

Chapter President
Address
City, State

Dear Fellow Physical Therapists:

This letter from the Maryland Chapter will be mailed to all Chapters of A. P. T. A. We hope that every therapist will - think, talk, digest, and form opinions so that we may have your ideas concerning the issue that we feel is a vital one to all future therapists.

For the past several years some members of the Maryland Chapter have questioned the value of their membership in the American Registry of Physical Therapists.

We have drawn together our ideas and have made an attempt to clarify our thinking on the subject. Will you all help with this project? Please bring this information to the attention of your chapter and let us have your opinions as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

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WE WONDER

1. If you have studied the new booklet of information published for the American Registry of Physical Therapists. (please do so before your meeting)
2. How the present "Ethical Platform" as described by the Registry came into existence.
3. How ethical we are if you examine your present professional work in light of "direct supervision".
4. Why we need two ethical codes for our profession: the Registry's in which we have no voice, and our own as set up by the APTA and which we can formulate by voting of all members.
5. Why there is need for a National Registry examination today under the auspices of the Registry in view of increased state licensure requirements.
6. Why it is necessary to continue individual membership in the American Registry of Physical Therapists.
7. Why we should continue "membership" if the Registry will in the future list all P.T.s, corrective, manual arts, educational, vocational therapists.
8. What the Registry has done for the physical therapy.
9. What is done with money received by Registry.
10. Why A.P.T.A. does not register all members as the American O.T. association has done.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE

1. That the American Registry of Physical Therapists fulfilled a basic need during our embryonic professional development between 1935 - 1953
2. That the Registry was needed at that time for a source of qualified personnel in physical therapy.
3. That a national registry examination was needed in 1935 - 1953 to test students coming from diversified physical therapy schools and thus create a means of providing minimum essentials for all physical therapy curricula

WE BELIEVE

That the American Physical Therapy Association is the only National professional organization representing Physical Therapists. It is patterned for democratic representation from all State Chapters for the expressing of opinions, passing of laws, and formulating of regulations which are binding on its members.

That as of 1954 our own A. P. T. A. should assume its full stature and provide:

1. A National Registry of qualified physical Therapists.
2. Increase representation for us by affiliation with (1) medical (2) professional and lay groups.
 - A. To present our thinking in professional aspects of discipline, education, personnel policies, promotion of the profession, control of fringe groups, etc.
3. Provide P.T. Examination for any organization, governmental unit, or Schools of Physical Therapy desiring such an examination.
4. Enlargement of its Advisory Board to include one member of medical specialties using physical therapy in order to:
 - a. Formulate standards of education and training.
 - b. To improve public relations between physician and therapist.
 - c. To establish "professional judgement and discretion" for P.T.s.
5. To continue and strengthen the placement bureau.
6. Our code of Ethics governing the conduct of professional practice is the standard for deciding ethical or unethical practices in our profession.

SURVEY SPONSORED BY THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE APTA

Chapter _____: Number of Members: _____ Number voting: _____

Person filling in questionnaire (Name: _____ Official Capacity _____

Directions: Under each yes and no, please write the number of members who answered yes and no. If response was unanimous circle yes or no.

<u>What your Chapter Members Believe</u>	Yes	No
1. Do your Chapter Members feel that the Ethics published by the American Registry of Physical Therapists is a realistic approach to the practice of good physical therapy?	_____	_____
2. Do your Chapter Members feel that the Ethics published by the American Registry of Physical Therapists should govern the practice of physical therapists?	_____	_____
3. Do your Chapter Members feel that the APTA could provide the standards that govern the Ethical Conduct of Physical Therapists?	_____	_____
4. Do your Chapter Members feel that the American Registry of Physical Therapists should continue to be supported by Physical Therapists?	_____	_____
5. Do your Chapter Members feel that the American Registry of Physical Therapists should give a national examination for physical therapists?	_____	_____
6. Do your Chapter Members feel that the APTA should give a national examination for Physical Therapists?	_____	_____
7. Do your Chapter Members feel that the APTA should provide a Registry for Physical Therapists along with its placement bureau?	_____	_____
8. Would your Chapter favor a Resolution at the next House of Delegates Meeting, June, 1954, for the National Office of the APTA to provide a Registry for its members?	_____	_____
9. Would your Chapter Members favor a move for not renewing their individual membership in the American Registry of Physical Therapists as of 1954?	_____	_____

Reasons For:

Reasons Against:

		in	Yes	No
10.	Do your Chapter Members favor membership the Registry under the present set-up?		_____	_____

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Reasons Against:

11.	Do your Chapter Members favor membership in the Registry if the ethical platform is changed to the ethical platform published by APTA?	_____	_____
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Reasons for:

Reasons Against:

12.	How many physical therapists in your State belong to the Registry and not the APTA?	_____
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Be sure to return by March 15, 1953

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