



Academy of Orthopaedic Therapy, APTA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CSM

February 2025

Houston, TX

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**Education Committee Report
January 27th, 2025**

**Submitted by:
Eric Folkins, Chair
Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, APTA**

Committee Members and Terms:

Chair:

Eric Folkins 2022-2025 (member since 2018)

Work Group

CSM Work Group

Chair:

Brian Eckenrode 2023-2026 (Member since 2020)

Members:

Lindsay Carroll	2024-2027 (2 nd term, member since 2021)
Jason (Jay) Grimes	2024-2027 (2 nd term, member since 2021)
Josh Halfpap	2022-2025
Katherine Wilford	2023-2026
Robert Maschi	2023-2026
Justin Burr	2024-2027

Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) 2025

Education programs:

CSM 2025

- Ten Pre-con submissions
- 78 Session submissions
- Pre-cons (5 of 10 accepted)
 - Elevating Your Practice Via Storytelling
 - Cancelled by speaker in summer 2024 due to family issue
 - AOPT leadership initiative
 - Mastering the OCS – 2 Day
 - Cancelled in December 2024 due to low enrollment
 - AOPT leadership initiative
 - AOPT Pain School – 1 Day (Pain SIG)
 - Cancelled in December 2024 due to low enrollment
 - Pain SIG Sponsored
 - Screening and Treatment Hypermobility Dancers - 1Day
 - Cancelled in December 2024 due to low enrollment
 - Performing Arts Sponsored
 - Cultivating Success in Residency – 1 Day (Residency SIG)

- Will be running at CSM
- ORF SIG sponsored
- Many other academies have cancelled precons this year due to low enrollment and high costs associated with space and AV fees,
- 2- hour sessions
 - 31 total sessions accepted - up from 30 previous year
 - Foot/Ankle SIG, Pain SIG, Imaging SIG, Animal SIG, ORF SIG, and Occ Health SIG each with one session accepted
 - Performing Arts Sig - 2 sessions
 - AOPT Spotlight on Research – Running
 - Collaborating with Academy of Sports Therapy

Historical Information Regarding Education Session

- CSM 2024: 147 Submission (30 accepted, 10 on-demand, 1 pre-con)
- CSM 2023: 111 submissions (27 accepted, - San Diego, 8 on-demand, 2 pre -cons)
- CSM 2022: 67 submissions (27 accepted)
- CSM 2021: 106 submissions (27 accepted – lost 5 when conference went to virtual format - scheduled to be in Orlando)
- CSM 2020: 90 submissions (27 accepted - Denver)
- CSM 2019: 93 submissions (28 accepted (DC)
- CSM 2018: 90 submissions total (27 accepted - New Orleans)
- CSM 2017: 77 submissions total (27 accepted - San Antonio)
- CSM 2016: 86 submissions total (27 accepted - Anaheim)

AOPT Ortho Residency Work Group

Chair: Raine Osborne (2023-2026)

- Michael Bourassa (2023-2025)
- Molly Malloy (2023-2024)
- Michael Maninang (2023-2025)
- Amy Firestone (2023-2025)
- Aimee Klein (2024-2028)

- Presented curriculum guidelines structure at ELC 2024.
- Reviewed feedback from ELC and integrated into guidelines draft.
- Scheduled to present learning objectives at CSM 2025

Goals 2024

- Complete initial draft of learning objectives - **MET**
- Send a survey to interested parties to review guideline structure and format – **MET**
- Revise guideline structure and format from ELC feedback – **MET**
- Hold a virtual town hall for further feedback – **(TBD – may not need this step)**
- Present at CSM or ELC 2025 – **Met (schedule for 2/15/2025)**

· **Goals 2025**

- o Send survey following CSM 2025 to identify gaps in objectives.
- o Obtain IRB for Delphi study to determine final list of objectives.
- o Conduct Delphi study with residency PD/PC's to determine final list of objects.
- o Identify recommended resources for final list of objectives.

AOPT Ortho DPT Faculty Work Group

Chair: James Massey (2023-2024)

- Tobi Baldwin (2023-2025)
- Arie Van Duijn (2023-2025)
- Roy Film (2023-2026)
- Ron Schenk (2023-2025)
- William Kolb (2023-2026)
- Kimberly Varnado (2023-2026)
- Matthew Vraa (2023-2024)

DPT Faculty Workgroup Activities/ Progress over the last 6 months (7/24-1/25)

