

APTA Board of Directors- Appointed Groups



BOD Y11-22-04-25 [Amended BOD Y06-19-05-05; BOD Y11-17-10-13; Initial: BOD Y12-13-08-16][Policy]

The Board of Directors shall appoint members to its committees and it may establish other groups and appoint their members to advise or assist the Board in fulfilling the object and functions of the association; to advise or assist the Board in responding to directives from the House of Delegates; to implement association policies; and to fulfill association goals and objectives.

This policy refers to all groups to which the Board appoints the members as “Board-appointed groups.” This category does not include groups whose members are not appointed by the Board.

This policy does not apply to the following Board-appointed groups: the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education and the American Physical Therapy Association Physical Therapy Political Action Committee. Please see APTA’s [Policies and Bylaws](#) webpage for policies that apply to these groups.

Between meetings of the Board the Executive Committee may exercise the Board’s authority to appoint members to the Board-appointed groups. The President may exercise the Board’s authority to appoint members to such groups to the extent provided by resolution of the Board.

All activities related to the recruitment, appointment, and work of appointed groups shall be effective, purposeful, accountable, transparent, collaborative, efficient, and inclusive.

Board-appointed groups subject to this policy include the following kinds of groups:

- a. **Committee:**
Committees inform the Board’s decision-making on strategies, priorities, and core functions of the association, and they are established for long-term initiatives.
- b. **Task Force:**
Task forces inform the Board’s decision-making on emerging issues and initiatives, and they are established for short-to-mid-term initiatives.
- c. **Board Work Groups:**
Board Work Groups are established and appointed by either the Board or the President. They inform the Board’s decision-making on emerging issues and initiatives but have very focused objectives.
- d. **Council Leadership:**
Councils are established to support the association in carrying out its organizational priorities through networking and information sharing related to a specific topic or by a specific audience. While council members are not appointed, each council shall have a chairperson and, in some cases, a steering group, appointed by the APTA president as provided in the procedural document, APTA Councils Operations and Procedures.

Authority

- a. Each Board-appointed group has the authority granted to it by the bylaws and/or by the Board.
- b. The Board will direct and establish the priority of the work of Board-appointed groups. Board-appointed groups will carry out the directions from the Board and will not direct but may inform the work of the Board. Board-appointed groups do not have authority to direct the work of association staff.
- c. Board-appointed groups and their members have no authority to speak or act on behalf of the Board or to bind the association except to the extent specifically authorized by the bylaws or by the Board. Board-appointed groups do not have authority to establish policy on behalf of the association or the Board.

- d. Reports from Board-appointed groups to the Board will not be distributed or otherwise made available to members of the association or to the public except with the President's permission, which shall be given only after the Board has had opportunity to review and discuss the report.
- e. Board-appointed groups may not offer endorsements of candidates.

Composition

- a. Unless otherwise specified in the association's bylaws or policy, a Board member shall serve as the chair of each Board-appointed group. However, no Board member shall serve as the chair or as a member of the EJC, any subcommittee of the Awards Committee, or an APTA council. The President shall have authority to select the chair of each Board-appointed group, unless the Board provides otherwise in the charter for the Board-appointed group.
- b. With the exception of the EJC, the President shall be an ex-officio member of all Board-appointed committees.

Recruitment and Appointment

- a. The Board shall select all appointees to Board-appointed groups from volunteers included in APTA Engage.

Reporting

- a. Board-appointed committees and task forces will report to the Board at least annually. Board work groups will report at the request of the Board or the Board chair.

Explanation of Reference Numbers [use for House policy]:

HOD P00-00-00-00 stands for House of Delegates/month/year/page/vote in the House of Delegates minutes; the "P" indicates that it is a position (see below). For example, HOD P06-22-05-04 means that this position can be found in the June 2022 House of Delegates minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

E: Binding Ethical Document | P: Position | Y: Policy

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