



DELEGATES TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

ELECTION:

- A. The Chief Delegate will be elected in the spring of odd numbered years, and assume office July 1 following the annual session of the House of Delegates. The Chief Delegate is limited to serving 2 consecutive terms.
- B. At the fall meeting, each of the three regions will elect a physical therapist of that region to serve as delegate from the respective region. The term will be two years. In odd numbered years, the West region (Jackson and Memphis districts) will elect a delegate. In even numbered years, the Middle (Upper Cumberland, Nashville and South Central districts) and the East (Knoxville, Tri-cities and Chattanooga) regions will elect delegates.
- C. The fifth active delegate position will be filled by either the Past Chief Delegate in the year immediately following their term; or by the Chief Delegate-Elect in the year immediately preceding their term. If this position is not filled by either a Past Chief Delegate or a Chief Delegate-Elect, then a delegate-at-large will fill this position. The number of delegate-at-large positions elected by the entire membership at the fall meeting will be determined by the number allocated by APTA. Alternate physical therapist delegates will be selected in the order of the votes they received for the delegate-at-large positions.
- D. If a region/district delegate or a delegate-at-large is unable to serve, the first alternate delegate will be asked to serve. In the case a region/district delegate is unable to attend the House of Delegates on the first year of their term and alternate serves for them the first year of their term, the elected delegate will serve the second year of the elected position. In case of a vacancy in the alternate delegate position before the spring meeting, an election will be held to fill the position. If the vacancy occurs after the spring meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint an individual for the vacancy. If the Chief Delegate is

unable to serve, the Executive Committee will select an elected delegate to serve that year, the next alternate delegate to serve in the vacancy for that year.

MEMBER OF:

Delegation of Tennessee

PURPOSE:

To represent the Tennessee Chapter and act on behalf of and in the interest of the Chapter membership.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Notify the Chief Delegate as soon as possible if unable to attend the House of Delegates so that an alternate may be contacted.
- B. Read and be familiar with all delegate materials. Research candidates and issues as assigned and report to the delegation prior to the HOD. Attend pre-conference meetings of the Tennessee delegation.
- C. Present the proposed motions to the region/district membership prior to the House of Delegates and be familiar with the issues affecting the physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in the region/district and state. Be accessible to discuss the issues with the membership prior to and after the House of Delegates.
- D. Notify the Chief Delegate of hotel room number upon arrival.
- E. Register as Tennessee Chapter delegate at designated time.
- F. Attend all HOD activities and sessions and caucuses as requested by the Chief Delegate: Pre-issues forum, election activities, and Chapter or Southern States caucuses. Notify the Chief Delegate immediately if unable to attend any of these events.
- G. Discuss issues and candidates with other delegates to be better informed.
- H. Share information gained from discussion with other delegates with the Tennessee Chapter delegation. Participate in discussion of issues and candidates with an open mind.
- I. Notify the Chief Delegate and other delegates regarding motions the individual delegate may want to propose.
- J. Notify the Chief Delegate of the intent of the comments to be made prior to standing to speak in front of the HOD.
- K. Vote in the elections at the designated time.

- L. Make informed decisions in the HOD that will be in the best interest of the Tennessee membership.
- M. Comply with Chapter policies and procedures for travel and expense reimbursements.
- N. Evaluate the delegate process for constructive change and report to the Chief Delegate.
- O. Report to the regions/districts the proceedings of the HOD and the results of the elections, this being the responsibility of the region/district delegates, with the assistance of the at-large delegates from their regions/districts.