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**Bylaws of**  
**Orthopaedic Section, APTA, Inc.**  
**(A Delaware Nonstock Corporation)**

1 **ARTICLE I. NAME AND RELATIONSHIP TO AMERICAN PHYSICAL**  
2 **THERAPY ASSOCIATION**

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4 This corporation, Orthopaedic Section, APTA, Inc. (the “Section”) shall be a component  
5 of the American Physical Therapy Association (the “Association”).  
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8 **ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

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10 The purpose of the Section shall be to provide a means by which Association members  
11 having a common interest in orthopaedic physical therapy may meet, confer, and promote  
12 their common interests.  
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15 **ARTICLE III. OBJECTIVES**

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17 The objectives of the Section shall be to:

- 18  
19 1. Provide for interchange and dissemination of information about current trends and  
20 practices related to orthopaedic physical therapy; and  
21 2. Identify resource people and materials, and address areas of concern related to  
22 orthopaedic physical therapy; and  
23 3. Foster research in the area of orthopaedic physical therapy; and  
24 4. Promote the development and implementation of orthopaedic specialization and  
25 special interests; and  
26 5. Serve as a major source of information on orthopaedic physical therapy for  
27 society and the profession of physical therapy.  
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30 **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

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32 **Section 1: Categories and Qualifications of Members**

33  
34 The Section membership categories and qualifications for Physical Therapist, Retired  
35 Physical Therapist, Life Physical Therapist, Student Physical Therapist, Physical  
36 Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist Assistant, Life Physical Therapist  
37 Assistant, and Student Physical Therapist Assistant shall be the same as those of the  
38 Association.  
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40 **Section 2: Rights and Privileges of Members**

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42 Except as otherwise provided by law, the rights and privileges of the Section’s members  
43 shall be identical to those established in the Association’s bylaws, as they may be  
44 amended from time to time.  
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1 **Section 3: Application for and Admission to Membership**

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3 Any member of the Association in a category specified in Section 1 above may join the  
4 Section as a member in the corresponding category by submitting an application for  
5 membership and payment of the Section dues, if any, applicable to the membership  
6 category.

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8 **Section 4: Good Standing**

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10 A Section member is in good standing within the meaning of these bylaws if the member  
11 is in good standing in the Association.

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13 **Section 5: Disciplinary Action**

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15 Any member of the Section whose membership rights and privileges are suspended by  
16 the Association shall have his or her membership rights and privileges in the Section  
17 suspended. Any member who is expelled from membership in the Association shall be  
18 expelled from Section membership.

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20 **Section 6: Reinstatement**

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22 Any former member of the Section who is in good standing in the Association may be  
23 reinstated to membership in the Section by payment of the required Section dues.

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26 **ARTICLE V. REGIONAL AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

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28 **Section 1: Regional Groups**

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30 A. A regional group shall:

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32 1. Operate under bylaws or rules of order that shall not be inconsistent with  
33 Section or Association bylaws and that shall be approved by the Section's  
34 Executive Committee.

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36 2. Not levy special assessments that carry punitive action or loss of good  
37 standing.

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39 B. A regional group of the Section may be established and/or dissolved in  
40 accordance with the rules and conditions specified by the Section's Executive  
41 Committee.

1 **Section 2: Special Interest Groups**

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3 A. A special interest group shall:

4  
5 1. Operate under bylaws or rules of order that shall not be inconsistent with  
6 Section or Association bylaws and that shall be approved by the Section's  
7 Executive Committee.

8  
9 2. Not levy special assessments that carry punitive action or loss of good  
10 standing.

11  
12 B. A special interest group of the Section may be established and/or  
13 dissolved in accordance with the rules and conditions specified by the Section's  
14 Executive Committee.

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16 **Section 3: Limitations**

17  
18 Regional and special interest groups are subject to the following limitations:

19  
20 A. Bylaws and policies of the Association and the Section.