- The group has continued with the drafting of region-specific appendices. To improve efficiency, they divided into anatomic region-specific breakout workgroup meetings. The chair (James) has attended all breakout group meetings to facilitate continuity between the parts of the curriculum guide. In total, 22 meetings were held over this period by the breakout groups. They met two additional times as a full group over this time for larger group updates, more comprehensive review and drafting of the guideline, planning analysis and dissemination, and discussions to coordinate ongoing efforts.
- DPT and Residency workgroup chairs (James & Raine) have continued meeting for planning between workgroup guidelines.
- The working drafts of the guidelines were presented (James & Raine) in an educational session at ELC 2024 with a focus on the format/ structure of the guidelines. They collected session attendees' feedback and reviewed it to identify needs for guideline modifications/ revision. Overall, the feedback was positive and no need for significant revision was apparent.
- Raine, Bob Rowe, and James submitted a proposal to present the guideline drafts as an educational session at CSM 2025. The proposal was accepted, and the presentation is scheduled for 2/15.

DPT Faculty Workgroup Goals/ objectives for the next 6 months:

- Complete appendices of the guideline and finalize the first draft of the DPT curriculum guidelines.
- Present guideline drafts and seek feedback from the orthopaedic/ education community at CSM 2025.
- Design, seek approval for, and initiate Delphi study for the guideline draft.

AOPT Virtual Education Work Group

Chair: Carey Rothschild (2025-2028)

Members

Damien Howell (2025-2027)

Jon Duellman (2025-2028)

Smruti Shah (2025-2028)

Islam Hewidy (2025-2028)

David Chessen (2025-2027)

Kelly Wait Pollack (2025-2027)

Liz Zandre Philbrook (2025-2027)

The work group represents a vast array of our members. Four out of five regions of the country, 9-52 years of experience, 2 business owners/clinicians, 2 additional clinicians and 4 PT's in academia.

The Educational Content Work Group is in the process of scheduling its first meeting either before CSM or immediately after CSM.

**Research Committee Report
July Report**

Submitted by:

Amee L. Seitz, PT, DPT, PhD
Research Committee Chair (2022-2025)

This report will include activities and initiatives of the 4 Workgroups in addition to the Chair's contributions since the last report for BOD meeting created in September 2024. Jeff Taylor will be assuming the Research Committee Chair position after CSM 2025.

Updates on Workgroup Activities:

- 1. Research Awards Workgroup (Rose Award, JOSPT)**
2. The AOPT Research Awards workgroup is composed of 8 members, including the workgroup Chair, Dr. Cristine Agresta. The workgroup is responsible for seeking nominations, nominating, and selecting the Rose Award. Additionally, 2 members of this Workgroup serve as AOPT representatives contributing to the selection of the JOSPT Awards, including the George J. Davies — James A. Gould Excellence in Clinical Inquiry Award and JOSPT Guy G. Simoneau Excellence in Research Award. Gregory E Hicks was selected as the 2025 Rose Excellence in Research Award for the manuscript: “Hip-focused physical therapy versus spine-focused physical therapy for older adults with chronic low back pain at risk for mobility decline (MASH): a multicentre, single-masked, randomised controlled trial”, published in Lancet Rheumatology with co-authors Steven Z George, Jenifer M Pugliese, Peter C Coyle, J Megan Sions, Sara Piva, Corey B Simon, Joseph Kakyomya, and Charity G Patterson. The Rose Research Platform is scheduled at 3pm on Friday 2/14/24 at CSM 2025.
- 3. Small Grants Program Workgroup**
Dr. Samannaaz Khoja is the Chair of the AOPT Small Grants Workgroup and has 3 additional members. The portal in Submittable has been opened and call for 2025 Grants has been made. There are 2 grant categories that will be offered in 2025 including the Unrestricted and New Investigator which have a deadline of March 2025.
- 4. CSM Abstract Review & Research Programming Workgroup**
The CSM Research Programming Workgroup is led by Vice Chair, Sean Rundell. Three additional workgroup members assist with the workgroups efforts. For CSM 2025, over 100 reviewers participated in the abstract review process. For CSM 2024, over 100 reviewers participated in the abstract review process. From these efforts, there are 8 Research Platform Sessions consisting of 68 platforms scheduled and 285 poster presentations scheduled for CSM. Moderators for each Platform Sessions were recruited and added to the CSM program website. Additionally, the Workgroup in collaboration with the AOPT Residency & Fellowship SIG is continuing the Orthopaedic Residency Research & Case Studies Platform Session. This session is scheduled from 3-5pm on Thursday February 13th.

Lastly, this workgroup oversees the nomination and review for the AOPT Research Poster Award Presentation at CSM. There were 9 abstracts nominated for the CSM 2025 Poster Award that will be presented on **Friday February 14th** from 1 to 3 PM in the exhibit hall. The 2025 AOPT CSM Poster Award recipient will be announced at the AOPT Awards Ceremony on Friday evening from 6:30-7:30pm.

