Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, APTA, Inc.
Proposed Bylaws Amendments for Presentation to the Membership

Background: This proposal provides for amendments to the bylaws of the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, APTA, Inc. for a change to the AOPT candidate recruitment and election schedule. Special Interest Group (SIG) candidate recruitment and election schedule remains the same.

Key: Bold and underlined is new language. Strike-through is language to be struck.

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2 **Section 3:   Election Ballot**
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4   **A.**   **AOPT Elections**
5   Elections for officers and non-officer directors shall be conducted
6   via mailed ballot in ~~November~~ **August** of each year and
7   coordinated by the Nominating Committee. Ballots shall permit
8   voters to write in the name of a member who is qualified under
9   Article VII, Section 1, and has given written consent to serve if
10   elected. The Nominating Committee will present its selections in a
11   ~~October~~ **July** mailing to all voting Academy members and post on
12   the Academy Web Site. Additional candidates may be nominated
13   by written petition of 25 members for each candidate. The petition
14   candidates would be on the ~~November~~ **August** ballot mailing along
15   with the candidates slated by the Nominating Committee. A
16   minimum return of mail-in ballots consisting of valid ballots
17   returned from at least five (5) percent of the eligible voters is
18   required for the election to be valid. The results of the election
19   shall be announced at the Annual Academy Membership Meeting.
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21   **B.**   **Special Interest Group Elections**
22   **Elections for AOPT Special Interest Groups (SIG) shall be**
23   **conducted via mailed ballot in November of each year and**
24   **coordinated by the Nominating Committee of each SIG. Ballots**
25   **shall permit voters to write in the name of a SIG member who**
26   **is qualified under Article VII, Section 1, and has given written**
27   **consent to serve if elected. The SIG Nominating Committee**
28   **will present its selections in an October mailing to all voting**
29   **SIG members and post on the SIG Web Site. Additional**
30   **candidates may be nominated by written petition of 25**
31   **members for each candidate. The petition candidates would be**
32   **on the November ballot mailing along with the candidates**
33   **slated by the SIG Nominating Committee. A minimum return**
34   **consisting of valid ballots returned from at least five (5)**
35   **percent of the eligible SIG voters is required for the election to**
36   **be valid. The results of the election shall be announced at the**
37   **Annual SIG Membership Meetings.**
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39	**C.**	The Nominating Committee, whenever possible, shall nominate at
40		least two (2) candidates for each position to be filled. In any
41		election for a Principal Officer position or for **a** ~~only one~~ Non-
42		officer Director position or for only one position on the
43		Nominating Committee, the candidate that receives the most votes
44		cast shall be elected. All ties shall be broken by drawing of lots by
45		the Nominating Committee.
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47	**D.**	If two or more Non-officer Directors are to be elected under any
48		proviso to these bylaws for terms of different lengths, voters may
49		vote for up to as many positions as are to be filled, and the
50		candidates that receive the most votes shall be elected. In such a
51		case, the candidate that receives the most votes shall be deemed
52		elected to the position with the longest term, the candidate that
53		receives the next most votes shall be deemed elected to the
54		position with the next longest term, and so forth.
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56	**E.**	If two or more members of the Nominating Committee are to be
57		elected under any proviso to these bylaws for terms of different
58		lengths, voters may vote for up to as many positions as are to be
59		filled, and the candidates that receive the most votes shall be
60		elected. In such a case, the candidate that receives the most votes
61		shall be deemed elected to the position with the longest term, the
62		candidate that receives the next most votes shall be deemed elected
63		to the position with the next longest term, and so forth.