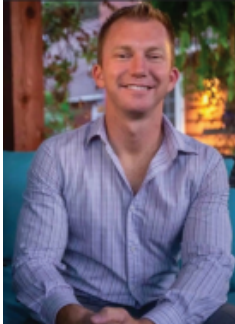


Vice President (Select 1)



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Present Employment: Ensign Services, Inc.

City: San Antonio

APTA Member: 16 years

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Present Employment: Optim

Position: President

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Chief Delegate (Select 1)



David Norris, PT, MS

Present Employment: Ergonomic Consulting

Position: Owner

City: Fort Worth

APTA Member: 34 years

TPTA Member: 7 years

It is an honor to be slated for the position of TPTA Chief Delegate to continue serving you and the profession I love in the APTA House of Delegates.

The Chief Delegate is the primary contact person for matters related to the House of Delegates and is responsible for leading and disseminating information to the Texas delegation as well as communicating with the Board of Directors. In addition, the Chief Delegate represents Texas in the Western Caucus. Good organization, the ability to listen, and communication is key to the role. I have developed all those qualities as a clinician, rehab director and regional director.

Prior to moving to Texas, I was a delegate for 15 years in the State of Indiana, including 4 years as Chief Delegate. For the last 6 years, I have served as a TPTA Delegate (3 of those years as Assistant Chief Delegate). My previous experience as a Chief Delegate will help the TPTA Delegation to continue to be successful.

In Indiana, I also served as the State Vice President, Chair of the Nominating and Membership committees and as a Regional Director at Large. I also served as the State of Indiana organizer for the March on Washington which saw 2000 PTs advocate for our profession. I continue to advocate for the profession personally at the national, state and local level and as a PTPAC Eagle donor.

Nationally I have been the Chair of the Academy of Leadership and Innovation's Nominating Committee as well as the Tech SIG Nominating Committee and currently serve as a PTPAC Ambassador.

It is important that the Chief Delegate have a network of others within the APTA with whom to consult. Over the last 30 years, I have developed a network of contacts across the nation and will continue to work diligently to make sure that the "Texas perspective" is represented. As your Chief Delegate, I can continue to actively engage in advocacy to help shape the future of our profession by representing the views of Texas Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants at the national level.

As the second largest delegation in the nation, we can use our size and influence to positively move our profession forward and transform society!

I am experienced, organized, and have been successful in listening to and representing the various viewpoints in our state. I will continue to work diligently to make sure that those concerns continue to be voiced.

I humbly request your vote so that I may continue to serve you. Thank you.



Rupal Patel, PT, PhD

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

Position: Associate Professor

City: Missouri City

APTA Member: 35 years

TPTA Member: 35 years

It has been my honor and privilege to represent Texas as an elected delegate in the APTA House of Delegates (HOD) for the past 12 years. I believe this experience has prepared me well for the Chief Delegate role. I am also deeply committed to leading the change we want to see within our association, as we move into the 2nd century of our existence.

During my service as a Texas delegate, I have had the good fortune to observe and learn from 4 different chief delegates. I was also elected as the Assistant Chief Delegate 3 times by fellow Texas delegates. In this role, I helped the Chief Delegate with the internal management of our large delegation. This experience was the 1st step in preparing me for the Chief Delegate role.

As a delegate, I was also elected by the APTA HOD to the national APTA Nominating Committee (2017-2020) and served as chair in my 3rd year on the committee. While on the Nom Com, I gained tremendous insight into APTA Board roles, duties, and functions; and I deepened my understanding of the shared governance and policy making role of the HOD. This was yet another essential step towards my preparation for the Chief Delegate role.

Over the years, I have also utilized my strength in relational coordination to build trust and cultivate relationships with delegates and Chief Delegates from across the country, which has led to collaborating with many of them on motions brought forth to the HOD. Trust and collaboration are keys to being a successful Chief Delegate and I believe that I have developed these skills and as Chief will strive to build on that foundation.

Since 2019, as a seasoned member of our Texas delegation, I have enjoyed mentoring some of our amazing newer delegates in developing motions for the APTA HOD. I assisted them in crafting motion language and support statements, navigating the HOD processes, educating them on parliamentary procedures, connecting them with other delegates to build support for motions, and serving as their back up during debate on the House floor. Mentoring and empowering others is another crucial role of the Chief Delegate that I have experience in and would love to continue to do.

