

## Vice President (Select 1)



### **Dana Tew, PT, DPT**

**Present Employment: OPTIM Physical Therapists**

**City: Houston**

**APTA Member: 12 years**

**TPTA Member: 14 years**

It is my honor to be slated for the position of TPTA Delegate-At-Large representative for the APTA House of Delegates as well as the opportunity to continue to serve as TPTA Vice President. Throughout my career as a physical therapist I have devoted my professional and personal time to engagement with and service to a profession that I love. I am the owner of OPTIM Physical Therapist, an outpatient private practice in Houston, and the Program Director and owner of OPTIM Manual Therapy, a continuing education program.

As a small business owner, we have grown OPTIM Manual Therapy from a single location with 6 participants, to 6 locations serving over 400 PT's and PTA's. I take great pride in the growth of the program and know first-hand how important communication, leadership development, organization, planning, and prudent financial management is to the success of any business enterprise.

My past service to the profession includes: Southeastern district Treasurer, 8 consecutive years as a delegate to the APTA House of Delegates (including 2 years as Assistant Chief Delegate), APTA Residency and Fellowship Credential Council, as well as AAOMPT external reviewer. I currently serve as TPTA- Vice President, TPTA Governmental Affairs Chair, and TPTA-PAC Board member, APTA- Private Practice Section- Key Contact, and AAOMPT Council Advisory Committee. I serve as an active advocacy voice for the profession and have spoken at the state capital, multiple district meetings, universities, federal advocacy dinners, and started a Facebook group to help other PT's engage with the organization. In 2018 I assisted the TPTA-PAC increase fundraising from an all-time high of 39,000 to over 120,000. In 2019, I was honored to assist the TPTA staff, TPTA lobbyist, and the governmental affairs team to bring direct access to Texas.

The diversity of my professional roles and experience has provided me with knowledge and awareness of the work required keeping our professional organization strong, efficient, forward thinking, and secure. I would consider it an honor and privilege to continue my service as a delegate. I humbly request your support in my bid to continue to serve you.

## Nominating Committee (Select 1)



**Daniel Millar, PT, DPT**  
**Present Employment: CRIT**  
**Position: Staff Physical Therapist**  
**City: San Antonio**  
**APTA Member: 4 years**  
**TPTA Member: 4 years**

With diversity, equity, and inclusion becoming a more and more relevant conversation recently, I believe that the Nominating Committee has a unique influence in the future of the TPTA and our profession at-large. If leveraged intentionally, having diverse representation in our leadership can amplify our individual voices while also providing a platform for people of different backgrounds and experiences to be heard. This is particularly important when considering representing black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC). But this also has implications for representing perspectives from communities outside the major cities of Texas, as well as for the new grads/professionals trying to find their voice in our profession. As a new professional from a BIPOC background, who got his DPT education in the West Texas town of El Paso, and with experience representing Texas students at the state and national levels, I have a growing interest in the future of our profession. And I believe that by serving as a Nominating Committee member, I can use my experiences and perspective to help shape our leadership into a more inclusive and equitable space.



**Pradeep Rapalli, PT, MBA**  
**Present Employment: Downtown Health and Rehabilitation Center**  
**Position: Physical Therapist**  
**City: Fort Worth**  
**APTA Member: 10 years**  
**TPTA Member: 9 years**

I am honored to be slated to serve on the TPTA's Nominating Committee. I have played different roles as a clinician, educator, volunteer, and mentor in physical therapy in the past 14 years of my career. As a clinician and an administrator, I have always been a patient advocate and encouraged innovation in our field. I have been honored with the award for "Clinical Excellence" in geriatrics from the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy. I have also received the "IAP Oration Award" from the Indian Association of Physiotherapists (India).

