

Secretary (Select 1)



Jennifer Frerich, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT

Present Employment: Results Physiotherapy

Position: District Clinical Quality Leader

City: Sugar Land

APTA Member: 9 years

TPTA Member: 9 years

I am honored to be slated for a second term for secretary of the TPTA. Thank you for trusting me three years ago as a youthful leader. I am looking forward to continuing my service.

I have been active as your TPTA Secretary for the past 3 years and my organization and track record of honesty and integrity throughout my term of service have helped to keep the EC and the TPTA on task and moving forward while maintaining written record and recalling our history as needed.

I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve as the TPTA secretary for a second term to carry out my duties and I believe my previous experience and my strong organizational and communication skills would continue to serve me and the TPTA well in this role.



Barbara Gresham, PT, PhD, Board-Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist

Present Employment: University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Position: Director/Associate Professor

City: China Spring

APTA Member: 39 years

TPTA Member: 39 years

Committed and passionate leaders are a key component of a thriving profession, and I believe that every member of our profession should strive to be actively involved in the association in some way. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as the TPTA Secretary if elected. I have been an active and involved member of the APTA/TPTA since joining the association as a student 39 years ago. I am as excited about our profession today as I have been at any time during my career. The opportunities afforded by our profession are many, as are the challenges we face. During my career, I have gained leadership experience in a variety of settings. As a clinician, I held positions as a Clinic Director and as a Director of Rehabilitation Services for a number of years. I have been an educational Program Director for both PT and PTA programs and currently serve as Founding Director of the Physical Therapy Program at University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. I served for seven years on the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, including two years as Chair; three years on the TPTA Nominating Committee, including one year as chair; Co-Chair for the APTA task force that developed the CPI; and delegate to the APTA HOD for two terms. I currently serve as Vice-chair of the TPTA Heart of Texas District. I also donate my time as a reviewer for the TPTA Continuing Competence Approval Program and volunteer in other professional capacities as well,

including on-site reviewer for CAPTE since 1990, ABPTS Specialization Academy of Content Experts, ABPTRFE Accreditation Services Committee, APTA ELI Fellowship mentor, and multiple task forces and committees. I would appreciate your support and I welcome the opportunity to serve the TPTA in this role.

Speaker of the Assembly (Select 1)



Gail Zitterkopf, PT, DPT

Present Employment: Memorial Herman

Position: Pelvic Floor Program Coordinator

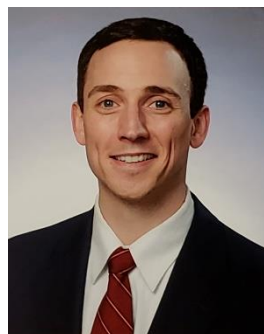
City: Houston

APTA Member: 18 years

TPTA Member: 10 years

Thank you for the opportunity to be slated for Speaker of the TPTA Assembly. I graduated in 2003 from Northern Arizona University and have been in Texas for 10 years. As a PT student and new graduate, I was fortunate to have Cynthia Driskell, PT, GCS serve as my mentor, and I learned the roll of Arizona Chapter President as well as Modulator of the Arizona Town Hall (Arizona’s Speaker of the Assembly). Over the years I have a long list of mentors who have lead by demonstration. I would like to combine their qualities in order to benefit the members of TPTA when participating in the Texas Assembly at annual conference. I would also like to see members who have been less active become more engaged in their profession as well as the decisions made in the house. At the 2017 Texas House, a breakout session lead to several great possible RCs for the national house. One of which, RC 44-18 Charge: The Role of the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant in Disaster Management was successfully passed. I served as a Delegate for the 2018 APTA House of Delegates and represented Texas as part of a panel on disaster management presented at the NEXT conference. I completed the TPTA Tom Waugh Leadership program, and in my project included planning and hosting a GAC Fundraiser as a part of Legislative Day in 2015. I believe I am qualified to serve as Speaker because of my awareness of important issues at the state and national level.

Nominating Committee (Select 2)



Michael Braitsch, PT, DPT

Present Employment: Tribe Wellness, LLC

Position: Owner/Lead Therapist

City: Dallas

APTA Member: 4 years

TPTA Member: 4 years

I’m honored to be considered to help the TPTA Nominating Committee for a 3— year term. As a private practice owner, I want to do everything in my power to make sure that TPTA continues to be well-stocked with the best possible talent as we continue to move

the profession forward. As a private practice owner, I have both a personal and professional interest in ensuring that TPTA has the brightest, most committed, and most talented leadership possible. Along those lines, I'm committed to helping to attract the best talent to serve the needs of patients and therapists in Texas, developing future TPTA leadership candidates with resources and mentorship needed to serve the TPTA, and to work hard in aiding other members of the committee as well as TPTA officers to ease the burden of elections and organizational infrastructure wherever possible. Having already enjoyed a successful previous career in finance, I am confident that I can leverage ideas from other industries, bring forth new ideas to reduce the burden on TPTA leadership, and help our organization to maximize the impact we have throughout Texas.