Succession planning is important so that the momentum we have gathered as a Texas delegation over the years in the APTA HOD can continue. Thus, in 2023, I made time to attend every Chief Delegate monthly meeting with the APTA House Officers to learn more about how the Chief Delegate can best function as leaders and execute their duties. This shows my commitment to this role, and these meetings have prepared me to transition to the Chief Delegate role so that I can lead our delegation in facilitating the business of the HOD.

Besides my service in the HOD, I have been an active member of APTA/TPTA for 35 years serving in various capacities at the district, state, and national level. Some of my service included: TPTA (Bylaws Chair, DEI Task Force, Texas Assembly Parliamentarian, Governance Review Task Force, Nominating Committee), Academy of Neurologic Physical Therapy (Advocacy and Consumer Affairs Committee Chair, Federal Advocacy Liaison), APTA Academy of Leadership and Innovation (Publications Committee, Research Committee Co-Chair), and the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy's (ACAPT)

Education and Career Advancement Pathways Task Force. Each role has increased my knowledge and perspective of governance and the intricacies of our federated association model, which is a strength that I will bring to the Chief Delegate role.

I am passionate about governance and policymaking that will help us advance our profession and realize our vision of transforming society. I have the knowledge, experience, and skills to be an effective Chief Delegate. I humbly ask for your vote! Thank You!

PTA Council Rep (Select 1)



Nicole Volek, PTA-CI, CMC, MSHP

Present Employment: Elder Advisory Group

Position: Manager

City: Richmond

APTA Member: 24 years

TPTA Member: 24 years

PT and PTA colleagues thank you for your confidence and nominations for PTA Council Representative. As we look forward to the future of the PTA within our profession, it is essential to be an active member, to have a positive and influential voice within the association. I feel very confident that with my leadership skills, education, experience, desire to promote our profession, to advocate for quality of services, and my past history I can be a positive influence as your PTA Caucus Representative for Texas and thus I humbly ask for your vote.

Over the last few years (10 or more) I have reached out to our Texas PTA student liaison to attend meetings both state and national level for the house of delegates. I also am an advocate included, but was not limited to, lobbying for practice relative to payer sources and patient access. I routinely contact my State Representative to keep them informed of various PT issues and concerns. I take the role of being an advocate for our profession very seriously; with so many healthcare issues in our future; health care reform, changing reimbursement in all arenas, increased scrutiny of fraud and abuse, and the changing role of the PTA, the only way we can be successful is to stay informed and involved.

Serving the profession through the PTA Caucus and now as a Council Representative is a role that I am extremely passionate about and schedule my time towards year-round commitment, dedicated to completion of assigned tasks, and attendance in conference calls and meetings. A vote for me as your PTA Council Representative assures responsible and committed representation. I thank all of you for this amazing opportunity to serve you and our profession and look forward to representing you!

Nominating Committee (Select 1)



Brenna Hudson, PT, DPT

Present Employment: Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

Position: Physical Therapist

City: Little Elm

APTA Member: 5 years

TPTA Member: 5 years

Leadership and teamwork are very important to me, and as a newer graduate my goal is to be as involved in the physical therapy professional organizations as I can. I would be an excellent fit as a member of the TPTA nominating committee, as I was a member of the Texas Student Physical Therapy Association nominating committee. This gave me excellent experience and insight into how nominating committees perform their duties, delegate tasks, and organize the functions of the committee. I am excited to continue learning about this role and other leadership roles within the TPTA as I grow as a physical therapist.



Brandy Schwarz, PT, DPT, EdD, MBA

Present Employment: Hawai'i Pacific University

Position: Associate Professor

City: Fort Worth

APTA Member: 15 years

TPTA Member: 13 years

I am honored to be slated for a position on the TPTA Nominating Committee, and for the opportunity to serve the Texas Physical Therapy Association. My clinical experience has been in outpatient orthopedics, lymphedema, and post-surgical acute care. I also have 12 years of experience in an academic setting, with 11 of those as a Director of Clinical Education, which allowed me to collaborate with clinical partners in a variety of clinical settings across the state of Texas. These networks and connections will be beneficial for promoting recruitment of members for TPTA leadership positions.

My past leadership roles have included Treasurer for the Texas Consortium for Physical Therapy Clinical Education, and Nominating Committee Chair for the National Interprofessional Education Consortium (NIPEC). I also serve as a member of the Tarrant County College PTA Advisory Committee.

