

American Physical Therapy Association Physical Therapy Political Action Committee

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The American Physical Therapy Association recognizes the American Physical Therapy Association Physical Therapy Political Action Committee as its political action committee pursuant to federal election laws and regulations. PTPAC is a segregated fund of the association and operates as a program of APTA. The APTA Board of Directors delegates the recommendations on the disbursement of political contributions to PTPAC's Board of Trustees and staff.

PTPAC's purposes are to promote, solicit, facilitate, receive, and accumulate voluntary contributions to be distributed for political expenditures as well as for the education of physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, physical therapy students, and other supporters of the profession about the political process and encourage their participation through outreach and advocacy efforts. PTPAC ensures alignment with the association's mission, vision, and strategic plan; commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion; and public policy priorities.

The PTPAC Board of Trustees has nine members, who are physical therapist or physical therapist assistant APTA members in good standing and who are appointed by the APTA Board of Directors. The APTA President appoints an APTA Board member as PTPAC Board liaison each year. Each trustee serves a three-year term. No individual serves more than two consecutive terms.

Responsibilities:

- A. Promotes PTPAC.
- B. Fundraises and recruit donors to PTPAC.
- C. Submits reports to the APTA Board of Directors at least annually.
- D. Educates APTA membership about the mission of PTPAC.
- E. Assesses outcomes including member engagement in PTPAC and the impact of PTPAC support for candidates for federal elections.
- F. Consults and supports APTA's components regarding political advocacy, including state chapter PACs.

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