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22 B. No regional or special interest group shall profess or imply that it speaks  
23 for or represents the Section or members other than those currently holding  
24 membership in the regional or special interest group unless authorized by the  
25 Section's Board of Directors.

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28 **ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

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30 **Section 1: Annual Meeting**

31  
32 The Section shall hold an annual meeting of the general Section membership for the  
33 conduct of business at the time and place of the Association Combined Sections Meeting.  
34 Attendance shall be limited to Section members and invited guests approved by the  
35 Principal Officers. The Section shall hold informational meetings with the Section  
36 membership each year, whenever possible.

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38 **Section 2: Special Meetings**

39  
40 The President, with the approval of a majority of the Directors, has authority to call a  
41 special meeting of the general Section membership. The President must call a special  
42 meeting if one hundred (100) members request one in writing.

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44 **Section 3: Notice of Meeting Requirements**

45  
46 Notice of time and place of business meetings shall be sent to all Section members at  
47 least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

1 **Section 4: Quorum**

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3 A quorum shall consist of the presence at a meeting of twenty (20) members having  
4 voting power.

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6 **Section 5: Minutes**

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8 The Vice President shall submit to the Association minutes of each meeting of the  
9 general Section membership within 45 days of the date of the meeting.

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11 **Section 6: Educational or Professional Programs**

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13 An educational or professional program may be presented at any Section meeting. A  
14 program held at the time of the Association meeting must be coordinated with the  
15 Association schedule.

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18 **ARTICLE VII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

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20 **Section 1: Board of Directors**

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22 **A. Composition**

23  
24 The Board of Directors shall consist of (i) the three principal officers of the Section (the  
25 “Principal Officers”), that is, the President, Vice President, and Treasurer, each of whom  
26 is a Director, and (ii) two other Directors (the “Non-officer Directors”), referred to  
27 herein as Non-officer Director #1 and Non-officer Director #2. Each Director shall have  
28 one vote.

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30 **B. Qualifications**

31  
32 In order to be eligible for election to the Board of Directors a person must be a member  
33 of the Section in good standing. Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist  
34 Assistant, and Life Physical Therapist Assistant members are eligible for election to the  
35 Board except for the offices of President and Vice President.

36  
37 **C. Election of Directors**

38  
39 The Principal Officers and the Non-officer Directors shall be elected by mail vote of the  
40 membership, in accordance with Article XI, Elections.

41  
42 **D. Terms**

43  
44 The terms of the Principal Officers and the Non-officer Directors shall be three years or  
45 until the election and assumption to office of their successors, in accordance with Article  
46 XI, Elections.

1 **E. Term Limits**

2  
3 No person shall be elected to serve more than two (2) full consecutive terms in the same  
4 Principal Office. For purposes of the foregoing limitation, a person who has served at  
5 least one and one half (1 ½) years of a three-year term in a position shall be deemed to  
6 have served a full term in that position.

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8 No person shall serve more than four (4) complete consecutive terms on the Board of  
9 Directors.

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11 **F. Vacancies**

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13 In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall succeed  
14 to the Presidency for the remainder of the unexpired term, and the office of Vice  
15 President shall be vacant. In the event of any vacancy in any other position on the Board  
16 of Directors, the President shall have authority to appoint an eligible member in good  
17 standing to fill the vacancy, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. In the event  
18 vacancies exist in both the office of the Vice President and the office of the President, the  
19 Board of Directors shall have authority to appoint an eligible member in good standing to  
20 fill the office of the President.

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22 **G. Meetings and Conduct of Business**

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24 **1. Regular Meetings**

25  
26 The Board of Directors shall have three regular meetings each year: a winter meeting, a  
27 summer meeting, and a fall meeting. If the Association has a Combined Sections  
28 Meeting, the Board's winter meeting shall be held in conjunction with it. The time and  
29 place of each regular meeting shall be determined by the Board.

