POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APTA SOCIETAL IMPACT AWARD BOD Y07-17-05-10 [Policy]

Purpose of the Award

The APTA Societal Impact Award will recognize and reward leaders within APTA’s member community who demonstrate commitment and dedication to addressing issues related to societal welfare. Moreover, this award specifically recognizes individuals who exemplify the compassionate nature of the physical therapy profession by exhibiting a distinguished commitment toward philanthropic initiatives, raising public awareness on key societal issues, and demonstrating how physical therapy can be applied to address these issues. Award recipients will have demonstrated exemplary leadership and volunteerism. Recognized members will inspire their physical therapy colleagues, their patients, and their communities.

Criteria

1. Increasing social awareness and improving societal welfare:
   These are activities initiated by physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and/or students of physical therapy working alone or in association with others to address and positively impact societal welfare.

2. Leadership and volunteerism:
   Contributions can be demonstrated through leadership, influence, service, or achievements and sustained efforts to improve the societal welfare over a period of at least 1 year preceding nomination for the award.

3. Philanthropic initiatives and advancement of physical therapy:
   These are activities of a high moral caliber and charitable nature. Activities should be documented and/or implemented through at least two channels (i.e. publications, provision of services, programs), which have influenced these respective areas in durable ways.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be active APTA members in good standing at the time of nomination and selection.
- Detail and record of activity must span a period of at least 1 year preceding the nomination submission for the award.

Required Documents for Submission

- Letter of nomination must detail how the nominee meets all 3 criteria; the letter will not exceed 4 pages in length.
- Two letters of support from individuals external to the author of the nomination letter must detail how the nominee meets at least 2 of the award’s criteria; each letter of support will not exceed 2 pages in length.

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.