

PTA Council Rep

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1. Describe how the PTA Council Representative can facilitate PTA interest in the APTA/APTA Wisconsin.

Answer: The PTA Council Representative can facilitate interest in APTA/APTA Wisconsin by showing what opportunities there are to engage in as a PTA member of the association, this can be done by word of mouth (at work, conferences, district meetings, and other association events), directly emailing PTA members or co-workers, and posting or sharing posts on social media.

2. What are the top three professional issues that affect the PTA's role in today's healthcare environment?

Answer: PTA supervision guidelines for Medicare Part B Private Practice; CMS will continue to allow direct supervision to be provided using real time interactive audio and video technology (excluding telephone that does not also include video) through December 31, 2023

The PTA Engagement Group was voted on in the 2021 House of Delegates and is now being implemented. The PTA Caucus has changed to the PTA Engagement Group consisting of the PTA Council (PTA Council Representatives selected or elected by APTA components, chapters, sections and academies), PTA Council Steering Group (include 7 steering group members that are current council representatives to serve a one year term to lead the council), and PTA Council Chair (leads the steering group serves a one year term and may serve two years consecutively, also serve as an alternate PTA Engagement Group delegate for the House of Delegates), PTA Delegates (2). The PTA Engagement Group will meet at the Leadership of Congress which is held prior to the House of Delegates.
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PTA activity in the House of Delegates includes RC 8-22 passed in the 2022 House. An affirmation of the PTA's role in interprofessional team-based care. In a motion that revised APTA's position on the direction and supervision of PTA's, the House approved changes that strengthened the concept of the PT- PTA team, further clarified that the PTA could be included as a part of the patient's or client's interprofessional care team. The 2023 House to come is looking at considering RC 25-23 AMEND:
BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION
TO PERMIT COMPONENTS THE RIGHT TO SEAT ONE PHYSICAL
THERAPIST ASSISTANT AS A DELEGATE TO THE HOUSE OF
DELEGATES RC 9-23: CHARGE: EXPLORE ALTERNATE MODELS
FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT EDUCATION AND
PRACTICE RC 10-23: CHARGE: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PTA
SCOPE OF WORK AND SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS