Policy: Education Committee

Purpose: To ensure that the Education Committee carries out their function in providing high quality education for the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy (AOPT) members

Scope: This policy pertains to the Education Committee Chair and Committee members, and AOPT Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Education Interest Groups (EIGs)

Responsibilities: AOPT Education Committee, AOPT Staff, SIG Vice Presidents and EIG Chairs

1. The Education Committee supports AOPT’s value for high quality education and is committed to providing accessible, cost-effective professional development for AOPT members.

2. The AOPT Board of Directors (BOD) appoints the Committee Chair, Chair Appointee, and members of the Committee. Terms are 3 years, with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms of service on the Committee or as Chair. Terms begin and end at the close of the Membership Meeting at CSM. The Chair Appointee may have served on the committee for 2 consecutive terms and may be appointed by the BOD to serve as Chair. The BOD will appoint a Chair Appointee at the CSM one year prior to the end of the Committee Chair’s appointment.

3. The Education Committee Chair is a voting member of the BOD and attends all AOPT BOD meetings (on-site or conference call). The Chair also serves as an advisor on the planning committee for the Annual Orthopaedic Meeting (AOM) and as a member of the ISC Advisory Panel.

4. The Education Committee is responsible for reviewing and selecting educational programming for the Combined Sections Meeting (CSM). Educational programming at CSM includes pre-conference courses and specific sessions that take place during the meeting. The AOPT BOD approves the selection of pre-conference courses but not the programming within the meeting.

5. The Education Committee is consulted for continuing education on relevant and current topics that take place outside of CSM.

6. The Education Committee serves as a liaison to the SIG Vice Presidents and EIG Chairs.

7. Reimbursement and honorariums for speakers at AOPT sponsored educational programming follow the AOPT policy on reimbursement and honorariums. (put link here)