

Support statement for motion to amend Colorado APTA Bylaws.

The Colorado APTA Bylaws are proposed for amending as submitted. The changes in the bylaws include mandatory and optional changes from APTA and amendments from the Colorado APTA Board of Directors. Mandatory changes from APTA reflect changes from the June 2005 House of Delegates and are indicated in **RED**. Optional changes from APTA are indicated in **BLUE** and are supported by the Board of Directors. Amendments from the Colorado APTA Board of Directors (**GREEN**) include delineation of specific responsibilities for the Executive Committee and a proposed membership dues increase.

Membership dues include all of the operating expenses for the chapter, including our central office, management services and lobbying expenses. Membership dues should reflect annual increases to cost of living adjustments incurred by the chapter's operating expenses. In addition, the dues provide financial support for the annual budget to provide membership services for our members. However, membership dues have not been increased since 1998 and do not correctly reflect the cost adjustments of the goods and services provided by the chapter. In order to continue to provide quality education, advocacy, and support services to the physical therapy membership in the state of Colorado, it is important that we adjust our membership dues to reflect the current price structure of our chapter expenses.