

APTA Member Engagement Groups



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The Bylaws of the American Physical Therapy Association describe the purpose of Engagement Groups as ways to:

- a. Support communities of interest within the Association;
- b. Create pathways for growing member engagement;
- c. Further the interests of APTA and the physical therapy profession; and
- d. Enhance the volunteer experience for members.

I. Types of Member Engagement Groups

- a. **Networks** are composed of self-selected individuals who join a network for the purpose of information sharing and networking around a given topic. Networks may have annual participation fees. Networks may be led by a chair and/or steering group.
- b. **Councils** are composed of component representatives who are selected or elected by APTA components. Councils shall not have participation fees. Each council may be led by a chair and/or steering group, and any chair or steering group shall be elected by the council members. Councils are identified by the component annually and serve a minimum of a 12-month term.
- c. **Societies** are composed of individuals with a specific achievement or experience for the purpose of information sharing and networking among those individuals. Society members are automatically joined based on accomplishment. Societies shall not have participation fees. Societies shall not have a leadership structure.
- d. **Collaborations** are composed of member representatives from within an organization or other organizations (components, institutional groups, APTA related organizations, and/or other external organizations) for the purpose of information sharing and networking. Collaborations may have an annual participation fee and may be led by a chair and/or steering group elected by the collaboration.

II. Qualifications

- a. Member engagement groups require each participant to be an APTA member in good standing.
- b. Council representatives must be a member of their respective component.
 - c. All member engagement group participants shall adhere to the Volunteer Consent to Serve Agreement.

III. Funding

The Board determines funding for member engagement groups through the annual APTA budget process.

Explanation of Reference Numbers [use for House policy]:

BOD Y00-00-00-00 stands for Board of Directors/month/year/page/vote in the Board of Directors minutes; the "Y" indicates that it is a policy (see below). For example, BOD Y06-22-05-04 means that this policy can be found in the June 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes on Page 5 and that it was Vote 4.

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