POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP AWARD  EC Y01-15-01-01 [Amended BOD Y07-07-02-04; Initial BOD Y03-00-18-42] [Policy]

Goals of the State Legislative Leadership Award

A. To recognize and reward component leaders in the area of state legislative leadership.
B. To bring increased awareness and involvement to state legislative issues.
C. To achieve success in state legislative issues that strengthen the practice of physical therapy.
D. To be fair and equitable in the application of the selection process.

Nomination Process

A. A call for nominations will go out to component presidents, component executives, and APTA Board of Directors each March with a description of the State Legislative Leadership Award, past winners, and selection considerations.

B. Nominations may be submitted to APTA’s Member Services Department by a component president or component executive. The following documents are required to accompany the nomination:

1. An original nomination form, or a letter, signed by the component president.
2. A statement describing the nominee’s accomplishments and leadership on state legislative issues.

C. Nominations must be received by May 1 of the respective year.

Nomination Criteria

A. Must be an active APTA member in good standing.
B. Must be a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant in the state they serve.
C. Must have made a significant contribution and shown leadership in the area of state legislation.
D. Must be a role model to members in the area of state legislative leadership.
E. Current members of the APTA Board of Directors and members of the APTA Awards Committee - Advocacy Awards Subcommittee are not eligible to be nominated for this award and shall not nominate, write letters of support, or endorse an individual for this award.

Selection Process

A. Nominations will be reviewed using the following measures:

1. Legislative accomplishments and leadership abilities.
2. Contribution to APTA’s state government affairs efforts and those of other components.
3. Chapter support and years of service to component legislative efforts.
4. Grassroots and member involvement.
5. Organizational and communication skills.

B. All nominations will be reviewed by staff and the Awards Committee – Advocacy Awards Subcommittee.

C. Recommendations will be sent to APTA’s Board of Directors.

D. Selection of the State Legislative Leadership Awardee(s) will be made by APTA’s Board of Directors prior to the State Policy and Payment Forum in the fall of the year.

E. From among those nominees for the State Legislative Leadership Award who are not selected as a recipient of the award, the Advocacy Awards Subcommittee, at its discretion, may recommend to the Board a nominee(s) for a Recognition of Legislative Commitment who has, in the judgment of the subcommittee, demonstrated substantial commitment to protecting and advancing physical therapy through state legislative efforts throughout his or her career.

Recognition

The recipient(s) will receive:

A. Travel and per diem to the State Policy and Payment Forum where the award will be presented.

B. A personal plaque.

C. The presentation of the award and the recipient(s) will be publicized in PT in Motion, PT News Now, and on APTA’s website.

(Member Services Department, ext. 8082)

Explanation of Reference Numbers:
BOD P00-00-00-00 stands for Board of Directors/month/year/page/vote in the Board of Directors Minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, BOD P11-97-06-18 means that this position can be found in the November 1997 Board of Directors minutes on Page 6 and that it was Vote 18.