

AWARDS COMMITTEE POLICY COVER PAGE

Members: Four (4) committee members as well as the Vice President of the Section who serves as Chair; the 4 committee members serve a 3-year staggered term and are appointed by the Board of Directors.

Current Members and Term Limits: Tom McPoil, Chair, 2004-2007; Susan Appling, 2004-2007; Dale Schuit, 2004-2007; Carl DeRosa, 2004-2006; Gary Hunt, 2004-2006.

Meetings: Activities are conducted by correspondence, electronic communications, and conference calls.

Purpose: To select annual recipients for the following four (4) Orthopaedic Section awards; PT Student, PTA Student, the James A. Gould Excellence in Teaching Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, and the Paris Distinguished Service award.

Tasks:

1. Based on annual nominations received, select recipients for the above four (4) Orthopaedic Section awards.
2. Review and propose revisions to all documents related to the above four awards.
3. At the request of the Section's Board of Directors, review and make recommendations on all new award proposals.

Work other than at meetings: Twenty to thirty hours to review award nomination packets during a designated one-month period.

Qualifications: All committee members shall be APTA and Orthopaedic Section members. The committee shall be composed of the Section Vice President, who will serve as Chair, two (2) members whom shall have expertise in practice, and two (2) members who shall have expertise in education.

Conflict of Interest: A conflict of interest can arise when conditions or circumstances preclude or interfere with the individual's capacity to make an objective, detached decisions required in any Award Committee meeting. Conditions or circumstances which may create a conflict of interest include but are limited to those cases in which a committee member or the Chair: 1) has a personal, professional, or financial interest in, or relationship with, the entity in question; *or* 2) has or is perceived as having, for any reason, a preconceived bias for or against the entity in question. Award Committee members, including the Chair, shall excuse themselves from committee participation in any case where a conflict of interest arises, where a potential conflict of interest may arise, or where there may be a perceived appearance of conflict.