I strongly believe that the success of an organization depends on its ability to achieve its vision through its outreach to the stakeholders. I have been serving as a liaison for the APTA's consumer website choosept.com. I have successfully recruited the subject matter experts/reviewers and also performed reviews on different consumer guides on that website to help our patient population. I have also volunteered as a reviewer of the poster presentations and education sessions for different sections of the APTA at the national level. I have been recently appointed for the APTA National Awards Committee-Practice and Service Subcommittee this year. I am an active member of the Council

on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Wellness in Physical Therapy; and Frontiers in Rehabilitation Science and Technology (FiRST) council of APTA.

I am a team player and looking forward to being on the TPTA's governance by serving on its nominating committee. I am committed to working diligently towards attracting and retaining the best talent for various leadership roles at the TPTA and reviewing their succession plans. One of my agendas is diversity and equity inclusion in our association, in addition to working towards the betterment of our profession as a whole.

I am very confident that my qualifications and past experiences will help me to be successful in playing this important role in our organization's success.



**William Richardson, PT, DPT, Board Certified  
Orthopedic Clinical Specialist  
Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist**  
Present Employment: Nova Medical Centers  
Position: Supervising Physical Therapist  
City: San Antonio  
APTA Member: 8 years  
TPTA Member: 8 years

I'm an enthusiastic physical therapist, philanthropist, entrepreneur, and life-long learner seeking to advance my current current volunteer role within the Central District of TPTA.

I've been actively involved in our professional bodies (APTA and TPTA) since beginning PT school in 2012, and I currently serve on the local Central District Board as the Social Chair. I have a tremendous interest in furthering my professional career through working in various PT environments, collaborating with more experienced/knowledgeable therapists, and engaging in continuing education.

While working full-time, I recently started my own concierge cash-pay company. It has been a wonderful experience to learn more about the legal aspects of our field, provide higher quality care to patients, and establish an innovative model that I believe works towards our goals as a profession. Outside of PT, I've been a leader within a local nonprofit called Work Out Help Out for 5 years now. This nonprofit is dedicated toward improving the health of the community while simultaneously promoting volunteerism. This is one way I try to serve the community and share my passion for health, movement, and charity.

Lastly, I truly enjoy learning. In 2019 I learned Spanish and can now speak at an intermediate level, and this year (2020) I've begun learning French and can speak at a basic level. I also read a wide variety of books and physical therapy articles in order to continue expanding my knowledge base and better understand the world, myself, and my patients.

I am highly motivated to succeed, and always look forward to a brighter future by putting forth my best effort. I enjoy working on teams and developing new/different ways to solve problems that help make every one's life easier.

I would be humbled to earn your vote to serve our inspiring profession through TPTA.

## Delegate at Large (Select 5)



**Katherine Franklin, PT, DPT**

**Present Employment: Baptist Health System, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit**

**Position: Physical Therapist**

**City: San Antonio**

**APTA Member: 6 years**

**TPTA Member: 6 years**

It is an honor to be considered for the position of Texas Physical Therapy Association Delegate-at-Large. In my work and in my life, my personal mission is simple: to leave this world better than I found it. I am running for delegate-at-large because I believe this to be a perfect opportunity to expand that mission into advocacy and action.

My primary clinical practice area is the neonatal intensive care unit. I also work in adult acute and critical care, and co-own an accessible design consulting company. Earlier this year, I joined the adjunct faculty team at Baylor University's DPT Program. In a few short weeks, I will begin work on my PhD in physical therapy at Texas Woman's University in Houston. I have served in various departmental and hospital leadership roles while in clinical practice, and am actively advocating for disability rights and improved accessibility at the state and national levels. I believe that my background and experience offer a unique view of the broad scope and resulting diverse needs of the physical therapy profession (as well as the populations we serve). I am excited for the opportunity to further amplify the individual and collective voices of physical therapists practicing in this great state of Texas.

I have a deep passion for the field of physical therapy, and I feel ready to take the next step in giving back to the profession I am so grateful for. I am humbly asking for your support as a potential candidate. Thank you so much for your consideration.



