

Standing Rules
Bone Health Special Interest Group
Section on Geriatrics

Article I: Name and Purpose

- A. The name of the special interest group shall be the Bone Health Special Interest Group of the Section on Geriatrics. 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
 - a. Promote, maintain, and preserve bone health through the life span
 - b. Reduce age-related bone loss
 - c. 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 Section on Geriatrics are eligible to be BHSIG members. Any APTA member may attend meetings.
- B. Only 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 CSM.
- B. Duties
 - 1. Chair
 - a. Facilitates all meetings of the BHSIG.
 - b. Attends SoG membership meetings at CSM and AC or sends designee.
 - c. Represents BHSIG at SoG Board meetings regarding BHSIG activities as required by the Board or SoG Executive Committee.
 - d. Provides written reports to the SoG Board BHSIG liaison prior to CSM and AC for inclusion in the report to the Board.
 - e. Submits information relative to BHSIG functions to the BHSIG newsletter or GeriNotes.
 - f. Appoints BHSIG task forces and committees, except the Nominating Committee.
 - g. Serves as a liaison to other sections and organizations with approval of the SoG Executive Committee.
 - 2. Vice-Chair
 - a. Serves as BHSIG Chair in the absence of the Chair.
 - b. Serves as liaison to the SoG Program Chair to coordinate BHSIG programming at CSM and AC.
 - c. Reviews the BHSIG Standing Rules biannually for consistency with the SoG and the APTA, and recommends appropriate revisions.
 - d. With the BHSIG chair, or designee, prepares the BHSIG newsletter.
 - e. Other duties as assigned by the Chair.
 - 3. Secretary
 - a. Records and distributes minutes of all BHSIG officer and membership meetings. Minutes will be distributed to members, officers, SoG Board and SoG Executive Director as appropriate. Minutes are submitted within 45 days of the meeting.
 - b. Maintains all written records of the BHSIG.
 - c. Maintains the BHSIG membership record.

- d. Completes routine official correspondence of the BHSIG including notification of meetings, elections results, etc.
 - e. Other duties as assigned by the Chair.
4. Nominating Committee members
- a. The senior member of the committee will serve as chair.
 - b. Identify and slate candidates for the BHSIG officers.
 - c. Distribute ballots and candidate information.
 - d. Count ballots and convey results to the Secretary for distribution.

C. Election

- 1. Elections will be held once a year (electronically) and results announced during the business meeting at CSM. Effective with CSM 2009, election of the Chair will be staggered with other SIG chair elections. As a result, the Chair elected in 2009 will serve a 2 year term. Beginning in 2011, each chair will serve a 3 year term, and all positions will be elected every three years (e.g. 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020, etc).
- 2. Ballot and candidate information will be distributed by e-mail, mail (with or separate from SoG ballots), or in the SIG newsletter.
- 3. Newly elected officers shall assume office effective the Monday after CSM.

Article V: Committees/task forces

- A. All committees and task forces of the BHSIG, other than the Nominating Committee, shall be approved by the Chair with approval of the SoG Executive Committee
- B. Committee members will be selected by the committee chair with approval of the BHSIG Chair
- C. Education Committee
 - 1. Facilitate and organize educational programs at BHSIG meetings, at least one of which shall be held annually in conjunction with an BHSIG business meeting
 - 2. Coordinate programming with the Section Education Committee Chair
- D. Practice Committee
 - 1. Facilitate the identification, analysis and formulation of standards of practice as related to bone health and the management and treatment of bone loss and fracture.
 - 2. Formulate recommendations for entry-level practice as related to bone health and the management and treatment of bone loss and fracture.

- I. 3. Identify, analyze and make recommendations regarding reimbursement and legislation related to bone health, osteoporosis. and the management and treatment of bone loss and fracture.

Article VI: Meetings

- A. The BHSIG will conduct or assure representation at the following meetings:
 1. The SIG chair meeting at CSM
 2. The BHSIG meeting at CSM
 3. The BHSIG meeting at AC (if scheduled)
 4. The SoG Board meeting at CSM or AC as requested
 5. The SoG member meeting at CSM and AC
- B. The BHSIG will hold at least one member meeting per year at which business is conducted.

Article VII: Authority

- A. The BHSIG Standing Rules must be consistent with the SoG and APTA bylaws
- B. These BHSIG Standing Rules may be changed, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the SoG, by a two-third's vote of the BHSIG 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 SoG and APTA bylaws prevail.