



**Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy  
Society Partner Program**

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- Policy:** The terms and conditions for becoming an individual partner, business or organization partner.
- Purpose:** To ensure that the AOPT Leadership abides by the stipulations of individual, society or business partnerships within the AOPT
- Scope:** The policy applies to all AOPT leadership roles in their discussions with individuals, societies or businesses regarding partnerships with the AOPT.
- Responsibilities:** The elected and appointed BOD, Elected SIG leadership, Executive Director and Executive Associate and staff.

**Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy (AOPT) Criteria for Society Partners Program:**

1. The AOPT BOD will develop partnerships with other societies or businesses if they meet the needs of the AOPT and advance the vision, mission and strategic goals of the AOPT.
2. Only the AOPT BOD can establish a society or business partnership with the AOPT.
3. The AOPT BOD will establish special advertising rates for approved society or partner organizations and if applicable other mutually agreed upon benefits for AOPT members. Established partners will be listed on the AOPT website as partners.
4. If a SIG wants the AOPT BOD to establish a society or business partner the requesting SIG must submit a written request to their BOD liaison describing the specific benefits and any risks to the AOPT and their SIG.
5. For Society partnerships the AOPT President or a member of the BOD will reach out to the potential partner society to discuss the collaborative relationship, risks and benefits. The AOPT President or BOD member will bring back any requests the society may have regarding discounts to attend conferences and for advertising.

6. For Business (corporate) partnerships, the AOPT President or member of the BOD will reach out to the appropriate leader to establish mutual benefits and risks for the AOPT and business partner.
  - a. After all terms and requests are finalized; the AOPT President will bring the proposed agreement for a society or business partnership back to the AOPT BOD for final approval.
7. Upon BOD approval a memorandum of understanding will be executed and signed by the AOPT and Association and/or Business partner
8. Individual members of the established Society or Business partnership must join the AOPT as an individual partner (if they meet the criteria 1-3 Individual Partner), to get Individual Partner benefits as established in **Section 4 Individual Partner Benefits**.
9. Society or business partners who fail to complete a memorandum of understanding (MOU) will not be admitted to the program and failure to renew the MOU within the specified time period will result in dismissal from the program. Any other acts that go against APTA or AOPT policy, positions, standards, guidelines, or Code of Ethics will be dismissed from the program.

**REVISION HISTORY**

<b>Revision</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description of changes</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
1	07/18/19	Initial Release	AOPT BOD and SIG leadership