5. Research Survey Workgroup

John Fraser is Chair of this Workgroup with 2 additional members. This Workgroup has processed and approved 22 applications for Research Survey requests in 2024. Approved research surveys have been sent to AOPT members via email and social media outlets.

6. AOPT Research Agenda 2025-2030

After an iterative process engaging the Consensus Conference invited participants, AOPT members and key stakeholders, the AOPT Board of Directors has approved following 4 research priorities were identified for the 2024-2029 AOPT Research Agenda: Clinical, Health Services, Mechanistic, and Population Health Research. Priorities in each domain have been derived through an iterative process with members, SIG leaders, and past AOPT presidents using the APTA Research Agenda as the foundational document. The final product is anticipated to be released soon after CSM 2025.

**Practice Committee Report
February 2025**

**Submitted by:
Matthew Hyland, Chair
Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, APTA**

Committee Members and Terms:

Chair:

Matthew Hyland* 2023-2026

Members:

Marcia Spoto*	Payment Chair
Terry Brown*	Legislative Affairs Chair
Drew Snyder	Scope of Practice Chair
Anthony DiFilippo	Administrative Burden Chair
Paul Hildreth	Federal Affairs Liaison
Chris Bise	Public Policy Chair

**Sitting on Payment Consortium Board*

Delegates (2024):

Chief	Matt Hyland (<i>per bylaws- appointed Chief by President</i>)
Delegate	Bob Rowe (<i>AOPT President per Bylaws</i>)
Alternate	TBD

Practice Committee Work Group Rosters listed at the end of this report

- *Of note Jake Magel had expressed his desires to step down as Chair of the Scope of Practice Workgroup. He highly recommended Drew Snyder to replace him. I made the recommendation to Bob who did appoint Drew in January of 2025. I will be meeting with Drew prior to CSM 2025.*
- *There are expired terms as of the end 2024, Practice Chair will reach out to Workgroup Chairs for their recommendations and share with incoming President*
- *The new Public Policy Workgroup needs to have terms applied to their members*

Advocacy Grant

- None since last report

State Issues

The Practice Committee and the Scope of Practice Workgroup continue to work with APTA Staff to

get access to the State Government Affairs Hub page and to improve communication sharing on these topics. The Payment Consortium is increasing efforts on a Statewide basis.

House of Delegates:

- Verbal report shared with BoD as to 2024 House Summary, elections, and conflicts (which are resolved for 2025)
- House of Delegates 2025
 - Chief Delegate: Matt Hyland (appointed by President)
 - Delegate: Judy Hess

Payment Consortium:

- The payment consortium is moving into its 3rd year this February and is budgeted for this year as well. Currently the representatives' from AOPT to Consortium are Bob Rowe, Matt Hyland, Marcia Spoto, Julie Fritz, Terry Brown and Terri Deflorian. Moving into 2025 I suggest we have conversation as to who will be representing AOPT and if we want to make any changes.

Collaborative for Physical Therapy Education:

The Education Leadership Partnership (ELP), was a coalition between APTA, the American Council on Academic Physical Therapy, and the APTA Academy of Education. Collaboratively, for nearly four years, the ELP worked to develop a report on how physical therapy education should be structured in the future to most successfully prepare PTs and PTAs to meet the health care needs of a diverse society. The work of the ELP culminated with that report in 2021 with a series of recommendations. One of those recommendations was to create a “Collaborative for Physical Therapy Education.”

This group was created in 2023 and the Academy was asked to appoint a representative. The Practice Committee Chair has been appointed by the Academy to represent us on this group. Updates will be included in future reports.

Since the July 2023 Practice Committee report APTA has initiated a “mapping document” which AOPT has contributed 16 items that we are currently working on in alignment with our Strategic Plan.

At this time the Chair of the Practice Committee has recommended to the incoming President that the Chair of the Education Committee be the representative to the Collaborative for PTE.

Current Practice Committee Appointments

1. Payment Policy
 - a. Marcia Spoto, Chair (2023-2026)
 - b. Julie Fritz (2023-2026)
 - c. Trevor Lentz (2023-2025)
 - d. Gwen Simons (2023-2024)
 - e. Rob Tillman (2023-2025)
 - f. Mike Burggraaf (2023-2024)

2. Administrative Burden Work Group
 - a. Anthony DiFilippo, Chair (2023- 2026)
 - b. Natalie Novak – (2023-2025)
 - c. Chris Bise – (2023-2026)
 - d. Jeremy Crow – (2023-2025)
 - e. Jenny Hagist – (2023-2024)