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

Delegate at Large (Select 5)



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City: San Antonio

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Cameron “Cammie” Gray, PT, DPT, Board-Certified Pediatric Clinical Specialist

Present Employment: Scottish Rite for Children Frisco Campus

Position: Clinical Manager Orthopedic Therapy

City: Plano

APTA Member: 5 years

TPTA Member: 5 years

What an honor to be slated as a delegate for the upcoming TPTA elections. This is my first foray into the delegate process, but I am excited and ready to represent the State of Texas. My 32 years of experience as a clinician in Texas working in multiple PT settings gives me a broad perspective of this incredible profession. This makes me a strong candidate for this position.

After graduating from UAB in 1990 with my PT MS, I moved to the North Texas area and started working in a private outpatient sports medicine facility. Other settings I have worked in include home health, acute care, and school-based therapy, and over the past ten years, I have practiced in the outpatient pediatric therapy setting. I currently work for Scottish Rite for Children and split my time between patient care and administrative duties.

Working at Scottish Rite has allowed me to work with an incredible group of individuals who inspire me daily. I received my Pediatric Board Certification in July 2021. In August 2021, I returned to school to earn my transitional doctorate in PT. This was essential because I was the team lead over a group of DPTs. I felt strongly that for a team to be invested, they need a strong leader, and obtaining my doctorate was an important step. Not only did I improve my clinical and research skills in pediatric PT, but the faculty in the doctoral program at Rocky Mountain University (RMU) ignited a fire in me with a desire to expand my career beyond my clinical and administrative duties. RMU provided me with the foundational leadership skills that I utilize daily.

I have witnessed immense change in our profession over the past 32 years, of which I am so proud, but many issues/barriers/obstacles still exist that must be addressed. Health inequities, direct access, and educational costs are just a few. I would be honored with the opportunity to represent Texas and advocate for the issues that are most important to the delegation.



Katherine Franklin, PT, DPT, PhD(c)

Present Employment: University of Utah; Baptist Health System

Position: Clinical Assistant Professor, Physical Therapist

City: San Antonio

APTA Member: 9 years

TPTA Member: 9 years

Katherine A. Franklin, PT, DPT, PhD(c) is a clinical assistant professor in the hybrid pathway at the University of Utah's Department of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training. She also works as a staff physical therapist in the neonatal and pediatric intensive care units at Baptist Health System in San Antonio. She has served as a delegate representing the state of Texas to the APTA House since 2021. Katie received her undergraduate degree in Kinesiology from Texas A&M University, and her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Texas State University. She is a PhD candidate in the School of Physical Therapy at Texas Woman's University with research interests in the intersection between disability studies and physical therapy practice. Outside of clinical practice, Katie provides consulting services as a Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist focused on designing and creating beautiful, functional spaces that can be enjoyed by those of all ages and ability levels.

I am thrilled to be slated for re-election as a Delegate-at-Large to the APTA House of Delegates. I have served in this capacity since 2021, and am thankful for the opportunity to hopefully return for another term. In 2022, I was the primary author on a motion concept that Texas sponsored at the HOD. Our team worked hard to collaborate with individuals across the country to develop and finalize the motion's language, which was successfully passed (HOD P08-22-14-18). This position statement states APTA's support for equitable processes to include individuals with disabilities entering and within the profession of physical therapy through reasonable accommodations across their career.

I learned so much through the motion development and refinement process, and feel that those skills would be a strong asset to the Texas Delegation if I were to be re-elected. Additionally, my current work as a PT faculty member, practicing clinician, and PhD candidate all give me a unique perspective on the field of physical therapy. These experiences provide context from various different areas within our profession, which helps me to approach important issues impacting PTs, PTAs, and students from a broad view. I would welcome the opportunity to represent Texas as a delegate to the APTA HOD, and would greatly appreciate your support.



Jennifer Frerich, PT, DPT, FAAOMPT, Board-Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist

Present Employment: Memorial Hermann

Position: Clinic Manager

City: Houston

APTA Member: 14 years

TPTA Member: 14 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 eleven years in outpatient orthopedics. I have earned my certified specialization in orthopedics and my Fellowship in Manual Therapy through OPTIM Manual Therapy. I

have previously served as Secretary of the TPTA for six years and TPTA delegate at large for multiple terms and have truly enjoyed my past terms as a delegate for the state of Texas.

In my previous terms as a delegate, I have learned so much about how the governance process at the APTA level works. As a younger 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 years of experience in private practice and now in hospital based outpatient has 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.



