

1 **RESEARCH COMMITTEE POLICY COVER PAGE**  
2 **Orthopaedic Section Board Liaison – Kornelia Kulig, Director**  
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4 **Members:** Chairperson, Vice Chair, Board of Director Liaison and 4 committee members all of whom  
5 are Orthopaedic Section members. Term limits are 3 year staggered terms.  
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7 **Current Members and Term Limits:** Lori Michener, Chair 2006-2013; Vice Chair – Duane “Scott”  
8 Davis, 2009 - 2010 , Kornelia Kulig, Board Liaison, 2009-2012; Josh Cleland, 2007 – 2011; David  
9 Ebaugh, 2008-2011; Sara Gombatto, 2009 – 2012; and Susan Sigward, 2009 - 2012.  
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11 **Meetings:** There are no regularly scheduled meetings of the committee. Most business issues are dealt  
12 with via e-mail. In the event that a meeting is necessary, meetings are conducted in the form of  
13 telephone conference calls.  
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15 **Purpose:**

16 To promote the development and improvement of orthopaedic physical therapy research at all levels.  
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18 **Tasks:**

- 19 1. Review abstracts for platform and poster presentations at the Combined Sections Meeting.
- 20 2. Moderate platform sessions at the Combined Sections Meeting.
- 21 3. Administrate the Orthopaedic Section Research Grant Award program (review grants and make  
22 recommendations for funding of projects, and manage the awarded grants).
- 23 4. Select the annual Rose Award for Excellence in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Research
- 24 5. Select the 2 JOSPT awards: JOSPT Excellence in Research Award and George J Davies – James  
25 A Gould Excellence in Clinical Inquiry Award
- 26 6. The Chairperson directs the members and activities of the committee to ensure that it meets the  
27 goals and objectives as stated in the Orthopaedic Section Strategic Plan.
- 28 7. Establish long and short-term goals for the committee every three years during the Fall Strategic  
29 Planning meeting.
- 30 8. The Chairperson serves in an advisory capacity to the Orthopaedic Section Board of Directors  
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32 **Work other than at meetings:**

- 33 1. Serve as an advisory body to the APTA Department of Research, JOSPT, Physical Therapy, or the  
34 Foundation for Physical Therapy Research as requested by the Orthopaedic Section Board of  
35 Directors.
- 36 2. Work with the Education Committee Chair in identifying topics and speakers for the Combined  
37 Sections Meeting programming.
- 38 3. Serve as a source of information pertaining to research issues or evidence-based practice for the  
39 Section membership.
- 40 4. Submit 1-2 articles per year to OPTP as requested, on issues related to orthopaedic research or  
41 evidence-based orthopaedic physical therapy practice.  
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1 **Qualifications: Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson:** Established research publication record and grant  
2 funding record. Preferably has had prior experience serving as a member of the Research Committee.  
3 **Committee Member:** Some experience publishing research articles. Experience in obtaining grant  
4 funding is helpful.

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6 **Conflict of Interest:** A conflict of interest can arise when conditions or circumstances preclude or  
7 interfere with an individual's capacity to make the objective, detached decisions required in Board of  
8 Director meetings. Conditions or circumstances which may create a conflict of interest include but are  
9 not limited to those cases in which the Board of Director member, Committee member, or SIG  
10 member: 1) has a personal, professional, or financial interest in, or relationship with, the entity in  
11 question; 2) has or is perceived as having, for any reason, a preconceived bias for or against the entity  
12 in question. Board of Director members, Committee members, and SIG Governing Board members  
13 shall excuse themselves from such participation in any case where a conflict of interest arises, where a  
14 potential conflict of interest may arise, or where there may be a perceived appearance of conflict.

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16 **Compensation Policy:** In the event that specific conditions or circumstances lead to a significant  
17 financial strain on the Section's Annual Budget the Section Board of Directors, based on a  
18 recommendation from the Finance Committee, will direct the Executive Director to discontinue all  
19 Stipends/Honorariums paid to Section members until fiscal solvency is attained.  
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