Rashmi Chandran, PT, DPT, PGDHHM , PGDML, MBA

Present Employment: Weslaco Regional Rehabilitation Hospital

Position: Director of Therapy Operations

City: Edinburg

APTA Member: 2 years

TPTA Member: 2 years

I am extremely honored to be nominated as a member of the Nominating Committee of the TPTA. I have been residing in an underserved area in South Texas and have worked in Cameron county, Hidalgo and Starr county which are very deficient in health care service. The healthcare awareness amongst this population is poor as well. I have been a speaker at two major fall prevention events in the community. Injuries, hospitalization and related complications due to falls have alarmingly increased in our community. I have been the guest speaker at a community event for nurse's day speaking about Vertigo. In the 7 years of practice in outpatient settings, I have seen and have had the opportunity to treat many vertigo patients. I have taken great interest in the subject and took the opportunity to educate the nursing staff to the best of my ability. I have been writing articles about disease awareness in the newspaper "The Monitor". Two of my articles, Brain Injury awareness (March 2018) and Parkinson's awareness (April 2018), Stroke awareness (May 2018), Myasthenia Gravis (June 2018), Juvenile Arthritis (July 2018) have already been published. I am going to be presenting my research on the topic "30 Day Unplanned Re-admissions after an IRF stay: Identified Trend, Etiology and contributing factors based on a retrospective study" at the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association National conference in September this year. I am one of the authors in a research being submitted to ASHA done as a part of UTRGV team "Retrospective analysis of Dysarthria rehabilitation strategies in Hispanic geriatric populations". I am a member of American College of Health Care Executives. I am also a part of their "programs" committee where we bring in educational presentation to help healthcare leaders refine practices. I am on the advisory board for the College of Healthcare professionals, Rehab Tech program. I have been invited and have been a speaker to 2 major STEM career fairs. So this the role of being a nomination committee member will help in attaining the goals of our profession in collaboration with my role in other related organizations.

I hope you will consider me as an eligible candidate and give me an opportunity to serve this association.



Jenise Engelke, PT, DPT

Present Employment: University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Position: Assistant Professor/Director of Clinical Education
City: Temple
APTA Member: 10 years
TPTA Member: 6 years

The nominating committee has a role that is imperative for the success of our chapter and to ensure strong representation from across our great state. I feel my experiences and drive have led me to a place in my career to be able to highly contribute to the Texas Chapter Nominating Committee. After being a clinician for 9 years, I joined the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor's (UMHB) DPT program as the Director of Clinical Education 4 years ago. I enjoy promoting our profession through face to face interactions with clinicians, academicians, and local politicians. Other areas of promotion I engage in include: serving as the Heart of Texas Delegate for the House of Delegates since 2016, TPTA Annual Conference Volunteer Coordinator since 2017, providing continuing education offerings, participation in legislative day, and other church and community service. I currently serve as treasurer for the TX Consortium, secretary for the UMHB Faculty Council and as co-chair for the UMHB DPT admissions committee. My strong ties to my community and growing knowledge and experience of the component and national organizations have fueled my desire to serve at this level. Thank you for your consideration and I ask for your vote for Nominating Committee.

Delegate at Large (Select 5)



Rashmi Chandran, PT, DPT, PGDHHM, PGDML, MBA
Present Employment: Weslaco Regional Rehabilitation Hospital
Position: Director of Therapy Operations
City: Edinburg
APTA Member: 2 years
TPTA Member: 2 years