**Venita Lovelace-Chandler, PT, PhD, Catherine
Worthingham Fellow of the APTA, ABPTS Clinical
Specialist in Pediatrics, Emeritus**

Present Employment: Educational Consultant; Adjunct Faculty

Position: Self-employed; Part-time Professor, Allen College; Adjunct Faculty,
Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions

City: Garland

APTA Member: 52 years

TPTA Member: 16 years

I am asking for your vote for me for Delegate-at-Large, knowing the honor of serving TPTA as a delegate. I have served in that role since 2011 (except when I Chaired and served on the Nominating Committee and when I served on the House Reference Committee (2020-23). Service on the Reference Committee further developed my skills in understanding the construction of motions annually as I worked with House Officers and other committee members. That position and other service has maintained my currency on issues facing Texas and national issues that impact practice in Texas, including the implementation of patient direct access in Texas, primary care and scope of practice, diversity including justice, equity, and inclusion, prescriptive authority, productivity and reimbursement, consumer co-payment, PT and PTA practice collaboration, and advancement of the profession as primary care providers in multiple diagnostic areas.

I have served as Secretary for TPTA and in elected offices for the Academies of Pediatrics, Oncology, and Education. I served as Centennial Mentor for APTA Scholars in 2021, as a member of the APTA Centennial History Sub-Committee, as a member of the Commission on Accreditation in PT Education (CAPTE) for 2 terms, and as a CAPTE site visitor for over 35 years. I have held faculty positions in PT and PTA programs for 40 years. I hold a BS degree in PT from UT Southwestern Medical School, an MA in teaching pediatric PT from the University of North Carolina, and a PhD from TAMU. I have been honored with awards from

Pediatrics, Education, the Texas Chapter, CAPTE, FSBPT, and the APTA as a Lucy Blair Service Award recipient and a Catherine Worthingham Fellow – the highest membership category of APTA.

I am very interested in advancing the profession through the enormous opportunities for public awareness and membership engagement. As one of the largest delegations, Texas holds the unique opportunity to be strong leaders and to contribute to the House of Delegates in all other matters related to reimbursement, primary care practice, productivity, documentation, and social justice. My dissertation, written many years ago, studied leadership in the House, and I know the history of APTA and House decisions. Also, I can envision future possibilities and perspectives based on that 50 years of studying the House and profession and my training in futuristic/visionary training. I would love to serve Texas as a Delegate-at-large, to continue to encourage TPTA leaders to seek national leadership positions, to support Texas in proposing motions important to all PTs and PTAs, to promote growth for the profession and to resolve professional practice issues. Thank you in advance for your vote.



Myla Claire Quiben, PT, DPT, MS, PhD, Board-Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist, Board-Certified Neurologic Clinical Specialist

Present Employment: University of North Texas Health Science Center

Position: Professor

City: Fort Worth

APTA Member: 22 years

TPTA Member: 12 years

I am honored to be slated and continue to serve the Texas Chapter in shaping and influencing the profession as a Delegate. A current Delegate with a passion for the profession and for service, please allow me to continue to represent Texas during these challenging times.

I bring the perspectives of the clinician, educator, and researcher to the Texas Delegation. As a practicing clinician, I am acutely aware of the needs of our patients and therapists, and the many challenges in clinical practice with reimbursement, equity, and access issues. As an educator and researcher, I am keenly aware of the critical issues in higher education and the challenges our DPT students face with high student debts. I bring the perspectives of the clinician, educator, and scholar to the Delegation and will serve as the bridge bringing information back to clinicians, students, and academic and clinical institutions.

I bring unique insights to current professional issues with my prior service in the TPTA Nominating Committee, Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, as a Delegate for the Texas and Arkansas chapters, and service to the boards of the APTA Geriatrics, Texas Geriatric Society, National Interprofessional Education Consortium (NIPEC), and the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS).

I am a team player, efficient, and quality-driven, valuing excellence and professionalism in all my endeavors. I bring experiences as a Fellow of the APTA Education Leadership Institute and TPTA Tom Waugh Leadership Program, with training in change and project management. With long-term service nationally, I am well-informed of the issues that most likely influence Texas practice and therapists. As

your Delegate, I will contribute to the discussion and represent the TPTA members' interests. I am excited by the opportunity to serve and contribute to having TX play an active role in the HOD.

