

ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC PHYSICAL THERAPY, APTA, INC.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL**

MARCH 5, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

- A. Bob Rowe, PT, DPT, DMT, MHS, FAPTA, FAAOMPT, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM ET.
- B. The following individuals were recognized –
 - AOPT Board of Directors and staff
 - AOPT Past Presidents
 - AAOMPT President – Megan Donaldson, PT, PhD, FAAOMPT
 - Active Duty and Retired Military Persons
 - Newly certified, recertified, and currently certified Orthopaedic Specialists
- C. A moment of silence was held for those AOPT members who have passed away in the last year.
- D. Business conduct followed modified Robert's Rules of Order.
- E. Agenda and Reports can be found at <https://www.orthopt.org/content/education/csm-2024/csm-2024-membership-meeting-and-reports>
- F. The agenda was approved as written.
- G. CSM 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2023, were approved as printed.
- H. The following guest contributors were mentioned.
 - A. JOSPT Editor-in-Chief – Clare Ardern, PT, PhD
 - B. PT-PAC - Arie Van Duijn, PT, MSPT, EdD
 - C. The Foundation for Physical Therapy Research
FPTR President – Paul A. Rockar, Jr., PT, DPT, MS, FAPTA

CI. II. FINANCE REPORT – Treasurer - Judy Hess, PT, DHS, OCS, CMPT, Cert DN

- A. Membership is down 5% compared to 2022, which is consistent with other components.
- B. We ended 2023 in a deficit and money from investments was pulled over to cover it.
- C. The Board approved a deficit budget for 2024.
- D. AOPT's annual operating budget is \$2.5 million.
 - 1. We have 6 months of operating expenses in reserves.
 - 2. Our Practice, Education, and Research fund continues to be used for research and advocacy grants.

3. We currently have \$6.2 million in investments.
 4. The goal for our 2025 budget is to be budget neutral.
- E. Membership dues is one of AOPT's 3 main revenue sources. There has not been an increase in dues since the mid-90's so the Board will be discussing a dues increase for 2025.
- III. ACADEMY ELECTION RESULTS – Paul Mintken, PT, DPT - Nominating Committee Chair**
- A. Kathleen Geist, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT – Director
 - B. Derrick Sueki, PT, DPT, PhD, GCPT, OCS, FAAOMPT – Director (2nd term)
 - C. Emmanuel “Manny” Yung, PT, DPT, PhD – Nominating Committee Member
- IV. CALL FOR 2025 NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**
- A. President - none
 - B. Director – Annette Karim was nominated for a second term
 - C. Nominating Committee Member - none
- Nominations will be accepted until May 31, 2024
- V. ACADEMY INITIATIVES**
- A. 2024 – 2026 Strategic Plan
 1. New vision and mission statements were created to include a statement on DEI
 - B. Invest and Leverage the Value of the Payment Consortium
 1. A collaboration was formed between AOPT/PPS/APTA. All are contributing financial and other resources.
 2. The focus is on everyone, including the underserved populations having access to physical therapy.
 3. Decreasing administrative burden and payment.
 - C. Implement Digital Technology Learning Initiative
 1. Work towards better access, more engaging, more videos, etc.
 2. Currently having conversations with a vendor on improving our educational products.
 - D. 50th Anniversary Initiatives
 1. CSM 2024 was our anniversary launch with Bill Boissonnault leading the charge as Chair of the Planning Committee.
 2. Three innovative practice awards will be given each quarter in 2024 in the amount of \$1,500 each.
 3. Interviews with key individuals spanning the last 50 years will be conducted.
 4. Podcasts and couch conversations will be produced.
 5. A history timeline will be included on the AOPT website.
 - E. Create an AOPT Staff Communications Team
 1. The purpose is to help spread the word about what AOPT is doing to a much larger audience.
 - F. Implement Research and Public Policy Agendas
 1. A Research and Public Policy Consensus Conference was held in Washington DC in October 2023 to create an AOPT Research Agenda and an AOPT Public Policy Agenda. These agendas will be shared with the membership when finalized.
 - G. AOPT Bylaws
 1. Working on incorporating APTA's model bylaw changes for the next election cycle.

VI. MEMBERSHIP OPEN FORUM

Name of SIG/Committee: Performing Arts SIG, Residency & Fellowship SIG, Animal PT SIG, Foot/Ankle SIG, Occupational Health SIG, Imaging SIG, Pain SIG

Name of person submitting motion: Laurel Daniels Abbruzzese, PASIG President

=Motion 1= We move that the AOPT Board of Directors investigate and consider the option of providing free student membership in order to increase student membership and stimulate interest in orthopaedic physical therapy practice at the start of their careers.

Fiscal implications outside of budget: The loss of revenue from student membership fees would ideally be recouped if we are able to demonstrate the value of membership and retain them as members when they become practicing clinicians.

Strategic plan disposition: Diversity & Inclusion: Increase the diversity of members and leaders and engage in efforts to make AOPT a more inclusive organization.

ADOPTED (Majority voted in favor)

Name of SIG/Committee: Occupational Health SIG, Performing Arts SIG (PASIG), Residency & Fellowship SIG, Animal PT SIG, Foot/Ankle SIG, Imaging SIG, Pain SIG

Name of person submitting motion: Rick Wickstrom, OHSIG President

=Motion 2= We move that the AOPT investigate and consider appointing a leader from each SIG or EC to serve as a standing member on the Practice Committee as a new reporting structure to improve efficiencies and engagement of SIGs and ECs on initiatives promoting practice opportunities and excellence for members who belong to these communities.

Fiscal implications outside of budget: None.

Strategic plan disposition:

- **Payment and Value:** Increase provider payment through influential legislative and advocacy efforts.
- **Member and Professional Awareness:** Communicate opportunities and increase awareness and engagement for all stakeholders to access or contribute to the profession.

ADOPTED (Majority voted in favor)

ADJOURNMENT 8:29 PM ET