

## **APTA District of Columbia Chief Delegate Report November 14, 2020**

Due to the pandemic, the 2020 House of Delegates was done virtually. There were 42 motions before the House and they were all addressed. The minutes and disposition for the motions is available on the APTA Hub at <http://communities.apta.org/p/fo/st/thread=16917>. There were motions concerning bylaws and standing rules, definition of underrepresented minorities, code of ethics, sleep, mental and behavioral health, telehealth, and other topics. APTADC sponsored:

- RC-6-20, World Confederation for Physical Therapy Congress Dubai 2021 - PASSED
- RC-33-06 World Confederation For Physical Therapy Congress Location Selection- PASSED
- RC 34-20 Presentation of APTA Motions to 2023 World Confederation for Physical Therapy Congress- PASSED

### **Special Committee to Review APTA Bylaws and Prepare Amendments**

In 2019, the House of Delegates adopted RC 64-19 establishing a special committee of the House to review the APTA bylaws and prepare amendments no later than the 2021 House. Appointed in the fall of 2019, the Special Committee to Review APTA Bylaws and Prepare Amendments initiated its work by developing the [principles that would guide its approach](#) to this project—to propose bylaws amendments that support a transformative organization and that allow the association to grow and benefit all stakeholders. APTA developed a document that presents the initial concepts being considered by the SCB and also provides a framework for the collection of stakeholder input, and context for the discussions to come.

Delegations and members were asked to provide feedback to the SCB in September with the goal of collecting input on these bylaws concepts via an online feedback mechanism available to all members. In addition, listening sessions with key stakeholder groups will provide the opportunity for attendees to take deep dives into the concepts prior to submitting online feedback. In the fall, the work of the SCB will shift into analysis of the feedback collected and further refinement of concepts. Final concepts will be shared with members and stakeholders later this year prior to the SCB pivoting into its next phase—development of bylaws language.

The SCB is confident that there will be sufficient time to allow for extensive feedback and discussion prior to the development of final motions for the 2021 House. We look forward to next steps and hope that you will take an active part in the work ahead.

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