

ANIMAL REHABILITATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (ARSIG)
Orthopaedic Section Board Liaison – James Irrgang, President

Members:

1. **Governing Board:** President, Vice President/Education Chair, and Section Board of Director Liaison.
All 3 year terms elected by the OHSIG membership.
2. **Elected Committees:** Nominating, which consists of the Chair and 2 members.
All 3 year terms elected by the ARSIG membership.
3. **Standing Committees:** Practice Committee Chair/Liaison Coordinator, Research,, Secretary/Newsletter . All 3 year terms appointed by the ARSIG Governing Board .

Meetings: One meeting annually at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting. At least 2 conference calls each year to conduct SIG business and additional meetings for business or education as long as there is no conflict with Section or APTA functions. The Section will not subsidize these additional meetings..

Purpose: The purpose of the Animal Rehabilitation Special Interest Group of the Orthopaedic Section of the APTA is to provide a forum in which physical therapists and physical therapist assistants may discuss, learn, and promote the field of animal rehabilitation.

Tasks:

1. Promote the field of physical therapy for animals.
2. Share information with physical therapists, physical therapist assistants and veterinary medical professionals.
3. Collaborate and establish collegial relationships with veterinary medical professionals.
4. Develop educational programs on animal rehabilitation.
5. Foster research with the collaboration of veterinarians on the topic of animal rehabilitation.
6. Create guidelines for the practice of animal rehabilitation.
7. Encourage appropriate legislative changes for the growth and advancement of animal rehabilitation in collaboration with veterinarians.
8. Establish a national network for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants working with or interested in working with animals.
9. Protect the professional practice of physical therapy.

Work other than at meetings: On as-needed basis.

Qualifications: A member of the APTA and Orthopaedic Section and an active interest and/or work in the area of animal rehabilitation.

Conflict of Interest: A conflict of interest can arise when conditions or circumstances preclude or interfere with an individual's capacity to make the objective, detached decisions required in Board of Director meetings. Conditions or circumstances which may create a conflict of interest include but are not limited to those cases in which the Board of Director member, Committee member, or SIG member: 1) has a personal, professional, or financial interest in, or relationship with, the entity in question; 2) has or is perceived as having, for any reason, a preconceived bias for or against the entity in question. Board of Director members, Committee members, and SIG Governing Board shall excuse

1 themselves from such participation in any case where a conflict of interest arises, where a potential
2 conflict of interest may arise, or where there may be a perceived appearance of conflict.
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