

STATE REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK, AASPT  
2018 – 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](mailto:galnwick@ne.rr.com) or (603) 466-5972.

Arkansas	New Mexico	Rhode Island	Vermont
	Washington DC	West Virginia	

I'd like to also welcome and say a special thank you to our newest member(s), Chris Hopkins (South Carolina). Your time is greatly appreciated.

**ALABAMA – Representative: Andrea Johnson**

- ALAPTA continues to work toward moving forward with changes in language that will improve direct access in Alabama. The legislative session begins March 1.

**ALASKA – Representative: Rebecca Byerley**

- The Alaska Physical Therapy Association had their Annual Fall Conference, October 13-14, 2018 with Bryan Heiderscheit, PT, PhD speaking about Examination and Treatment of Running Injuries. The 144 PT's, PTA's and students in attendance received 2 days of evaluation and treatment interventions, education in shoe wear, and review/analysis of case studies. It was an excellent class and well received by all.
- Prior to the weekend's educational sessions, a local physical therapist, invited Bryan to his facility and conducted a running clinic. The therapists who attended the running clinic and the weekend educational sessions received valuable information and practical clinical examination and treatment techniques to take back to their clinics.
- Alaska Sport Physical Therapists are developing on-line groups to provide useful, clinical applicable information with each other, and also to educate and create awareness to other professionals eg: physicians, massage therapists, sport psychologists, and also to coaches and parents. These groups are new and in process of forming. Information sharing, education and providing awareness to the community in helping to keep our patients and athletes healthy and active is the primary focus at this time.
- The initial focus:
  - Concussion
  - Relative Energy Deficient Syndrome.

**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**

- Nothing to report.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA- Representative: VACANT**

- No report submitted.

**FLORIDA – Representative: Patrick Pabian**

- Nothing to report.

**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:
  - Telehealth – Earlier this year, the Illinois Telehealth Act was expanded to include physical therapists as one of the health care providers who may utilize telehealth in practice. IPTA's telehealth workgroup has been busy. In October, a #THIRDTURSDAY speaker presented a 2-hour course on Telehealth.
  - 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 were due 9/28/18.

**INDIANA- Representative: Shane Sommers**

- Nothing to report.

**IOWA – Representative: Shane McClinton**

- Nothing to report.

**KANSAS – Representative: Garrett Holle**

- Nothing to report.

**KENTUCKY – Representative: Chris Sharrock**

- Nothing to report.

**LOUISIANA - Representative: Christian Coulon**

- Nothing to report.

**MAINE- Representative: Hollan Oliver**

- Nothing to report.

**MARYLAND – Representative: Michael Zarro**

- Nothing to report.

**MASSACHUSETTS- Representative: Malia Koppin**

- APTAMA - Held October 27, 2018.
- June APTAMA Board Meeting - June 6, 2018
  - The APTAMA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, June 6th and efforts towards more effective communication with our members through email and social media was one of the top discussion items. There will be a lot of excitement to #JoinAPTAMAINJuly with membership challenges and prizes to highlight: What do you value about your APTAMA membership?
  - Working groups surrounding issues:
  - Appropriate use of the term "Doctor."
  - PTA participation in the Assembly of Representatives.
- Updated contact information:
  - APTA of Massachusetts, Liberty Square Group, 4 Liberty Sq, #500, Boston, MA 02109, (857) 702 – 9915, [aptama@libertysquaregroup.com](mailto:aptama@libertysquaregroup.com).
- Awards:
  - Mary MacDonald Distinguished Service Award: Mary Zupkus
  - Richard Kessler Memorial Award: Aimee Perron
  - Clinical Research Award: Sheng-Che Yen

**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 2019 Spring Conference. When: APRIL 12-14, 2019; Where: Sheraton Westport Chalet, 191 W Port Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146; Contact: Carol Kemna, [ckemna@bardgett.net](mailto:ckemna@bardgett.net), 573-556-6730.

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

- No report submitted.

#### NEBRASKA – Representative: Dan McCutchen

- The state of Nebraska passed an initiative to require the state to provide Medicaid for persons under the age of 65 and with incomes equal to or below 138 percent of the federal poverty line.

#### NEVADA- Representative: Steven Liaos

- Nothing to report.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE – Representative: Greg Alnwick

- Bill HB 1353: from earlier this year is about equal access for individuals with disabilities to participate in athletics. It was recommended for legislation in the upcoming session. We will watch this as it develops further.

