

**Standing Rules**  
**AGPT Bone Health Special Interest Group**  
**Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy**

**Article I: Name and Purpose**

- A. The name of the special interest group shall be the Bone Health Special Interest Group of the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy. In these Standing Rules it will be referred to as the BHSIG.
- B. The purpose of the BHSIG shall be to provide a forum through which individuals having a common interest in physical therapy for bone health and osteoporosis may connect and promote education, clinical practice and research.

**Article II: Objectives**

- A. Develop and apply research and knowledge in physical therapy to promote, maintain, and preserve bone health through the life span, reduce age-related bone loss and reduce fracture risk.
- B. Promote understanding of bone and its unique response to mechanical loading and exercise.
- C. Gather and disseminate information and resources on bone health and fracture prevention, for professionals and consumers.
- D. Increase public awareness of bone health as a part of healthy aging and the role of physical therapy in the promotion of bone health and fracture prevention.
- E. Develop guidelines for successful clinical practice.
- F. Provide standards for entry-level physical therapy education programs regarding bone health and the management and treatment of bone loss and fracture.
- G. Promote communication among clinicians, educators, and researchers in the physical therapy profession regarding bone health and the management and treatment of bone loss and fracture.
- H. Collaborate with other health care professionals bone health regarding bone health and the management and treatment of bone loss and fracture.

**Article III: Membership**

- A. Only members in good standing of the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy are eligible to be BHSIG members. Any American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) member may attend meetings.
- B. Only AGPT BHSIG members may vote.

**Article IV: Organization**

- A. Officers: The BHSIG will elect the following officers, each serving a 3 year term, effective the Monday after the Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) of the APTA.
- B. Duties
  - 1. Chair
    - a. Facilitates all meetings of the SIG.
    - b. Attends AGPT membership meetings at CSM and APTA Annual Conference (if scheduled) or sends designee.

- c. Represents SIG at AGPT Board meetings regarding SIG activities as required by the AGPT Board or Executive Committee.
- d. Provides written reports to the AGPT Board liaison to the SIG prior to CSM and APTA Annual Conference for inclusion in the report to the AGPT Board.
- e. Submits information relative to SIG functions to the SIG newsletter or GeriNotes.
- f. Appoints SIG task forces and committees, except the Nominating Committee.
- g. Serves as a liaison to other sections and organizations with approval of the AGPT Board or Executive Committee.

## 2. Vice-Chair

- a. Serves as SIG Chair in the absence of the Chair.
- b. Serves as liaison to the AGPT Program Chair to coordinate SIG programming at CSM and Annual Conference.
- c. Reviews the SIG Standing Rules biannually for consistency with the AGPT and the APTA, and recommends appropriate revisions.
- d. With the SIG Chair, or designee, prepares the SIG newsletter.
- e. Other duties as assigned by the Chair.

## 3. Secretary

- a. Records and distributes minutes of all SIG officer and membership meetings. Minutes will be distributed to members, officers, the AGPT Board and Executive Director as appropriate. Minutes are submitted within 45 days of the meeting.
- b. Maintains all written records of the SIG.
- c. Maintains the SIG membership record.
- d. Completes routine official correspondence of the SIG including notification of meetings, elections results, etc.
- e. Other duties as assigned by the Chair.

## 4. Nominating Committee members (2 to be elected)

- a. The senior member of the committee will serve as Chair.
- b. Identify and slate candidates for the SIG officers.
- c. Distribute candidate information.
- d. convey election results to the Secretary for distribution.

## C. Election

1. Elections will be held once a year (electronically) and results announced during the SIG business meeting at CSM. Election of officers will be staggered as follows:
2. Ballot and candidate information will be distributed by email, mail or in the SIG newsletter.
3. Newly elected officers shall assume office effective the Monday after the CSM in which their election to office is announced.

## **Article V: Committees/Task Forces**

- A. All committees and task forces of the SIG, other than the Nominating Committee, shall be approved by the Chair with approval of the AGPT Board or Executive Committee.
- B. Committee members will be selected by the Committee Chair with approval of the SIG Chair.

## **Article VI: Meetings**

A. The SIG will conduct or assure representation at the following meetings:

1. The SIG Chair meeting at CSM
2. The SIG meeting at CSM
3. The SIG meeting at APTA Annual Conference (if scheduled)
4. The AGPT Board meeting at CSM or APTA Annual Conference as requested. The SIG Chair (or designee) must attend one (1) AGPT Board meeting at CSM annually
5. The AGPT member meeting at CSM and APTA Annual Conference (if scheduled)

B. The SIG will hold at least one member meeting per year at which business is conducted.

**Article VII: Authority**

A. The SIG Standing Rules must be consistent with the AGPT and APTA Bylaws

B. These SIG Standing Rules may be changed, subject to the approval of the Board or Executive Committee of the AGPT, by a two-third's vote of the SIG members at a regularly scheduled member meeting provided that the members have been notified of the proposed changes in writing 60 days before the vote.

C. Where these Standing Rules are silent, the AGPT and APTA bylaws prevail.