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**MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AT ASSOCIATION, COMPONENT, AND COMMITTEE LEVELS**

(A - Association, C - Chapter, S - Section, AS - Assembly, CM – Committee, PTAC – PTA Caucus Delegate)

	<i>Physical Therapist (PT)</i>	<i>Retired PT</i>	<i>Life PT</i>	<i>Student PT</i>	<i>Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)</i>	<i>Retired PTA</i>	<i>Life PTA</i>	<i>Student PTA</i>	<i>Honorary</i>	<i>Fellow<sup>a,b</sup></i>
<b>RIGHTS</b>										
Attend meetings (except S/AS business meetings)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Speak and debate	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>PRIVILEGES</b>										
Make and second motions	A-all registered delegates	no	no	assembly delegate only	section or PTA Caucus delegates only	no	no	assembly delegate only	no	...
	C/S - yes <sup>c</sup>	yes <sup>c</sup>	yes <sup>c</sup>	no	yes <sup>c</sup>	yes <sup>c</sup>	yes <sup>c</sup>	no	no	...
	AS – no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	yes	no	...
	CM – yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	...
Vote	A - chptr delegates (1 vote)	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	...
	C/S - yes <sup>c</sup> (1 vote)	yes <sup>c</sup> (1 vote)	yes <sup>c</sup> (1 vote)	no	yes <sup>c</sup> (1/2 vote)	yes <sup>c</sup> (1/2 vote)	yes <sup>c</sup> (1/2 vote)	no	no	...
	AS – no	no	no	yes (1 vote)	no	no	no	yes (1 vote)	no	...
	CM – yes (1 vote)	yes (1 vote)	yes (1 vote)	yes (1 vote)	yes (1 vote)	yes (1 vote)	yes (1 vote)	yes (1 vote)	no	...

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Hold office	<i>A</i> - yes/5 yr PT member	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	...
	<i>C/S</i> - yes <sup>d</sup>	yes <sup>d</sup>	yes <sup>d</sup>	no	yes <sup>d,e</sup>	yes <sup>d,e</sup>	yes <sup>d,e</sup>	no	no	...
	<i>AS</i> – no	no	no	yes <sup>d</sup>	no	no	no	yes <sup>d</sup>	no	...
Serve as delegate to House of Delegates	<i>C</i> - yes/2 yr Assn member	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	...
	<i>S</i> - yes/2 yr Assn member	no	no	no	yes/2 yr Assn member	no	no	no	no	...
	<i>A</i> - no	no	no	yes <sup>c</sup> /stdnt assembly delegate/3 month Assn Member	no	no	no	yes <sup>c</sup> /stdnt assembly delegate/3 month Assn Member	no	...
	<i>PTAC</i> – no	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no	...
Serve on a nominating committee which shall be elected	<i>A</i> - yes/5 yr PT member	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	...
	<i>C/S</i> - yes <sup>d</sup>	yes <sup>d</sup>	yes <sup>d</sup>	no	yes <sup>d</sup>	yes <sup>d</sup>	yes <sup>d</sup>	no	no	...
	<i>AS</i> – no	no	no	yes <sup>d</sup>	no	no	no	yes <sup>d</sup>	no	...
Serve on Assn Reference Committee	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	...
Serve as chair of committees	<i>A/C/S</i> - yes <sup>f</sup>	yes <sup>f</sup>	yes <sup>f</sup>	no	yes <sup>f</sup>	yes <sup>f</sup>	yes <sup>f</sup>	no	no	...
	<i>AS</i> – no	no	no	yes <sup>d</sup>	no	no	no	yes <sup>d</sup>	no	...
Serve as a member of committees	yes <sup>f</sup>	yes <sup>f</sup>	yes <sup>f</sup>	yes <sup>f</sup>	yes <sup>f</sup>	yes <sup>f</sup>	yes <sup>f</sup>	yes <sup>f</sup>	no	...
Petition to form a chapter	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	...

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Petition to form a section	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	...
Receive APTA Journal	yes	May subscribe at a courtesy rate	May subscribe at a courtesy rate	yes	yes	May subscribe at a courtesy rate	May subscribe at a courtesy rate	yes	May subscribe at regular rate	...
Use the initials FAPTA after name	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	yes

<sup>a</sup>Catherine Worthingham Fellow.

<sup>b</sup>The granting of membership rights is dependent on the other membership class concurrently held.

<sup>c</sup>Except when component bylaws provide for a representative body.

<sup>d</sup>Subject to additional eligibility requirements in component bylaws.

<sup>e</sup>Except the office of president, president elect, vice president and chief delegate, or any position that may succeed to the presidency.

<sup>f</sup>Except as provided for elsewhere in the Association bylaws.