#### NEW JERSEY – Representative: Edison Au

- NJ Sports Medicine Seminar hosted by Atlantic Sports Health & APTANJ on Nov. 16, 2018. Included talks by NFL physicians and players, on concussions, sudden cardiac death, new heat illness guidelines, etc.
- Oct. 15, 2018 - Bill No.A1598 (formerly S2511/ A4368)
  - Enters New Jersey in Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.
  - Will impact physical therapists working with athletes across state lines; to ensure that there is official reciprocity/recognition of license to practice when traveling with teams/athletes while competing in states for which the PT is not licensed.
  - 2018-01-09 - Introduced, Referred to Assembly Regulated Professions Committee
  - Withdrawn from Consideration on 2018-10-15.
- Feb. 15, 2018 - Bill No. S431/S5256/A392
  - 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.
  - The Senate Commerce Committee reported favorably on this Bill, and Referred to Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on 2018-02-15.
- Jan. 9, 2018 - Bill No.A1153
  - Requires criminal history record background checks on certain volunteer sports personnel.
  - While PT licensing in NJ already requires background checks and fingerprinting, this may be a redundant inconvenience for PTs working/volunteering for sports teams.
  - Introduced, Referred to Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee
- Jan. 9, 2018 - Bill No.A1755
  - Requires public and nonpublic schools, local recreation departments, and youth serving organizations to have licensed athletic trainer present at youth athletic events that involve certain contact sports.
  - To expand public awareness of sports PT, we should try to amend this bill to include sports PTs.
  - Introduced, Referred to Assembly Education Committee.

## NEW MEXICO--Representative: VACANT

- No report submitted.

## NEW YORK – Representative: Terrance Sgroi

- Nothing to report.

## NORTH CAROLINA –Ann Marie Husk

- Dr. Ginger Garner ran 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/>
  - Ginger Garner lost the general election on November 6, 2018.

## NORTH DAKOTA – Representative: Kevin Axtman

- North Dakota will begin its legislative session the beginning of 2019. The North Dakota Board of Physical Therapy will be opening its Physical Therapy Practice Act during this session, looking at the following changes;
  - Definition updates for “Competence”, Direct supervision”, and General Supervision.”
  - Changing the Board makeup to include three Physical Therapists, one licensed Physician, one Physical Therapy Assistant, and two Public members.
  - Limiting the maximum attempts for the National Exam to six in their lifetime, with a limit of two attempts for scores below four hundred.
  - Under the “Terms and titles”; “A Physical Therapist holding a Doctor of Physical Therapy or other doctoral degree shall not use the title “doctor” without also clearly informing the public of his or her profession as a Physical Therapist.”

## OHIO – Representative: Jeffrey Swiers

- Sub House Bill 131 remains in the Senate for a vote. After recent national and state elections, session has returned and we are currently waiting on final vote before the end of the year.
- 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

- All bills will need to be reintroduced in 2019 when the new assembly is seated. PA is continuing to work on telemedicine and compact legislation. It is expected that both bills will be reintroduced.

## RHODE ISLAND – Representative: VACANT

- No Report submitted.

## SOUTH CAROLINA – Representative: Chris Hopkins

- Full EMR Course: Three-day course covering all aspects of Emergency Medical Response. This 24-hour continuing education course is a requirement for PTs applying to sit for the sports certification examination. Successful completion includes all didactic work, workbook, and successful completion of the spine board and EMR practical.

- Recertification Course: One day re-certification course reviews all aspects of Emergency Medical Response. This course is open for students who are no more than 60 days in lapsed expiration of their last EMR course.
  - Dates: Jan 18-20, 2019
  - Time: 8:00AM – 5:00PM
  - Location: Medical University of South Carolina  
College of Health Professions  
Charleston, SC 29425
  - Provider: Danny D. Smith PT, DHSc, Physical Therapy Services, P.A.
  - Registration: Call (423)543-0073
  - Price: Full EMR Course, \$495
  - Re-certification Course, \$195

**SOUTH DAKOTA- Representative: Matt Dewald**

- Nothing to report.

**TENNESSEE – Representative: Joe Black**

- No report submitted.

**TEXAS – Representative: Toko Nguyen**

- Nothing to report.

**UTAH- Representative: Brian Boyle**

- Utah is now part of the PT compact.

**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**

- The Wisconsin Athletic Trainers' Association is looking to reopen the practice act for some changes. We are unsure at this time how the Wisconsin PT Association is responding.

**WYOMING - Representative: Tom Davis**

- Nothing to report.