes the 19th state to have joined the compact. This bill allows Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants in LA to apply for a privilege to practice in other states that have already passed legislation and now part of the compact. Those states in the compact are: TX, OK, MS, TN, KY, NC, NH, NE, ND, MT, CO, UT, AZ, NE, IA, MO, OR, and WA. This means that instead of the burden of keeping up with licensure renewals from different states or different continuing education requirements, you can designate LA as your

home state and have one renewal date and follow the continuing educational requirements for LA only. This will significantly help those that live on the geographical borders of our state and practice in 2 different states, spouses of those in the military, or traveling therapists.

#### MAINE- Representative: Hollan Oliver

- Nothing to report.

#### MARYLAND – Representative: Michael Zarro

- New dry needling regulations will go in to effect October 1, 2018 (delayed from June 19, 2018)
  - Full regulations listed here  
<http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/SubtitleSearch.aspx?search=10.38.12.%2a>
- APTA of MD Mini CSM
  - Howard Community College
  - March 24, 2019
- APTA Fall Conference
  - The Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt - Towson, MD
  - November 3, 2018
- Physical Therapy Nights Out in October
  - October 10 - Eastern District at Brew River in Salisbury
  - October 17 - Western District at La Paz in Frederick
  - October 24 - Central District at Matthew's in Catonsville
  - October 24 - Southern District at Mother's Peninsula Grille in Arnold

#### 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

- CEU Day for the PT-PAC: When: Saturday, September 29, 2018; Time: 8:00 - 5:00 pm; Where: 3301 Berrywood Drive, Ste 204, Columbia, MO 65201, Contact: Wendy Nall - [wnall@pssrehab.com](mailto:wnall@pssrehab.com). Price: MPTA Members: \$75 for one course, \$125 for both, Non-Members: \$85 for one course, \$135 for both; Morning Block - 4 hours (.4 CEU): Evaluation and treatment of the Vestibular Patient - 4 hours (8am - 12pm), Presenter: Shari Kicker; Afternoon Block - 4 hrs (.4 CEU): Functional Rehabilitation of the Shoulder, Presenter: Wendy Nall. Register: <https://mopt.site-ym.com/events/register.aspx?id=1136237&itemid=04291a63-a5ee-4c5c-8ead-77e9699bff0f>
- MPTA 2018 Fall Conference: When: Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018; Time: 7:00 AM; Where: University of Missouri - Columbia, Clark Hall, 701 S. 5th Street, Columbia, MO; Contact: Carol Kemna - [ckemna@bardgett.net](mailto:ckemna@bardgett.net); See flyer for pricing & lodging info;
- Flyer: [https://cdn.ymaws.com/mopt.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/conferences/2018\\_fall\\_conference/2018\\_fall\\_conference\\_registr.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/mopt.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/conferences/2018_fall_conference/2018_fall_conference_registr.pdf)

**MONTANA – Representative: John-Henry Anderson**

- No report submitted.

**NEBRASKA – Representative: Dan McCutchen**

- Nothing to report.

**NEVADA- Representative: Steven Liaos**

- Nothing to report.

**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**

- Nothing to report.

**NORTH CAROLINA –Ann Marie Husk**

- Dr. Ginger Garner running for Senate Seat in NC General Assembly in Senate District 2
  - She is a physical therapist, licensed athletic trainer (LAT, ATC), professional yoga therapist (PYT) and educator in Emerald Isle, NC.
  - Last year was a delegate of the NCPTA.
  - Won close Democratic primary in May.
  - District 2 is Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties.
  - For more information about Ginger go to <https://gingergarnernc.com/>

**NORTH DAKOTA – Representative: Kevin Axtman**

- Nothing to report.

**OHIO – Representative: Jeffrey Swiers**

- Sub House Bill 131 remains in the Senate for a vote. Due to the summer recess, no additional action has been taken on Sub HB 131. Sub HB 131 includes the following changes to the Ohio Practice Act: Defining a Physical Therapy Diagnosis.

**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: VACANT**

- No report submitted.

**SOUTH DAKOTA- Representative: Matt Dewald**

- Planning to go to the legislature in spring 2019 to request PT Licensure Board under the Department of Health, as the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners currently is responsible for PT Licensing.
- On July 9<sup>th</sup> the South Dakota Legislative Interim Rules Review Committee passed the proposed regulations pertaining to Dry Needling. Physical Therapist who have met the requirements are now able to dry needle in the state of South Dakota.

**TENNESSEE – Representative: Joe Black**

- No report submitted.

**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: Tom Davis**

- Nothing to report.