I am extremely honored to accept the nomination for the position of TPTA delegate at Large. I have been residing in an underserved area in South Texas and have worked in Cameron county, Hidalgo and Starr county which are very deficient in health care service. I have seen the impact that the recent changes and reforms in our industry have had on the population and on our overall profession. I have been worked in dual roles of clinician and management employee for over 8 years now and has seen the hardships on both sides. There is such a huge population who can benefit from physical therapy but are not able to take advantage because of various reasons. During my career so far I have had the opportunity to be a clinical instructor for several PT and PTA students as well. I have been a speaker at two major fall prevention events in the community. Injuries, hospitalization and related complications due to falls have alarming increased in our community. I have been the guest speaker at a community event for nurse's day speaking about Vertigo. In the 7 years of practice in outpatient settings, I have seen and have had the opportunity to treat many

vertigo patients. I have taken great interest in the subject and took the opportunity to educate the nursing staff to the best of my ability. I have been writing articles about disease awareness in the newspaper "The Monitor". Two of my articles, Brain Injury awareness (March 2018) and Parkinson's awareness (April 2018), Stroke awareness (May 2018), Myasthenia Gravis (June 2018), Juvenile Arthritis (July 2018) have already been published. I am going to be presenting my research on the topic "30 Day Unplanned Re-admissions after an IRF stay: Identified Trend, Etiology and contributing factors based on a retrospective study" at the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association National conference in September this year. I am one of the authors in a research being submitted to ASHA done as a part of UTRGV team "Retrospective analysis of Dysarthria rehabilitation strategies in Hispanic geriatric populations ". I am a member of American College of Health Care Executives. I am also a part of their "programs" committee where we bring in educational presentation to help healthcare leaders refine practices. I am on the advisory board for the College of Healthcare professionals, Rehab Tech program. I have been invited and have been a speaker to 2 major STEM career fairs. I am a member of the "program committee" at American college of healthcare Executives. So this is the role of being the TPTA delegate at Large and will help in attaining the goals of our profession in collaboration with my role in other related organizations. I would do everything in power and ability to promote and strengthen of core professional values of accountability, altruism, compassion /caring, excellence, integrity, professional duty and social responsibility.

I hope you will consider me as an eligible candidate and give me an opportunity to serve this association.



Jenise Engelke, PT, DPT

Present Employment: University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Position: Assistant Professor/Director of Clinical Education

City: Temple

APTA Member: 10 years

TPTA Member: 6 years

I have enjoyed serving the Heart of Texas District as the delegate for the past 3 years. It would be a pleasure to continue to represent our state delegation as a Delegate-at-Large. After being a clinician for 9 years, I joined the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor's (UMHB) DPT program as the Director of Clinical Education 4 years ago. I enjoy promoting our profession through face to face interactions with clinicians, academicians, individuals across communities, and even local politicians. Other areas of promotion include: providing continuing education offerings, participation in legislative day, TPTA Annual Conference Volunteer Coordinator, and other church and community service. I currently serve as secretary for the UMHB Faculty Council, treasurer for the TX Consortium, and as co-chair for the UMHB DPT admissions committee. Serving as a delegate is a privilege that I have taken seriously, and I am grateful for the opportunity to represent our great state. I ask for your vote for Delegate-at-large so I can continue to represent and advocate for us in the House of Delegates.



Jennifer Frerich, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT

Present Employment: Results Physiotherapy

Position: District Clinical Quality Leader

City: Sugar Land

APTA Member: 9 years

TPTA Member: 9 years

I am honored to be slated for the TPTA Delegate at Large position. I graduated from Texas Woman’s University 4 years ago and have been a practicing in outpatient orthopedics since. Following graduation my level of professional engagement has continued to grow and shape me as a leader. I am board certified in orthopedics and a Fellow, of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists. I served as the Secretary for the Southeastern District for 5 years as well as at the state level for the TPTA. I truly enjoyed my service as Secretary and Delegate for the State of Texas.

The past two years I had the honor of serving a Delegate for the State of Texas and it was an absolute pleasure. The legislative process for the APTA is quite fascinating, and I feel that after two years learning the process and being engaged, I now have the knowledge and history to continue to help move the profession forward.

I am committed to keeping the physical therapy profession strong during this critical time of healthcare reform. I am passionate about our profession and our strategic goals and I have a pulse on issues that clinicians face in the clinic daily. As faculty for a residency program, and recent fellowship graduate, I have unique perspective and interest on entry level and advanced professional education. I trust my willingness, passion, and youthful mind-set will enable me to be a valuable asset to the HOD. I value honesty and integrity and am an eternally optimistic leader who would be honored to serve.



Jaime Gonzalez, PT, DPT, OCS, SCS

Present Employment: University of Incarnate Word

Position: Assistant Professor and Assistant Director of Clinical Education

City: San Antonio

APTA Member: 18 years

TPTA Member: 18 years

I am honored to be considered for the office of Delegate-at-Large for the state of Texas. I have served at the local level as the Secretary and Scholarship Coordinator of the Central District and completed the Tom Waugh Leadership Development Program, now serving as a member of the TWLDP Program Committee. Additionally, I serve as a faculty liaison with the TSPTA. I served in numerous leadership positions during my 20-year military career and have continued to do so since retiring from the U.S. Army in 2012, both professionally and within a variety of service organizations and initiatives.