**Jennifer Frerich, PT, DPT, Board Certified Orthopaedic Clinical Specialist, FAAOMPT**

**Present Employment: Results Physiotherapy**

**Position: Clinic Director**

**City: Houston**

**APTA Member: 11 years**

**TPTA Member: 11 years**

I am honored to be nominated for the TPTA Delegate at Large position in the House of Delegates. I have been a practicing physical therapist for eight years in outpatient orthopedics. I have earned my certified specialization in orthopedics and my Fellowship in Manual Therapy through OPTIM Manual Therapy. I am presently serving as Secretary of the TPTA and have truly enjoyed my past terms as a delegate for the state of Texas.

In the past two years as a delegate I have learned so much about how the governance process at the APTA level works. I believe that it takes a few years to really understand the workings of the house and the meaning of all the terms and types of documents. After a very unique experience with the virtual House of Delegates in 2020 I feel we as an association can overcome any obstacle that comes our way.

As a young professional I am committed to keeping the physical therapy profession strong during this critical time of healthcare reform. My experience in a community-based outpatient orthopedic setting for the first 6 years of my career and my more recent 2 years of experience in private practice has influenced and heavily shaped my drive and passion on topics such as direct access, clinical education, advanced education, professional development, and payment/reimbursement. As a full time practicing clinician, I have a pulse on issues that clinicians face in the clinic daily. As past adjunct faculty for a residency program and in a DPT program and as faculty and mentor for a Manual Therapy Fellowship program I have unique perspective and strong interest on entry level and advanced professional education. I value the opportunity to serve on the national level to represent the whole Texas Delegation. My willingness to get involved and youthful mind-set will enable me to be a valuable asset to the House of Delegates. I have the ability to see the big and focused picture of a situation. I value honesty and integrity and am an eternally optimistic leader who would be honored to serve.



**Jennifer Hale, PT, DPT**

**Present Employment: Tufts University School of Medicine**

**Position: Clinical Associate Professor**

**City: Austin**

**APTA Member: 15 years**

**TPTA Member: 12 years**

I am honored to be slated for TPTA Delegate-at-Large and hope to continue serving the association I have been a member of for the last 13 years. I had the opportunity to serve as an Alternate Delegate-at-Large for TPTA during the 2020 House of Delegates, which was a virtual experience for the first time ever. I learned a great deal, not just about policy-

making, but about the commitment and resilience of our profession. 2020 has proven to be an unprecedented year that is forcing our profession to grow and adapt at a rapid pace. These times of uncertainty will require bold leadership from a diverse group of people who are flexible, creative, and compassionate. I am eager to contribute. My strengths are in my ability to step back and see the big picture, communicate effectively, listen to a variety of opinions and find common ground, have hard conversations, think on my feet, and above all, find the joy and humor in everything I do. The Texas delegation is full of experienced leaders whom I would feel honored to learn from and serve with. Thank you for considering me to serve as Delegate-at-Large.



**Matt Huey, PT, MPT**

**Present Employment: Premise Health**

**Position: Physical Therapist**

**City: Coppell**

**APTA Member: 7 years**

**TPTA Member: 2 years**

I am honored to have served as a Delegate at Large for the TPTA. Since moving to the great state of Texas, I want to continue to support the physical therapy profession. Prior to moving to Texas, I lived in Mississippi where I served as the Legislative Chair for the MPTA for three years. I had the opportunity to help pass House Bill 309, which gave the state the licensure compact. I want to continue working in Texas to further our direct access abilities to put physical therapy at the forefront of healthcare.

I also want to continue being a voice for all therapists on both the state and national levels. Allow me to take your concerns to the leaders at the APTA. Let me tell them what you are dealing with on the frontline of healthcare. From rising student loan debt to lowering reimbursement rates to unattainable productivity standards, these are some of the issues I want to address. I ask for your vote to help push physical therapy forward.