30  
31 **2. Special Meetings**

32  
33 The Board at any meeting may schedule a special meeting of the Board. The President  
34 may call a special meeting of the Board.

35  
36 The President must call a special meeting of the Board upon the written petition of three  
37 Directors.

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39 **3. Use of Telecommunications Equipment**

40  
41 To the extent authorized or permitted by state law, the Board may permit any or all  
42 members of the Board to participate in a meeting by any means of communications  
43 equipment the use of which enables all Directors participating in the meeting to hear each  
44 other.

1 **4. Action Without a Meeting**

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3 To the extent authorized or permitted by state law the Board may act without a meeting if  
4 all members of the Board consent to the action in writing or by electronic transmission.

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6 **5. Notice**

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8 Notice by the President of all meetings of the Board shall be given to all members of the  
9 Board at least 5 days prior to the date of the meeting.

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11 **6. Quorum**

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13 A quorum shall consist of the presence at a meeting of three Directors.

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16 **H. Duties and Responsibilities of the Board**

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18 (1) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for managing or directing the  
19 management of the business and affairs of the Section.

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21 (2) Subject to the duty of Board members to act with care and in the best interests of the  
22 Section, the Board of Directors shall carry out mandates and policies determined by the  
23 membership of the Section and shall make and enforce policies that are consistent with  
24 such mandates and policies.

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26 (3) The Board of Directors shall appoint and employ an Executive Director, who shall  
27 serve at the discretion of the Board.

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29 (4) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for approving minutes of meetings of the  
30 Board.

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32 **Section 2: Officers**

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34 **A. President**

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36 The President shall:

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38 (i) Call special meetings of the Board of Directors;

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40 (ii) Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors;

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42 (iii) Be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating  
43 Committee; and

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45 (iv) Submit the Annual Report to the Association and such other reports as  
46 may be required by the Association Board of Directors.

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1 **B. Vice President**

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3 The Vice President shall:

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5 (i) Assume the duties of the President if the President is absent or  
6 incapacitated;  
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8 (ii) Be an ex officio member of all designated committees as outlined in the  
9 Strategic Planning programs adopted by the Board of Directors; and  
10  
11 (iii) Keep the minutes of meetings and proceedings of the general membership,  
12 the Board of Directors,  
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14 **C. Treasurer**

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16 The Treasurer shall:

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18 (i) Oversee the maintenance of complete and accurate financial records which  
19 shall be audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant;  
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21 (ii) Submit the audited report in writing to the Board of Directors;  
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23 (iii) Submit an annual financial report and proposed budget to the Board of  
24 Directors;  
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26 (iv) Oversee the collection and disbursement of moneys as mandated by the  
27 Section or the Board of Directors; and  
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29 (v) Serve on the Finance Committee as Chair.  
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31 The Board of Directors may designate one or more Assistant Treasurers. In the absence  
32 or incapacity of the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer may have such authority to carry  
33 out responsibilities of the Treasurer under these Bylaws (other than acting as a Director)  
34 as the Board may determine.  
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37 **ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES**

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39 **Section 1: Finance Committee**

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41 **A. Composition:**

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43 The Finance Committee shall have a least three (3) members in addition to the Treasurer,  
44 who shall be Chair. Each of whom shall be a current Section member in good standing.  
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1 **B. Function**

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3 To advise the Board of Directors on matters pertaining to financial needs, growth and  
4 stability, presentation of an annual budget to the Board of Directors, investment policies,  
5 and compliance with financial obligations to APTA.  
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7 **C Appointment**

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9 The Treasurer shall recommend individuals for appointment as members of the Finance  
10 Committee, but the Board of Directors shall not be required to appoint only individuals  
11 recommended by the Treasurer.  
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13 **D. Term**

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15 Each appointed member of the Finance Committee shall serve a term of three (3) years.  
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18 **Section 2: Nominating Committee**