It doesn’t escape me that if elected, I will have big shoes to fill. I am proud that our Texas Delegation has had great success in bringing forth candidates for national office, including multiple national officers, recently. And I am happy to have witnessed our delegation having

taken such an active role in the policy-making process of the House over the last several years.

My position as an ADCE affords me the opportunity to visit many clinical sites and with many site coordinators and CI's every year, giving me unique insight into the current PT landscape in Texas and beyond. If elected, I will make decisions which reflect the best interests of our profession, in order to continue to move forward toward meeting our shared goals.

Thank you for your consideration.



Amanda Kayser, PT, DPT, NCS

Present Employment: Kayser Physical Therapy & Fitness

Position: Owner/Physical Therapist

City: Plano

APTA Member: 6 years

TPTA Member: 1 year

I am honored to be considered for the office of Delegate at Large for the state of Texas. I have served in the APTA House of Delegates in California for 2 years and have now relocated to the great state of Texas! I am well-versed in-house proceedings and have developed many effective relationships with many other delegates spanning many states over the past years within my APTA involvement.

Since graduating in 2012, I have lived and worked in California, Texas, Pennsylvania (where I completed my post graduate neurologic residency), Washington state, and have now returned to Texas. These moves have allowed me to see and understand the different state-wide variations in physical therapy relative to different practice acts and state legislature. In addition, this has allowed me to network with many different therapists within APTA and understand how each state manages their individual physical therapy associations. Most recently, I opened my own practice in Texas where my focus is on injury prevention and health, servicing demographics of the neurologic population, concussion, vestibular, and volleyball specific athletes. This has allowed me to grow not only as a physical therapist but as a business owner, understanding the behind the scenes hurdles that physical therapists are tackling, specifically in the state of Texas.

I have been an active part of the APTA since beginning graduate school in 2012. Of all the opportunities I have been able to participate in, including CSM, HOD, state meetings, and neurologic section committees, the HOD is where I felt I had the most impact. During the time I completed my schooling and post graduate residency, there has been significant transformation in physical therapy practice. Between direct access, Vision 2020, federal political changes, and progression of our practice to different settings, I have been able to observe and be an active part of many changes affecting the APTA and our profession. I feel as though the opportunity to bring a different generational viewpoint has been of significant value and will continue to be important to diversifying the great minds of the house. I would be thrilled and honored to begin my journey within TPTA as a Delegate at Large and as a proud resident of the great state of Texas.

Shelley Kozel, PT

Present Employment: St. Philip's College, Warm Springs Rehab, Select Rehab Hospital

Position: Instructor, ACCE, Physical Therapist

City: Houston

APTA Member: 37 years

TPTA Member: 16 years

No headshot or candidate statement provided.



Myla Claire Quiben, PT, DPT, MS, PhD

Present Employment: University of North Texas Health Science Center, Department of Physical Therapy

Position: Associate Professor, Interim Chair

City: Fort Worth

APTA Member: 16 years

TPTA Member: 8 years

It is an honor to be slated as a candidate to represent the Texas Chapter in shaping and influencing the future of the profession as a Delegate. With a passion for the profession and for service, I bring unique insights to current professional issues with my prior service in the TPTA Nominating Committee, committees with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, as a Delegate for the Arkansas Chapter, and service to the boards of the APTA Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy, Texas Geriatric Society, National Interprofessional Education Consortium (NIPEC), and the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS).

I speak the language of the profession and bring the perspectives of the clinician, academician, and researcher to the Texas Delegation. As a clinician with experience in diverse settings, I am acutely aware of the needs of both our patients and therapists, and the many challenges in clinical practice. As an academician and researcher, I am keenly aware of the critical issues in higher education and the challenges our DPT students face. I will bring the voice of these cohorts to the Delegation and serve as the bridge in bringing the information back to clinicians, to students, and to the academic institution and its affiliates.

As a strong team player, I have enjoyed a reputation as an efficient and quality-driven individual who values excellence and professionalism in all my endeavors. As a lifelong learner, I bring skills and knowledge as an APTA Education Leadership Institute Fellow and TPTA Tom Waugh Leadership Program Fellow. With engagement at the national levels, I am well informed of the issues that are most likely to influence practice and therapists in Texas. As your delegate, I will contribute to the discussion and be the voice that will ensure our membership is well represented and the profession moves forward. I am excited by the opportunity to serve and will appreciate your vote to represent you as a Delegate.



