

PTWA sSIG Position Descriptions

President

Position Description: The president is the ideal position for those looking to gain experience in leading a group of fellow students towards the goal of forming events and opportunities for the students of Washington state. The president is responsible for creating the agenda for the monthly phone call meetings, maintaining communication between sSIG members, PTWA board members, and Washington State PT/PTA students, and delegating tasks to be completed. Since the SSIG is constantly evolving, this position has the flexibility to form new events and change the focus of the group to fit our fellow colleagues' needs. An individual who is innovative, organized, and passionate about being involved in the larger community of physical therapy would be the perfect fit for this position!

Monthly Time Commitment: 8 hours

Vice President

Position Description: The Vice President is the Jack or Jill of all trades -- helping out where needed and providing support to other officers, as well as stepping into the role of President when necessary. The Vice President has the opportunity to engage in group discussion, providing an outside perspective on the planning of events such as the Student Conclave and PT Pub Night which are organized by other board members, and also to work closely with individuals on the executive team to make sure each person has the resources they need to achieve their goals. If you are flexible, thoughtful, accountable, and always ready to tackle new projects, this position is for you!

Monthly Time Commitment: 8 hours

Secretary

Position Description: The secretary position is for the person who loves to "get things done" and keep google docs organized. When a SSIG member has a great idea on a conference call, you get to ask them who is going to do it, how it is going to get done, and when it will be done by and record it to hold them accountable. When the google doc folders start getting crowded, you get to clean it up. Best of all, you get to pass along all the important SSIG info and send out updates to all the students contacts at each program!

Monthly Time Commitment: 3-5 hours

Treasurer

Position Description: The Treasurer is the gatekeeper of the sSIG's budget, but you don't need mad accounting skills for this position. Basic math skills will get you through because the current budget is \$0. However, you will be a rock star if you have good fundraising ideas!

Monthly Time Commitment: 2 hours

Communications Chair

Position Description: This position is for the ‘social butterfly’ among us! As the Communications Chair it will be your job to disperse information and get students excited about the PTWA SSIG and the physical therapy field using various social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc). Keep members up to date on things that are going on in the SSIG (LID/Student Conclave/ Elections), celebrating National PT Month in October, PT Pub Nights, Rehab Hotspot Job Fair, and anything else that is happening at PT/PTA programs around the state. This position can take as little or as much time as you feel necessary. Besides the monthly SSIG conference call (about an hour), you should expect to spend some time every month posting and replying on social media.

Monthly Time Commitment: 2 hours

Advocacy Chair

Position Description: The “Advocacy Chair” is a position for those passionate about the future of physical therapy. In these changing times, advocacy for the Physical Therapy profession at both the state and national levels is more crucial than ever to expand and protect the profession and provide the best care for patients. As the “Advocacy Chair,” you will network with state advocacy leaders in the profession and organize events for Legislative Impact Day and the National Advocacy Dinner. You'll be calling in to monthly meetings of the PTWA Legislative Committee, the group leading advocacy efforts in the Washington State legislature, as well as the Washington PT-PAC (Political Action Committee), the group that raises funds for PT advocacy. You will also act as a bridge between the current political changes and your fellow students through sharing links for signing petitions and reaching out to local representatives. This role has the potential to promote huge changes that will improve our profession.

Monthly Time Commitment: 2-6 hours

Student Conclave Chair

Position Description: Take the opportunity to steer programming for next year’s student conclave. Put forward new ideas for speakers, panel discussions or research presentations that matter to you and your classmates. As student conclave chair you will help organize and drive the topics presented. This is a great opportunity to reach out and network with experts in the field of physical therapy. This role is busiest over the winter when topics need to be finalized, and speakers need to be identified, contacted and confirmed. Don’t worry though, your sSIG teammates are there to help. This role is fun and rewarding when performed with delegation and solid timelines.

Monthly Time Commitment: 4 hours (2-6 depending on deadlines and delegation)

PT Student Liaison

Position Description: PT student liaison gets to be on the ground floor with the best people on PTWA Board of Directors and Washington House of Delegates! You will be invited to the board of directors’ meetings and have the opportunity to tell your SPT peers about what went on in the meetings. You also get to be a part of WA Delegates and learn the ins and outs of the APTA governance. As the liaison you can provide a valuable student perspective when you are inevitably called upon to speak. You get to attend the House of Delegates national conference, meeting with fellow liaisons and delegates from

other states! This position is chosen annually, in rotating order between DPT programs across Washington State including University of Washington, Eastern Washington University, and University of Puget Sound. If you are interested in advocacy for our profession and healthcare legislation, this is the position for you!

Monthly Time Commitment: 4 hours every month for conference calls, one Saturday every quarter for PTWA Board meetings from 8am-3pm, one Saturday spring meeting for HoD from 9am-3pm, and attendance at the House of Delegates (typically 4-5 days in June).

PTA Student Liaison

Position Description: The PTA Student Liaison gets a front row seat to the inner workings to the PTWA Board of Directors, Delegation to the APTA House of Delegates, as well as the PTA and Student SIGs. They represent the voice of the SPTAs of Washington State, as well as keep the different PTA programs informed about how this profession will be affected by the latest changes in governance. More formally, the PTA Student Liaison acts as the PTA Liaison between the Board of Directors of PTWA and the PTA students from all PTA programs in Washington State. Each month, the PTA Liaison emails an update for the PTA students to each PTA program director following each board meeting. Finally, they shall accompany the PT Student Liaison to the APTA House of Delegates/National Conference. This position is appointed every year, and the liaison is selected from a rotating order of all PTA programs across Washington State: Greenriver CC, Spokane Falls CC, Whatcom CC, Olympic College, PIMA, and Lake Washington Tech.

Monthly Time Commitment: 4 hours every month for conference calls, one Saturday every quarter for PTWA Board meetings from 8am-3pm, one Saturday spring meeting for HoD from 9am-3pm, and attendance at the House of Delegates (typically 4-5 days in June).