



APTA MEMBERSHIP AND BELONGING COMMITTEE

The Membership and Belonging Committee provides strategic advice, recommendations, and counsel to the APTA Board of Directors.

CHARGE

The Board of Directors' determined charge for the Membership and Belonging Committee is to:

- Provide counsel to the Board on opportunities to create a welcoming organization and culture of belonging for all physical therapists, physical therapist assistants and students.
- Identify and provide recommendations to promote membership initiatives and policies that lower barriers to belonging to APTA, including recommended revisions to the current [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Action Plan](#).
- Identify and provide recommendations to APTA in promoting and using inclusive and belonging practices consistent with our core values.
- Review and recommend membership categories and dues structures.
- Be responsive to the changing needs of the environment to include ongoing (continuous) environmental scan.
- Advise and counsel the APTA Board of Directors on proposed and existing Association policies, positions, and the APTA Code of Ethics for the Physical Therapy Profession, as requested.
- Coordinate and collaborate with other APTA appointed groups and stakeholders, when doing so can further the work of the committee.
- Submit an annual report to the Board of Directors.

All APTA appointed groups conduct their work to support APTA's Mission, Vision, Strategic Plan, and APTA adopted policies and positions. All appointees shall agree to the APTA Volunteer Commitment.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTEES

Shall be:

- An APTA member in good standing.

MEETINGS

This committee holds one annual funded in-person meeting and meets virtually on a monthly basis, as needed.

SIZE OF APPOINTED GROUP

The group shall consist of one APTA Board chair, selected annually by the APTA President; nine additional members; and the APTA President, who serves as an ex-officio member and is not counted among the nine.

TERMS OF APPOINTEES

- 1 With the exception of the Board chair, committee members shall serve three-year terms and shall not serve
- 2 consecutive terms for appointments beginning in 2026 or thereafter. APTA members shall not serve on more
- 3 than one board-appointed group at a time with the exception of APTA Board members.

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