Michelle Sauer, PT, DPT

Present Employment: TIRR Memorial Hermann & Shriners Hospitals for Children Houston

Position: Physical Therapist

City: Houston

APTA Member: 5 years

TPTA Member: 2 years

Thank you for the honor of being slated as a candidate for the position of Delegate-At-Large. As a relatively new physical therapist and resident of Texas, I am eager to get more involved in my professional society. I hope to bring a fresh perspective to the APTA House of Delegates and look forward to being mentored by seasoned delegates.

I am a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Neurologic Physical Therapy and currently practice in the inpatient rehabilitation setting. I received a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Emory University in 2015 and completed the TIRR Memorial Hermann Neurologic Physical Therapy Residency Program in 2016. I have served as a clinical instructor and resident research advisor. I have presented research at the state and national level including the APTA Combined Sections Meeting. Prior to becoming a physical therapist, I worked as a biomedical engineer at a clinical gait and motion analysis laboratory.

As a physical therapy student, I functioned as the Vice President of the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia's Student Special Interest Group. In this position, I developed student programming for the annual fall conference, proposed and made changes to the SSIG bylaws, and recruited participants for PT Capitol Day. I also partook in meetings to revise the Georgia Physical Therapy Act, which I am pleased to say was ultimately adopted with the inclusion of direct access and dry needling. Through this experience, I learned the importance of being an active member of my professional society.

If selected as a Delegate-At-Large, I will have the opportunity to elect new leaders of the APTA and vote on policies that will direct the course of the physical therapy profession. I will not take either of these responsibilities lightly. I intend to thoroughly weigh the impact of each motion and plan to consult with others for greater input. I will strive to bring innovative ideas to the table and advocate effectively for our profession and patients. I appreciate you considering me for this meaningful role.



Allison Smith, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT

Present Employment: Harris Health System

Position: Physical Therapist

City: Houston

APTA Member: 7 years

TPTA Member: 4 years

I am interested in running for the position of delegate at large because I want to influence policy change at the APTA. For the past two years I served as an alternate delegate and this past summer I was given the opportunity to serve as a full delegate. I learned an incredible amount from the more experienced delegates and I have a much more informed understanding of what goes on in

the house and what is expected of delegates. I also have several years of experience advocating for policy change at the state and federal level, including Texas Legislative Day and Federal Advocacy Forum. As I now have more experience serving in these various areas, I believe I am ready to fully embrace the duties and responsibilities of delegate at large.

While originally from Green Bay, Wisconsin, I received my BS in Health Science from Purdue University and my DPT from Washington University in St. Louis. I finally made it to Texas in 2014 to complete the Harris Health System orthopedic residency. I have since received OCS and FAAOMPT certifications and continue to work for Harris Health System as a senior physical therapist. I am currently enrolled in the Texas Woman's University PhD program.

While working for policy change can be challenging and tedious at times, it is the best way to help our profession adapt and grow. The APTA can help us address the issues we face today by adopting policies and language that align with our vision, help support our mission, and hold members to a high standard. I am passionate, driven, and committed to work for these improvements and to help keep Texas a great place to practice physical therapy.



Lois Stickley, PT, PhD

Present Employment: Texas State University

Position: Associate Professor

City: Georgetown

APTA Member: 38 years

TPTA Member: 38 years

Serving as Delegate-at-Large will allow me to combine my two great passions: the profession of physical therapy and leadership. I have been proud to be a physical therapist and a TPTA member for 38 years. I believe that my personal strengths of communication, organization, insight, and the desire to be a servant leader will serve the association well. I have gained experience at several different levels of the Chapter and Association.

Through the years I have gained leadership experience by serving at the District, Chapter, and Association levels. I have served as the District Chair for the Panhandle District twice, the Executive Representative to the TPTA Executive Committee, as Delegate to the House of Delegates three terms, including Chief Delegate for one year, as TPTA Membership Co-Chair and as Speaker of the Texas Assembly for the past four years. I have completed both levels of the Leadership, Administration, Management, and Professionalism (LAMP) courses. I believe these experiences allow me to see the needs of members while having a global understanding of how the TPTA and APTA functions and the important role that our Chapter plays in the Association.

If elected my goal is to be a prepared and active member of the Texas Delegation. I have experience as a Delegate and so I know the expectations and I am familiar with the House and its processes. I will represent TPTA members interests and will be responsive to members input into the development of motions.