**Amanda Kayser, PT, DPT, Board Certified in Neurologic Physical Therapy**

**Present Employment: Kayser Physical Therapy & Fitness**

**Position: Physical Therapist/Owner**

**City: Irving**

**APTA Member: 8 years**

**TPTA Member: 3 years**

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 Texas for 2 years and previously in California the 2 years prior, and I'm looking forward to having the opportunity again. 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 2014, I have lived and worked in California, Texas, Pennsylvania (where I completed my post graduate neurologic residency), Washington state, and now have settled in 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. About 2 years ago, I opened my own practice in Texas where my focus is on injury prevention and health, providing 1:1 care to demographics including the neurologic population, concussion, vestibular, orthopedic injuries, chronic pain 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 2014. 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. Since 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. Specifically, within the past 2 years of the House of Delegates, many important social topics have been brought forward. 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 continue my journey within TPTA as a Delegate at Large and as a proud resident of the great state of Texas.



**Daniel Millar, PT, DPT**

**Present Employment: CRIT**

**Position: Staff Physical Therapist**

**City: San Antonio**

**APTA Member: 4 years**

**TPTA Member: 4 years**

After graduating with my DPT, I took my first job at a non-profit outpatient pediatric clinic in San Antonio. Our clinic serves a diverse patient population, with many families from low income backgrounds. Though many are underinsured, our clinic provides services on a sliding scale based on their ability to pay. This provides them with an opportunity to receive rehab services that they otherwise may not have been able to pay for. After about a year of working, the COVID-19 pandemic began, I saw first-hand how quickly our leadership responded in researching about, then eventually offering Telemedicine services. It showed me how vital of a role policy plays in defining the scope of our profession. From my own personal anecdotes and experiences professionally, to my growing knowledge in policy and public health promotion through my Masters of Public Health program, and my experience attending the APTA's Federal Advocacy Forum and serving as the Texas Core Ambassador as a student, I have grown a passion for the intersection of advocacy and our profession. I would be honored to serve as delegate-at-large to further pursue this passion.



**Rupal Patel, PT, PhD**

**Present Employment: Texas Woman's University, School of Physical Therapy**

**Position: Associate Professor**

**City: Missouri City**

**APTA Member: 32 years**

**TPTA Member: 32 years**

It has been an honor to serve as your TPTA Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates (House) for the past 10 years. The House sets policy and elects the APTA Board of Directors (BOD) and members of the APTA Nominating Committee (NC). This responsibility that is entrusted to me by you – the membership--is one that I consider a privilege and one that I take to heart as we look to find innovative ways to realize our professional vision of transforming society. I am passionate about shared governance, and how the APTA Board and Delegates work together to achieve our strategic plan.

I am honored and proud to represent the PT/PTAs in Texas in the APTA House. Through my service, I have gained a depth of understanding about policy efforts within APTA to keep moving our profession forward.

As a delegate I am active and engaged during HUB (online House Community) and during in-person discussions about motions that come before the House. I have been the lead delegate from Texas for 2 motions in the past 2 years about PT's role in disaster management and a APTA position statement on health literacy. The House passed both these motions. I worked with other delegations and the House Reference Committee to draft motion language, communicate with other delegations about change in language and/or amendments. I have been a buddy/mentor to new Texas delegates, as I love sharing my passion for the House with newbies. I have also served as the Texas Assistant Chief Delegate, assisting with the Texas Caucus meetings during the House.

I have been an active member of APTA/TPTA for 32 years serving in various capacities at the district, state and national level. Nationally, at the 2017 APTA House, I was elected to the APTA Nominating Committee for a 3 year term, and served as chair in my final year on the committee. I am also the chair of the Advocacy and Consumer Affairs Committee for the Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy and recently was appointed as the key contact for HPA The Catalyst Section's newest Social Justice in Health: DEI Catalyst Group. At the state level, I serve as chair of the TPTA Bylaws committee, am a mentor for the Tom Waugh Leadership Development Program, and was recently appointed to the newly created TPTA DEI Task Force. In the past I have served as the SED Public Relations (PR) Committee Chair, TPTA Annual Conference Planning Committee, TPTA Nominating Committee, TPTA CE Reviewer, and APTA Neurology Section PR Committee Chair. This service experience has given me a depth of understanding about our association and the policies needed to advance our vision and mission.