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20 **A. Qualifications**

21  
22 The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members in good standing.  
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24 **B. Election, Term, Vacancies**

25  
26 Members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected by vote of the members of the  
27 Section. One member of the Nominating Committee shall be elected each year, by mail  
28 ballot in November. A member of the Committee shall serve for a term of three years or  
29 until the election of his/her successor. The senior member of the Committee shall serve as  
30 Chair. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors until the next regular  
31 election, at which time the vacant position shall be filled for the remainder of the term by  
32 mail ballot.  
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34 *Proviso:* One member of the Nominating Committee shall be elected in 2004 for a  
35 one-year term ending with the close of the Annual Section Business Meeting for  
36 2005. A second member of the Nominating Committee shall be elected in 2004  
37 for a two-year term ending with the close of the Annual Section Business Meeting  
38 for 2006. A third member of the Nominating Committee shall be elected in 2004  
39 for a three-year term ending with the close of the Annual Section Business  
40 Meeting for 2007.  
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42 **Section 3: Other Committees**

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44 Such other committees, standing or special, shall be established by the Board of Directors  
45 as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Section. Members of appointed  
46 committees shall be current Section members in good standing.  
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1 **ARTICLE IX: OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS**

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3 **Section 1: Official Publications**

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5 **A. Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy**

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7 *The Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy* is an official publication of the  
8 Orthopaedic Section and the Sports Physical Therapy Section.

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11 **B. Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice**

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13 *Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice* is an official publication of the Orthopaedic  
14 Section.

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16 **Section 2: Publication as Notice**

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18 Publication in *Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice* or *The Journal of Orthopaedic*  
19 *and Sports Physical Therapy* of meeting notices, issues to vote upon, or a slate of  
20 nominees shall constitute official notice to all members, provided *Orthopaedic Physical*  
21 *Therapy Practice* or *The Journal* has been mailed thirty (30) days prior to the meeting  
22 date or the deadline for receipt of a mailed ballot.

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25 **ARTICLE X. DELEGATE TO THE ASSOCIATION'S HOUSE OF**  
26 **DELEGATES**

27  
28 **Section 1: Qualifications**

29  
30 A. Only Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant members who have  
31 been members of the Association in any category of membership in good standing for  
32 two (2) years immediately preceding may serve as a Section Delegate.

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34 B. A Section Delegate may not, in the same year, serve as a Chapter or Assembly  
35 Delegate.

36  
37 C. The Section shall notify Association headquarters of the name of Section  
38 Delegate, as required by the Association and the Standing Rules of the House of  
39 Delegates.

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41 D. The Section must be represented in the House of Delegates annually.

42  
43 **Section 2: Election and Term**

44  
45 A. A Section Delegate and alternate shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at  
46 the Annual Meeting.

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48 B. The Section Delegate and alternate shall serve for a two (2) year term.

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2 **Section 3: Duties of Delegates**

- 3  
4 A. To attend the annual and special meetings of the House of Delegates of the  
5 Association.  
6  
7 B. To present to the House of Delegates such matters as are ordered by the Board of  
8 Directors.  
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11 **ARTICLE XI. ELECTIONS**

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13 **Section 1: Nominations and Offices**

- 14  
15 A. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates. Only those  
16 members who have given written consent to serve may be slated. The slate shall be  
17 published in *Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Practice*.  
18  
19 B. Nominees for Treasurer shall have served on the Finance Committee for no less  
20 than one (1) year. ~~from the time they would assume the office of Treasurer at the end of~~  
21 ~~the Annual Meeting. This limitation shall not apply if both the Finance Committee and~~  
22 ~~the Board of Directors adopt a resolution stating that the limitation should not apply to a~~  
23 ~~named individual(s).~~  
24 MOTION – Jay – to put a period after year and delete everything else. ADOPTED  
25 (unanimous) Fall BOD Mtg 10-12-12

26 **Section 2: Election Cycle**

27  
28 The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected as follows:

- 29  
30 A. The President and Vice-President shall be elected on a staggered basis with the  
31 Vice-President being elected the year following the election of the President. The  
32 respective elections shall take place every three years.  
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34 B. In the next year the Treasurer and Non-officer Director #1 shall be elected.  
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36 C. In the next year Non-officer Director #2 shall be elected.  
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38 **Proviso:** At the conclusion of the current Presidential election cycle following the  
39 adoption of the staggered terms amendment (above), the Vice-President's term  
40 will be extended for an additional one year term. At the conclusion of this  
41 additional one year term, a Vice-President will be elected for a three year term as  
42 above. Any term limitations will not apply to the extended additional one year  
43 term of the Vice-President in establishing the staggered election cycle.  
44  
45 D. Newly elected members of the Board shall assume office at the close of the  
46 Annual Section Business Meeting.  
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2 **Section 3: Election Ballot**  
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- 4 A. Elections shall be conducted via mailed ballot in November of each year and  
5 coordinated by the Nominating Committee. Ballots shall permit voters to  
6 write in the name of a member who is qualified under Article VII, Section 1,  
7 and has given written consent to serve if elected. The Nominating Committee  
8 will present its selections in a September mailing to all Section members.  
9 Additional candidates may be nominated by written petition of 25 members  
10 for each candidate. The petition candidates would be on the November ballot  
11 mailing along with the candidates slated by the Nominating Committee. A  
12 minimum return of mail-in ballots consisting of valid ballots returned from at  
13 least five (5) percent of the eligible voters is required for the election to be  
14 valid. The results of the election shall be announced at the Annual Section  
15 Business Meeting.  
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- 17 B. The Nominating Committee, whenever possible, shall nominate at least two  
18 (2) candidates for each position to be filled. In any election for a Principal  
19 Officer position or for only one Non-officer Director position or for only one  
20 position on the Nominating Committee, the candidate that receives the most  
21 votes cast shall be elected. All ties shall be broken by drawing of lots by the  
22 Nominating Committee.  
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- 24 C. If two or more Non-officer Directors are to be elected under any proviso to  
25 these Bylaws for terms of different lengths, voters may vote for up to as many  
26 positions as are to be filled, and the candidates that receive the most votes  
27 shall be elected. In such a case, the candidate that receives the most votes shall  
28 be deemed elected to the position with the longest term, the candidate that  
29 receives the next most votes shall be deemed elected to the position with the  
30 next longest term, and so forth.  
31
- 32 D. If two or more members of the Nominating Committee are to be elected  
33 under any proviso to these Bylaws for terms of different lengths, voters may  
34 vote for up to as many positions as are to be filled, and the candidates that  
35 receive the most votes shall be elected. In such a case, the candidate that  
36 receives the most votes shall be deemed elected to the position with the  
37 longest term, the candidate that receives the next most votes shall be deemed  
38 elected to the position with the next longest term, and so forth.  
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41 **ARTICLE XII. FINANCE**  
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43 **Section 1: Fiscal Year**  
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45 The fiscal year of the Section shall be the same as that of the Association.  
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2 **Section 2: Limitation on Expenditures**

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4 No officer, employee or committee shall expend any money not provided in the budget as  
5 adopted, or spend any money in excess of the budget allotment, except by order of the  
6 Section's Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall not commit the Section to any  
7 financial obligation in excess of its current financial resources.

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9 **Section 3: Dues**

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11 A. Section dues shall be as follows:

12  
13 Physical Therapist: \$50.00

14 Physical Therapist – Post-Professional Student: \$15.00

15 Physical Therapist Assistant, Retired Physical Therapist and Retired Physical Therapist  
16 Assistant: \$30.00

17 Student Physical Therapist and Student Physical Therapist Assistant: \$15.00

18 Life Physical Therapist and Life Physical Therapist Assistant: zero dollars

19  
20 Changes in dues are to be recommended by the Finance Committee to the Board of  
21 Directors, which in turn makes recommendations to the Section membership. Changes  
22 approved by the Section membership must also meet Association approval before August  
23 1st and shall become effective on the first day of the next fiscal year.

