



July 28, 2020

Joseph M Donnelly, PT, DHS, OCS, FAPTA
President-Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy
2920 East Ave., South Ste 200
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RE: Orthopaedic Section Advocacy Grant Report

Dear Dr. Donnelly,

The Iowa Physical Therapy Association would like to formally thank the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy for the \$5,000 advocacy grant that was awarded to our chapter in June of 2016. The grant was requested to support our advocacy efforts and allocated to cover the legal fees incurred by IPTA to protect the practice of dry needling in our state for Physical Therapists. We are pleased to report that the advocacy grant allowed us to secure a positive outcome with the Iowa Court of Appeals and on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, they affirmed the favorable ruling of the Polk County District Court in the dry needling case. The COA deferred to the Iowa PT/OT board's expertise in interpreting "rehabilitative procedures." This was huge victory for all PT's in the state of Iowa.

In 2016 IPTA secured the services of Carney & Appleby Law to provide legal representation as an intervenor in the PT/OT Licensure Board appeals to the Iowa Board of Medicine Appeals. The legal representation in this case, the district court case and the Iowa Court of Appeals case was supported by APTA legal counsel Jack Bennet and APTA Legislative Liaison Angela Schuman and the State Attorney General's office on behalf of the PT/OT Board. Attached with this report please find a detailed overview of the billing for the legal fees that were incurred in 2016 and 2017 for the services retained by Carney & Appleby Law.

IPTA is pleased to report that the approximate fees for the legal expenses were **\$5,898.19**.

Total of grant funds allocated as of December, 2016:	\$4,161.25
Total of grant funds allocated as of June, 2017:	\$1,736.94

Thank you again to the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy for your generosity to IPTA; it was extremely beneficial and had a significant impact on protecting the practice of dry needling for Physical Therapists in Iowa.

Sincerely,

Natalie Battles
Iowa Physical Therapy Association, Executive Director