In addition to my APTA/TPTA service, I am a member of the Academy of Prevention Health Promotion Therapies. I am passionate about health promotion and wellness and how our profession can embrace this shift in paradigm as our health care system evolves to meet population needs. I am also a mentor for the Pro Bono Incubator Grant program for Move Together, Inc. I believe if we are to transform

society we have to address the health disparities in our country and abroad. I had the privilege of going on a international service trip to Guatemala in May 2019 with fellow PTs and my TWU DPT students. We provided physical therapy in underserved and under resourced areas. I am also a board member for the Physical Therapy Learning Institute (PTLI), a PT Think Tank that works to influence innovation in practice, education, and research.

I teach in the DPT program at TWU in Houston. As an educator, I strive to stay current in physical therapy professional and practice issues so that the new generation of clinicians are informed about future trends that may impact our profession. I love mentoring students, especially in advocacy and community health promotion.

Clinically, I have practiced mainly in inpatient and outpatient neurological rehabilitation settings and also in acute care, skilled nursing, home care and long term care settings. Currently I also am involved in community based health promotion providing lifestyle modification programs to people at risk for diabetes and heart disease.

I am committed, enthusiastic, vocal, and passionate about our profession and would love to continue to bring this energy along with my experience and knowledge of the House to the Texas delegation. I would be honored and humbled to have your vote! Thank You!



**Myla "Myles" Quiben, PT, PhD, DPT, MS, Board Certified  
Clinical Specialist in Geriatric and Neurologic Physical Therapy**

**Present Employment: University of North Texas Health Science Center**

**Position: Chair & Professor**

**City: Fort Worth**

**APTA Member: 18 years**

**TPTA Member: 10 years**

It is an honor to be slated as a candidate and continue to represent the Texas Chapter in shaping the future of the profession. I have a passion for service and for the profession. As your Delegate, I will bring unique insights to current professional issues as a clinician, academic, and researcher. As a clinician with experience in diverse settings, I am acutely aware of the needs of our patients and therapists, and the many challenges in clinical practice. As an academic 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 individuals to the Delegation and serve as the bridge to bring the information to clinicians, to students, and to the academic institution and its partners.

I bring to the Texas Delegation prior service to the TPTA Nominating Committee, Delegation, the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, Arkansas Chapter Delegation, and 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). As a Texas Delegate, I was engaged and vocal in discussions on motions that came before the House.

A strong team player, my colleagues describe me 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 a Fellow of the APTA Education Leadership Institute and the TPTA Tom Waugh Leadership Program. 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 actively engage in discussion to move the profession forward and be the voice that will ensure our membership is well represented. I am excited with opportunity to serve and humbly ask for your vote to represent you as a Delegate.



**Adam Roggia, PT, DPT, MS**

**Present Employment: Texas Physical Therapy Specialists**

**Position: Clinic Director**

**City: San Antonio**

**APTA Member: 11 years**

**TPTA Member: 3 years**

Thank you for your consideration for delegate at large. I believe this role to be vital part of keeping our profession's voice alive. I have been an active APTA member for 11 years. During that time, I served in APTA state positions as HOD delegate (Texas 2019-2020); Alternate HOD Delegate (WA state 2016-2017), and district co-chair (WA state 2016-2018). I have had previous roles in managing and directing private practices including Vice President of Operations, multi-site clinic director, and clinic manager. I currently serve as a clinic director for Texas Physical Therapy Specialists in San Antonio. I earned my DPT from Marymount University, have a Master's degree in Sports Conditioning and Performance from Southern Utah University, and a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Brigham Young University. I look forward to serving our state again in a delegate capacity.