3. Government Affairs Work Group
 - a. Terry Brown, Chair (2023- 2026)
 - b. Paul Hildreth (2023- 2026)
 - c. Angela Diaz (2023-2025)
 - d. Kate Hamilton (2023-2025)
 - e. Position to be Filled
 - f. Position to be Filled

4. AOPT Federal Affairs Liaison
 - a. Paul Hildreth (2023- 2026)

5. Scope of Practice Work Group
 - a. Drew Snyder, Chair (2023-2026) (Drew assumed Jake Magel’s term Jan 2025)
 - b. Doug White (2023-2025)
 - c. Matt Downey (2023-2024)
 - d. Rita Shapiro (2023-2025)
 - e. Gretchen Johnson (2023-2026)
 - f. Lorenzo Bianco (2025-2028)

6. Public Policy Work Group
 - a. Chris Bise, Chair (2024-2027)
 - b. Sabrina Wang (2024- 2027)
 - c. Nicole Maniscalco (2024-2026)
 - d. Janet Dolot (2024-2026)
 - e. Amy Humphrey (2024-2025)
 - f. Jessica Juan (2024-2027)

Additional Information:

The Practice Chair is currently serving as the Chair of the AOPT Governance Workgroup.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew R. Hyland

Matthew R. Hyland, Practice Committee Chair

AOPT Awards Committee Annual Report

January 27, 2025

Murray Maitland PT, PhD Chair

Thank you to the 2024 committee members Lisa Hoglund, Michael Ross, Amy McDevitt, Rosie Canizares, and Adam Padgett.

Thank you for all the support from Tara Fredrickson.

Also, our Board Liaison, James Spencer, has been a strong communicator with the committee. He has proposed greatly improved award processes and mechanisms in collaboration with the committee.

The committee encourages the AOPT to find ways to seek nominations for the awards. Specific awards lack nominations and are less competitive or cannot be awarded. For competitive awards, the nominees are stellar and reflect the excellence of our members.

The committee fully endorses modifying the timeline of the awards process. The changes will better align with the university and CSM timelines.

Committee members will have a substantial turnover this year. In the new committee structure, the precise number is not specified. If possible, the committee would like to see members who reflect the Academy's makeup, including a PTA, someone who spends most of their time in the clinic, and people who have been awarded previously, such as a student or emerging leader awardee.

Thank you for your work in advancing orthopaedic physical therapy, and I look forward to seeing you in Houston.

Committee Members and Terms

	1ST TERM	2ND TERM	TERM ENDS
Murray Maitland, Chair	2022-2025		2025
University of Washington			
Rosie Canizares	2022-2025		2025
Duke University			
Lisa Hoglund	2019-2021	2022-2025	2025
Thomas Jefferson University			
Amy McDevitt	2019-2022	2022-2025	2025
University of Colorado			
Adam Padgett, PTA member			
Gulf Coast State College	2024-2027		2027
Michael Ross	2019-2022	2022-2025	2025
Daemen College			

**Nominating Committee Report
CSM Board of Directors Meeting
CSM 2025**

**Submitted by:
Paul Mintken, Chair
Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, APTA**

Committee Members and Terms:

Chair:

Paul Mintken 2022 – 2025

Members:

Caroline Brunst 2023 – 2026

Emmanuel “Manny” Yung 2024 – 2027

Update on Committee Activities since July 2024:

1. Election Results for 2024 election winners (terms beginning in 2025)
 - a. President- Judith Hess (2 candidates)
 - b. 2 Directors – Derek Sueki/ Annette Karim (3 Candidates)
 - c. 1 Nominating Committee Member- Stephanie Pascoe (3 Candidates)

2. Recruitment Efforts
 - a. The committee engaged our SIG leadership, Residency and Fellowship leaders, and previously slated candidates who were not elected, coupling with the AOPT’s eblasts and social media potential candidate reach-outs, to gain member’s interest in running for open positions.
 - b. As was done in 2023, the committee updated our website for the election, stating our intent to put forth a slate of candidates to better represent our membership and align our efforts with APTA’s Strategic Plan on DEI.
 - i. Two (2) candidates were slated for President.
 - ii. Three (3) candidates were slated for 2 Director positions.
 - iii. Three (3) candidates were slated for Nominating Committee Member.
 - c. Committee has met Oct 2024 to welcome new member and begin preparation for 2025 election.
 - i. Caroline Brunst will assume role as Nomination Committee Chair for 2025.
 - ii. Stephanie Pascoe will start a new 3 year term after CSM 2025
 - iii. Positions have been identified and recruitment has begun.
 - Vice President
 - Director (1)
 - Nom Comm Member
 - iv. Nomination committee members will meet at CSM 2025 to provides updates on current candidates and conduct recruitment activities for the 2025 slate.