I humbly ask for your vote to continue representing you as a Delegate.



Erica Parazo, PT

Present Employment: Liberty Rehabilitation Specialists

Position: Lead Physical Therapist

City: San Antonio

APTA Member: 8 years

TPTA Member: 8 years

I am truly honored to be slated to continue to serve as a Delegate- at- Large for the state of Texas. I have been an active member in the APTA and TPTA since my time as a physical therapy student and I have a strong ongoing record of service to the profession. I am currently completing my second term as a Delegate- at- Large in Texas. During my time as a delegate, I navigated our Association's first virtual House was a co-maker of RC 9-21 Adopt: American Physical Therapy Association's Commitment to Being an Anti-Racist Organization. I continue received incredible mentorship from experienced House members and have strengthened my familiarity with parliamentary procedure, House rules, motion language, The Hub, and the process of governance at the national level. In addition, have served as the chair of the TPTA Nominating Committee, Co-Chair of the TPTA Membership Committee, TPTA Central District Secretary, and an APTA Centennial Scholar. These elected and appointed positions and experiences have allowed me to work with House delegates and other leaders in our profession across the state of Texas and the nation. I also offer my unique perspective as a Filipino- Mexican American, early professional, and new mother in my various roles. If elected, I will be a continued asset to the Texas delegation.

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Lois Stickley, PT, PhD

Present Employment: Texas State University

Position: Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy

City: Georgetown

APTA Member: 43 years

TPTA Member: 43 years

Lois Stickley, PT, PhD has been an APTA and TPTA member since joining as a student in 1980. I have served in many roles at the district and chapter level in that time.

My qualifications to serve as a Delegate-at-Large include many years of previous service as a Delegate (1994-1996, 2009-2012, 2018-2019) and Chief Delegate (2011-2012, 2019-2023) in the House. I served as the Speaker of the Texas Assembly (2015-2018) and was Co-Chair the TPTA Membership Committee. I was honored to receive the Jeanette Winfree Award for Service to the TPTA in 2018. I have served on the TPTA Board of Directors and Executive Committee several times. Personal characteristics that I believe will enhance my contribution to the Texas Delegation include attention to detail and strong communication skills. As a mentor to less-experienced delegates, I helped them to refine the goal of the motion concept, to complete motion development forms, to polish motion language, and to prepare them to present the motion on the floor of the House. I have also collaborated with other Components to pass other motions. I hope to continue my service to the TPTA and the profession as a Delegate-at-Large.



Valerie Wacker, PT, DPT

Present Employment: Ascension Seton Sports & Neuro Rehabilitation

Position: Part-Time Physical Therapist

City: Austin

APTA Member: 9 years

TPTA Member: 2 years

I received my Bachelor's of Administration in Marketing from the University of Alaska, Anchorage in 2009, which naturally led to marketing tourism in Alaska for two years. However, I always knew I was being called to a career in health and wellness. It wasn't until I sustained a sport-related injury, which landed me in physical therapy for shoulder rehab where I had the "ah-ha" moment, thus beginning the journey to Elon University where I received a Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2017.

I have lived in Austin for two years, in which time I have practiced primarily at Ascension Seton Sports and Neuro Rehab. In general, my experience is in the outpatient neurologic setting, though I also have experience in acute care and inpatient settings with an emphasis on vestibular conditions and brain injury as well as having completed multiple neurologic-based certifications. I have presented posters related to trigger point dry needling at both NEXT and CSM, and am currently working towards fluency in Spanish and neurologic specialization.

When I'm not empowering people to heal through movement, I volunteer as the Treasurer for Holy Family Catholic School Parent Association and help to lead multiple ministries at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. I was the Vice President of my DPT cohort, the Family Readiness Group Leader of multiple U.S. Army units, and have also volunteered with the USO, American Red Cross and Special Olympics.

I have been an APTA member since 2014, and as an active-duty military spouse, I have had the opportunity to practice in and participate in several state PTA's including North Carolina, Virginia and Indiana. Involvement in other state associations has afforded me perspective and knowledge on the diversity of our profession and practice rights across the nation. Like many of you, I have been emboldened to volunteer my time and talents to our growing and evolving field, specifically regarding direct access, fair insurance coverage, compact licensure and improving the public's knowledge and awareness of our profession. I am passionate and motivated to be more involved at the highest levels of decision-making and advocacy as a Delegate-at-Large for the TPTA. I would be honored to be considered for and serve in this role!