**Yasser Salem, PT, MS, PhD**

**Present Employment: University of North Texas Health Science Center**

**Position: Professor**

**City: Fort Worth**

**APTA Member: 20 years**

**TPTA Member: 9 years**

I am a professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. I have been actively engaged in service and leadership in several national and international organizations. I am currently serving as a board of director for the National Interprofessional Education Consortium (NIPEC). I have served as a member, director, and/or chair of programs, committees, and task forces for numerous national and international organizations including the World Confederation of Physical Therapy, the APTA, Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy, Academy of Aquatic Physical Therapy, American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education, CAPTE, American Council of Academic Physical Therapy, the International Myositis Assessment and Clinical Studies group and Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy. I have been serving as an editor, associate editor, editorial board member, and manuscript reviewer of

numerous journals, and an abstract reviewer, and conference organizer for prestigious regional, national and international scientific meetings. I am the recipient of the 2018 Academy of Physical Therapy Education of the APTA. I have received additional teaching and research awards including a national research award and two state awards including the 2016 Outstanding Physical Therapy Researcher Award from the Texas Physical Therapy Association.

My career at this point has focused on more broader roles including administration, leadership, professional roles, accreditation and curriculum development and evaluation. I have several leadership roles and positions in several areas of practice including education, clinical, education, research, professional policy development and advocacy. My involvements in those leaderships roles and positions serve as evidence of my sensitivity to/recognition of differences in education, practice, professional needs and culture.

I am excited about our profession's future and this opportunity to serve my colleagues. We are a state with great APTA members and physical therapy professionals, and I want our voice to continue to count. I have seen a greater commitment to diversity and inclusion, and a spirit of working together to unite the association. I would like to help with that process as well as help make Texas a better place to practice physical therapy.

My engagement in APTA, ACAPT, CAPTE, NIPEC, ABPTRFE and WCPT helped me to learn more about the policies and issues facing the profession at the state and national levels. Through serving those institutions, I have gained valuable insights into this policy-making body and other professional areas in our profession.



**Allison Smith, PT, DPT**

**Present Employment: Harris Health System**

**Position: Senior Physical Therapist**

**City: Houston**

**APTA Member: 9 years**

**TPTA Member: 6 years**

Hello! My name is Allie and I live in Houston, Texas. I work for Harris Health System in outpatient orthopedics as a senior physical therapist. I also work part time for Texas Woman's University as adjunct faculty. I am a board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist and a Fellow in the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists. In my spare time I am working on finishing my PhD at TWU with a focus on burnout and well-being in physical therapist students. Advocacy is very important to me, and I've attended Legislative Day events in Texas, attended the Federal Advocacy Forum at the national level, contributed to the state and national level PT-PAC, and have previously served as the Southeastern District's Governmental Affairs Committee Chair. The House of Delegates is another area to advocate for our profession and create positive change in the APTA.

I have served on the House of Delegates over the past three years and have learned a lot about how the House works. I am interested in running for the position of Delegate at Large because I feel like I am finally getting the hang of things and would like to take a more active role to represent Texas physical therapists in the House. Current Texas delegates have some great ideas for future motions, and I would love to assist in creating these motions to have our voices heard. To transform society and

improve the human experience, we need policies in place that allow us to best serve our patients. The APTA can help us address these issues by adopting policies and language that align with our vision.

I love being an advocate for our profession and would love the opportunity to be of service in the House of Delegates!



**Sean Suttles, PT, DPT, Board Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist, Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, US Army Long Term Health Education and Training (LTHET) Sports Medicine Concussion Management Fellowship in the National Football League (NFL)**

**MAJ, US Army (ret.)**

**Present Employment: The Geneva Foundation;**

**University of Mary Hardin-Baylor**

**Position: DoD Research Physical Therapist; Adjunct Professor**

**City: Salado**

**APTA Member: 15 years**

**TPTA Member: 15 years**

I am honored to have been nominated for a TPTA House of Delegates (HOD) Delegate at Large position. I have been an active APTA/TPTA member for many years since my time as a DPT student. I am eager to serve, and I am an ardent supporter and advocate for our patients and our profession. As the House sets policy and elects the APTA Board of Directors (BOD) and members of the APTA Nominating Committee (NC), it is a responsibility that I welcome and will take very seriously if chosen.

