WORLD CONFEDERATION FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY (WCPT) BOD Y11-12-02-04; [BOD Y01-12-02-02]; [Initial BOD Y09-09-02-02] [Policy]

A. WCPT Oversight Role - The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the oversight of issues related to WCPT.

B. Voting Delegates to WCPT

- Appointment: APTA’s President or the President’s designee shall serve as the Association’s voting delegate and shall appoint an alternate voting delegate to represent APTA at regional and general meetings of the WCPT.

- Term: APTA’s voting delegate and alternate voting delegate to WCPT will serve terms consistent with that of the APTA President.

- Qualifications: APTA’s voting delegate and alternate voting delegate to WCPT should be familiar with the operations and policies of APTA, should know the issues facing the profession in the United States and in other countries, and should have an interest in international matters, empathy for colleagues from other countries, and a flexible attitude toward alternative ways of doing things. The qualified individuals could serve equally well either as the voting delegate to the WCPT General Meeting or as the APTA member appointed to serve in the general member seat on the WCPT Executive Committee.

- Responsibilities:

  The Association’s voting delegate to WCPT shall:

  - Review and respond as needed to all WCPT-related matters, materials, and requests.
  - With the support of APTA staff, develop recommendations to the Association's Board of Directors as needed relative to WCPT-related matters, nominations, materials, and requests.
  - Attend annual meetings of the North America/Caribbean Region (NACR) and serve as voting delegate for APTA during these regional meetings.
  - Attend all sessions of the scheduled WCPT General Meeting, vote and cast ballots as instructed (if instructed) by APTA’s Board of Directors, and satisfy all WCPT procedures and requirements for voting delegates to the General Meeting.
  - Work with APTA staff to prepare and submit summary reports of North America/Caribbean Region (NACR) annual meetings and WCPT General Meetings, and any other reports as may be requested by the Association’s Board of Directors.

  The Association’s alternate voting delegate to WCPT shall:

  - Fulfill the responsibilities of APTA’s Voting Delegate to WCPT in the event the Voting Delegate to WCPT is unable to serve.
C. Liaisons to WCPT: The APTA President or the President's designee shall be appointed as the liaison to groups affiliated with WCPT, whenever a need for such a liaison arises.

D. WCPT Dues: The WCPT annual membership subscription (dues) shall be paid from the APTA General Fund.

E. WCPT Fund: Monies in APTA’s World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) Fund will be distributed directly to WCPT on at least an annual basis.

F. WCPT Subgroup Financial Responsibilities: When an APTA component becomes a member of a WCPT subgroup, the financial obligation for support of the subgroup shall be the responsibility of the participating component.

G. WCPT Communications: APTA’s primary staff liaison to WCPT, the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with staff shall: 1) review and respond, in consultation as appropriate with APTA’s Board of Directors, WCPT voting delegates and liaisons, and staff, to all materials and requests directed by WCPT to its Member Organizations and received by APTA, and 2) will ensure fulfillment of all of APTA’s WCPT Member Organization responsibilities, in consultation as appropriate with APTA’s Board of Directors, WCPT voting delegates and liaisons, and staff.

H. Annual Conference Invitation to WCPT – APTA shall annually offer to WCPT and each of its Member Organizations, an RSVP invitation for the chief elected officer or chief executive officer (or a designee) from each organization, including WCPT, to observe the annual session of the House of Delegates and attend, free of registration fee, the APTA’s Annual Conference & Exposition.

I. Complimentary Exhibit Space for WCPT at APTA Meetings – Complimentary exhibit space will be provided to WCPT at APTA’s Combined Sections Meeting and Annual Meeting and Exposition on a first-come, first-served basis. WCPT shall select its preferred exhibit location in consultation with APTA staff in advance of all meetings.

J. Complimentary Subscriptions for WCPT to APTA Publications – The Secretary-General of WCPT, the members of the WCPT Executive Committee, and the member organizations of WCPT shall receive, free of charge or subscription fee, all issues of Physical Therapy and PT--The Magazine of Physical Therapy.

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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.