Jessica West, PT, DPT

Present Employment: MD Anderson Cancer Center

Position: Staff Physical Therapist

City: Houston

APTA Member: 4 years

TPTA Member: 4 years

I had the privilege of being elected as an alternate TPTA delegate-at-large last year and was fortunate enough to be able to serve the 2018 APTA House of Delegates as a full delegate. I was both in awe of and energized by my experience and look forward to continued opportunities to help direct our

profession towards further growth and increase our impact on the health of society.

As a first time delegate in 2018 I helped to draft a motion titled “Charge: The Role of the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant in Disaster Management.” My experience volunteering at Red Cross shelters in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey revealed that disaster response agency are not aware of how best to utilize volunteer physical therapists in response to disasters. My experiences contributed to language charging the APTA to define and promote the role of the PT and PTA in disaster response/relief.

I currently work at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and have spent time in both the acute care and inpatient rehabilitation settings. I graduated with my DPT from Texas Woman’s University in 2017 and hold an undergraduate degree in international studies and political science. Working with patients who have cancer often means that my patients have terminal diagnoses. This experience has given me a unique perspective on the role of physical therapy in our greater healthcare environment that is not commonly represented in our state and national organizations. I believe that we as physical therapists need to prioritize building relationships with other healthcare professions in order to ensure that our skills are being optimally utilized and that our patients are receiving care of a consistently high quality. I also believe that our health care systems in general, and our profession in particular, is entirely too reactive in our distribution of care. We need to further expand the PT and PTA’s role in preventative and population health.

In a rapidly changing healthcare environment, the most pressing challenge facing our profession involves payment. It is difficult to capture the value we bring to our healthcare systems, because so much of what we do prevents downstream costs. Measuring this empirically and translating that data into evidence that PTs and PTAs deserve to be reimbursed at higher rates will require strong leadership and heavy resources from the APTA to be successful.

As a new professional, I am in awe of what the APTA has accomplished in our nearly 100 year history, and I am excited about what the next 100 plus years will bring. I am especially proud of the leadership that Texas has shown at the national level and hope to again have the opportunity to contribute to our profession’s growth by serving as a TPTA Delegate at Large to the APTA House of Delegates.



Sarah Worth, PT

Present Employment: Harris Health System

Position: Rehab Services Coordinator

City: Houston

APTA Member: 7 years

TPTA Member: 6 years

I have participated in HOD for the past four years, representing the Southeastern District. In those four years, my knowledge of how the House works has grown exponentially. With this knowledge, I hope to continue to be an active, contributing member of the Texas Delegation. This past year, Texas authored two motions. I want to continue this positive momentum and challenge our delegation to author more motions for 2019. I believe that the knowledge I have gained in my experience in the Texas delegation has primed me to be an active member of the House that can represent Texas in an effective and efficient manner. I am highly motivated to represent my district and Texas at large in making improvements to existing policies and to bylaws as well as create innovative motions that will help push the profession forward in a positive direction. I work well in groups and as a team and have background doing so in the physical therapy world, from participating in a residency program, to being a member of clinical team, to now running a residency program. If elected, I would bring diversity to the group of clinicians that serve as delegates, as I currently work in outpatient orthopedics and serve as manager of a physical therapy residency program. These unique experiences will allow me to bring a different perspective into conversations. Thank you for considering me for the position of delegate at large, and thank you for allowing me this experience for the past four years.



Gail Zitterkopf, PT, DPT

Present Employment: Memorial Herman

Position: Pelvic Floor Program Coordinator

City: Houston

APTA Member: 18 years

TPTA Member: 10 years

Thank you for the opportunity to be slated for the position of Delegate-at-Large. I was able to serve as a delegate in Orlando, Florida as a district alternate delegate for the 2018 House of Delegates. As a member of this delegation, Texas authored 2 motions: RC 38-18 Adopt: Commitment to Person-Centered Services and RC 44-18 Charge: The Role of the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant in Disaster Management both which were successfully passed. Based off the second RC, I was asked to be a part of the Crisis Management discussion panel at the NEXT Conference. Through serving on this panel, audience members were able to provide input that will assist therapists to provide assistance in disaster management and recovery. I look forward to seeing both RCs being fully implemented and to assist in them in being a reality. I graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2003 and have 18 years' experience with 10 years in Texas. I am the Pelvic Floor Program Manager for Memorial Herman. I am active in Section of Women's Health and am aware of issue to come before the APTA House in the next few years.