I have aspired to serve our profession at the state and national level for a long time, and as of this year have become an active TPTA Practice Committee member. During the last legislative session, I volunteered to escort and mentor UMHB DPT students during our Legislative Day in Austin, and really enjoyed the interface with our state legislators as well as guiding the students in doing so. I have completed 14 hours of training in Municipal Government Structure and Operations through the Texas Municipal League whose principal purpose is to advance and represent the interests of Texas cities at the state and federal levels.

Throughout my 30 years of service in the United States Army I not only had the honor of serving my country during a period of near constant conflict, but I had the distinct blessing of being able to serve my fellow Soldiers in direct access settings in expanded and autonomous roles for the bulk of my career in just about any climate, clinical setting, or austere foreign situation imaginable. It is this experience and independent mindset that I believe provides me a unique perspective on how to collaborate with the APTA BOD on achieving our profession's strategic plans and goals for direct access and ultimately... complete autonomous practice.

As an educator having been full-time faculty with the Army-Baylor DPT program as the Internship Director of a 12-month long internship at Fort Hood, TX and as adjunct faculty with the Army-Baylor Musculoskeletal Residency I focused on mentoring students and residents on critical thinking skills as they relate to clinical reasoning in direct access settings.

As a leader I have performed as the Deputy Director of Physical Therapy Services at a 100-bed Army Medical Center. Supervising a staff of 38 Physical Therapy professionals including Physical Therapy supervisors, Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Assistants, Athletic Trainers, and office staff at Fort Hood, TX. I was the director of a human performance program providing physical therapy, strength and conditioning, and sports nutrition care in support of 2,500 Green Berets, Soldiers, and contractors within 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, KY. I supervised a staff of 15 rehabilitation and performance professionals to include Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Technician, Strength and Conditioning Specialists, Sports Psychologist, Sports Dietician, and Data Analyst.

I am passionate about providing community health, wellness, injury prevention, and rehabilitative services to underserved populations and communities both in the US and abroad. My heart lies with those populations suffering the aftereffects of conflict in war-torn nations. I have been involved in medical civic action programs in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, and Iraq. The bulk of my clinical experience has been outpatient orthopedic and sports with tactical athlete populations in the military, but have also worked in inpatient & critical care, acute care, amputee center, and inpatient burn center settings.

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**Burke Wilson, PT, DPT, MBA**

**Present Employment: Texas Children's Hospital**

**Position: Asst. Director, Value Based Care**

**City: Houston**

**APTA Member: 10 years**

**TPTA Member: 10 years**

I'm honored to be selected by the Nominating Committee for the 2020 slate of candidates for Delegate-at-Large. I previously served as a member of the Texas delegation for four years as a delegate at large including one year as assistant chief delegate for the 2017 House of Delegates in Boston. Most recently, I served for three years as the chief delegate for the American Academy of Sports Physical Therapy (AASPT). During that time, I formulated an understanding of year-round governance and how the House operates and the key issues it tackles.

The House of Delegates holds the responsibility to set the policy and positions and elect the leadership of our Association. The Texas delegation is an integral part of that process and serves as the representatives of PTs and PTAs across our great state. It is the responsibility of every member of the delegation to prepare well by familiarizing themselves with the issues, listen to feedback from our constituency, and be an active member of delegation deliberation as we shape key policy issues. The 2021 House of Delegates will be no different. The upcoming House of Delegates will be pivotal in shaping the start our next 100 years as a profession. We will be electing a new Board president and vice-president and hearing bylaw amendments from the Special Committee on Bylaws that will have implications on the direction, governance, and leadership as we head into our second centennial.

I would be honored to have your vote in this year's election and look forward to the opportunity to serve PTs and PTAs across our great state of Texas.