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25 B. All dues shall be for the period specified in the Association's bylaws.

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27 C. All dues changes approved by the Section membership and approved by the  
28 Association's Board of Directors before the Association's deadline will become effective  
29 on the first of the Association's next fiscal year.

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31 **Section 5: Submission of Financial Records to Association**

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33 The Section shall submit their annual financial statements, tax returns, and audit report to  
34 the Association when and as directed by APTA Headquarters.

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37 **ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION**

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39 **Section 1: Involuntary Dissolution**

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41 The Section may be involuntarily dissolved in accordance with the Association's bylaws.

42  
43 **Section 2: Voluntary Dissolution**

44  
45 The Section may dissolve subject to a recommendation to dissolve supported by no less  
46 than two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Section's Board of Directors and  
47 adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of the Section's members.

1 **Section 3: Distribution of Property and Records**

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3 In the event that the Section is dissolved, all property and records of the Section shall,  
4 after payment of its bona fide debts, be conveyed to the Association.

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6 **ARTICLE XIV. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

7  
8 The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall  
9 govern the Section in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not  
10 inconsistent with these bylaws and any rules of order adopted by the Section.

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13 **ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS**

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15 **Section 1: Mail Ballot Amendments**

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17 The Section Bylaws may be amended in whole or in part by means of a mail ballot as  
18 provided in this Section. The Board of Directors on its own initiative may bring before  
19 the Annual Section Business Meeting for discussion any proposed amendment of the  
20 Section Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall bring before the Annual Section Business  
21 Meeting for discussion any petition to amend the Bylaws signed by at least one hundred  
22 (100) members of the Section, provided that the petition is submitted to the Board at least  
23 thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Section Business Meeting.

24  
25 The Vice-President shall submit to the general membership for a vote any proposed  
26 amendment discussed at the Annual Section Business Meeting (i) if a majority vote at the  
27 Annual Section Business Meeting favored submitting the proposal to the general  
28 membership or (ii) if the Board of Directors approves submitting the proposal to the  
29 general membership. The Vice-President shall submit any such proposed amendment to  
30 the general membership by (i) publishing it in an official publication of the Section and  
31 (ii) sending a ballot to all members, in each case at least thirty (30) days prior to the  
32 deadline for returning the ballot to the Section.

33  
34 In order for any proposed amendment to be adopted, the Section must receive by the  
35 deadline valid ballots from at least five percent (5%) of the eligible voters and at least  
36 two thirds (2/3) of the valid ballots must contain a vote in favor of the proposed  
37 amendment.

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39 Amendments to the Section bylaws become effective upon approval in writing by the  
40 Association's Board of Directors. (Exception: Changes in Section dues become  
41 effective on the first of the Association's next fiscal year following approval.)

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43 **Section 2: Editorial Amendments or Amendments Necessitated by Association**  
44 **Action**

45  
46 If the intent of an amendment is editorial or to bring the Section's bylaws into agreement  
47 with those of the Association, the amendment shall be made as required by the Bylaws

1 Chair and shared with the Board of Directors. The Bylaws Chair shall notify the  
2 Section’s membership that such amendments have been made.

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5 **ARTICLE XVI. ASSOCIATION AS HIGHER AUTHORITY**

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7 In addition to these Section bylaws, the Section is governed by the Association’s bylaws  
8 and standing rules, and by Association’s House of Delegates and Board of Directors  
9 policies.

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13 Adopted (August, 1984), Amended February 1986; December 1988; August 1990; July  
14 1991; March 1993; February 1996; February 1997; February 1998; February 1999,  
15 February 2001; Restated July 2003; February 2005; January 2006; December 2006;  
16 January 2009.