



# June FAL Call Minutes

June 25, 2025, 8:00 PM ET

**The Zoom recording can be accessed here:** [https://apta-org.zoom.us/rec/share/r\\_yQq5bwzhGXxTa6X2OL5IIV0OELwi7VfVPR0NNa-\\_ALNCopsGknBCyo2huglRQK.fa3mu-hryyidSvxs](https://apta-org.zoom.us/rec/share/r_yQq5bwzhGXxTa6X2OL5IIV0OELwi7VfVPR0NNa-_ALNCopsGknBCyo2huglRQK.fa3mu-hryyidSvxs)

## APTA Capitol Hill Day State Lead Information and Event Update

**Delegation Outreach & Preparation:** Each FAL/State Lead will receive a contact list of attendees from their state to introduce themselves and serve as a resource. A messaging template with key talking points will be provided. Ensure attendees can locate you as their lead on-site and feel supported throughout the event.

**Materials & Pre-Event Resources:** APTA Capitol Hill Day Briefing Book; A PDF version will be released soon; it serves as the main reference for attendees. Position papers, talking points, and four videos (4–7 minutes each) will be distributed. Due to limited in-person time, thorough preparation before arrival is critical.

**Pre-Event Webinar:** A recording and 6-page written summary are available for those who missed the session.

**Travel and Event Logistics:** Mandatory advocacy training begins at **5:30 PM, Monday, July 14** at the Omni Shoreham's Regency Ballroom. Attendees must arrive in DC beforehand. Any flight issues must be communicated to Laura directly. Attendees will be seated by state; APTA staff will direct arrivals and provide a seating map. Optional social event at Swingers Crazy Golf; tickets available via registration or through Mike Matlack.

**Schedule Distribution:** Tentative schedules will be shared with FALs approximately one week in advance. These are drafts; ~75% of meetings will be scheduled by then. Final schedules will be released the Friday before Capitol Hill Day and only available in the Advocacy Associates app. FALs should **not** distribute preliminary schedules widely, as they are subject to change. **Meeting no-shows are strictly prohibited;** Missing a meeting without notice can damage APTA's relationship with Congressional offices. **FALs are expected to reinforce this with their delegations.**

**Training Session and Delegation Planning:** FALs will receive folders for all scheduled meetings. FALs should coordinate folder distribution based on building locations for existing meetings. Mock meetings are encouraged during the delegation planning time; staff available to assist or role-play. FALs must coordinate speaking roles in large meetings, such as Senate and large House meetings (who covers which topic and who makes the "ask").

**Tuesday on the Hill:** Approximately at 7:00 AM, coordinate with and meet your delegation at breakfast and complete final prep at the Omni. Meetings begin around 9:30 AM; some earlier due to constituent coffees (esp. Senate). Targeting an end time around 3:00 PM due to flight considerations. The debriefing center is located at Bullfeathers on the House side, with snacks and extra materials. Additional APTA staff will be stationed in Dirksen (AM) and Longworth (PM) to assist.

**Meeting Follow-Up:** **FALs must coordinate thank you notes for each meeting and ensure they are done.** One note per meeting; include summary and attendee list with contact info. **A note template is provided** in the Briefing Book. Ideally, notes sent the day of the meeting, or the day after, via email only (no physical mail due to delays). The Advocacy Associates app and APTA Advocacy App both include a meeting feedback form.

Feedback is needed for every meeting and FALs are responsible for ensuring their delegation sends meeting feedback to APTA. Feedback is essential for long-term advocacy initiatives.

Registration, Travel & Hotel: If you need to cancel, please cancel your registration and inform us so we can release your meetings and appoint a new state lead. Contact Member Success for any registration questions. Contact Spargo, our vendor, for hotel questions. The APTA hotel block is now closed. **For any flight issues, please contact TripEasy, not the airline directly, for itinerary changes.**

## August Recess and Grassroots Update

**District Meetings:** Begin planning for August in-district visits, including clinic tours, town halls, or local events. Because of APTA Capitol Hill Day timing, some offices may decline, having already met in July, but others welcome continued interaction. Also encourage your Key Contacts to meet with members of Congress who do not have a meeting with us at APTA Capitol Hill Day.

**Next Training:** Live webinar on **July 9 at 8:00 p.m. ET** focusing on August recess strategy and an updated version of the August Recess Guide is coming soon.

## Congressional Update

**Budget Reconciliation:** Current focus on the so-called “*Byrd bath*,” a procedural review by the Senate Parliamentarian that determines what provisions can remain in the bill under reconciliation rules. The Senate version of the “Big Beautiful Bill” notably omits the \$9B toward an annual inflationary update to the Medicare Fee Schedule that was included in the House version. APTA is working to reinsert this provision before the Senate vote or during final negotiations between the House and Senate. The Senate aims to complete this legislation by July 4, but that is considered very ambitious.

**Pelvic Health Bill Reintroduced:** Optimizing Postpartum Outcomes Act (H.R. 4074), led by Reps. Don Bacon and Lori Trahan, aims to increase awareness and access to pelvic health PT through best practices, research, and CDC outreach.

**Medicare Opt-Out Legislation Coming Soon:** Medicare Patient Choice Act, led by Reps. Lloyd Smucker and Don Davis, would allow physical therapists to opt out of Medicare while still treating Medicare-eligible patients on a private-pay basis.

## PTPAC Update

**PTPAC Party at APTA Capitol Hill Day:** The event will take place at Swingers Dupont Circle. The event will be on Monday, July 14, from 8-10 p.m. You can buy tickets (\$100 each) when registering for Leadership Congress, which includes golf, drinks, and food. All PTPAC Eagle club members receive one free ticket, but please contact Michael Matlack to reserve your ticket.

**The next FAL call will be Wednesday, July 30 at 8:00 p.m. ET**

**See you soon!**