2017
Board of Directors, Delegates, & Nominating Committee
Election Brochure

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Election Process

With approval of Bylaw amendments at the 2014 Spring Meeting, PTAG voting will now be conducted using an electronic voting system. In early March all current and in good standing, PT and PTA members will receive an email from service@electionsusainc.com containing their personalized username, password and a link to the secure ballot. The email will be sent to the address you have on file with APTA/PTAG. With this change, we hope more of you will be encouraged to participate in the voting process. Results will still be announced during the Business Meeting.

Election Timeline

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<td>February 7</td>
<td>Deadline for write-in nominations&lt;br&gt;Submit names of those who have consented to serve to PTAG Executive Office</td>
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<td>February 21</td>
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<td>March 7</td>
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<td>Run-off Voting (if necessary)</td>
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<td>March 25</td>
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2017 Draft Slate

Secretary
• Deanna H. Camilo, PT, DPT, OCS
  • ________________________________
    (write in nomination)
  • ________________________________
    (write in nomination)

Treasurer
• Ross Davis, PT, DPT, MBA, MHA
  • ________________________________
    (write in nomination)

LAN Director (Atlanta/North Georgia)
No candidates, Board of Directors will appoint
  • ________________________________
    (write in nomination)

Chief Delegate
• David Taylor, PT, DPT, GCS
  • ________________________________
    (write in nomination)

Delegate (Select Three)
• Kristy Lynn Cantrell, PT, MPT
• Carrie Cunningham, PT
• Jeffrey Ebert, PT, DPT, OCS
• Patrick D. Graham PT, MBA
• Clarence A. Holmes, PT, DPT
• Dhara Shah, PT, DPT
• Kara A. Strauss PT, DPT, RYT-200, CMTPT, CPI
  • ________________________________
    (write in nomination)
  • ________________________________
    (write in nomination)

Nominating Committee (Select Three)
• Carla Friend Huggins, PT, DPT
• Maria Anjanette C. Nunez, PT, DPT
  • ________________________________
    (write in nomination)
  • ________________________________
    (write in nomination)
  • ________________________________
    (write in nomination)

Completing and returning this form does not constitute a vote. Voting will open in March and will be conducted using an electronic voting system.
Secretary Candidates
Select One

Responsibilities:

- Serves as a voting member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors
- Responsible for keeping minutes of the proceedings of business meetings, Executive Committee Meetings and Board of Directors Meetings
- Reports to the membership at the annual conference and to the Board of Directors on request
- Prepares a summary of proceedings of the business meetings to be sent to the Executive Office within 30 days of each meeting

Deanna H. Camilo, PT, DPT, OCS
LAN: Atlanta/North GA

Years as an APTA member? 6
Years as a PTAG member? 6

Education:
Georgia State University, Bachelor of Science; Mercer University, Doctor of Physical Therapy

Current place of employment/position:
Motion Stability Physical Therapy Group, Physical Therapist

Georgia chapter involvement:
Recording Secretary 2015 - 2017

Other chapter, region, section or national work:
Private Practice FIN member

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?

The primary responsibility of the PTAG secretary is to serve the organization by recording and distributing minutes of the board of directors meetings, executive committee meetings, and business meetings. In addition to the primary roles of recording meeting minutes and election results, the secretary should encourage active participation among members and demonstrate to the Georgia physical therapy community as a whole, the importance of PTAG membership and participation.

If elected, what will be your contribution to the position?

If elected, I will fulfill the roles and responsibilities of PTAG Secretary, as outlined in the policies and procedures manual. I will attend scheduled meetings, record accurate and complete minutes, and submit these minutes for approval at subsequent meetings. As an executive board member, I will strive to encourage engagement of current membership and to share the benefits of PTAG membership with nonmembers.

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Responsibilities:

- Serves as a voting member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors
- Serves as Chair of the Finance Committee
- Advises the Board of Directors on financial matters and money management
- Drafts and presents the annual budget to the Board of Directors and membership
- Provides a written report on the financial status of the Chapter to the membership and Board of Directors on request
- Sends fiscal reports to APTA in accord with APTA policy, in coordination with the executive office
- Works with the Executive Director on financial matters, including expense approval
- Serves as advisor for oncoming Treasurer

Ross Davis, PT, DPT, MBA, MHA

LAN: Atlanta/North GA

Years as an APTA member? 14
Years as a PTAG member? 10

Education:
Georgia State University, MBA/MHA; New York University, DPT; College of Charleston, BS Psychology

Current place of employment/position:
Piedmont Healthcare; Supervisor, Rehabilitation Services

Georgia chapter involvement: Current Treasurer, Alternate Delegate

Other chapter, region, section or national work: Member of the Acute Care Section

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?

As chair of the finance committee, I am responsible for all meetings, projects, and activities of the committee. The goals of the finance committee are to establish PTAG’s annual budget, set the strategy for upcoming financial initiatives, advise the board of directors on the financial impact of initiatives, and consult outside auditors if needed. I am also responsible for reporting the budget and other financial matters to the PTAG membership, the board of directors, and the APTA. Since this is the first year of the bylaws change and dues restructuring, I will have to pay very close attention to the financial impact this has on the organization.

If elected, what will be your contribution to the position?

As supervisor for a large rehab department, I have a substantial annual budget to manage as part of my job. My director and I set the budget at the beginning of the fiscal year, manage income/expenses, and report to the finance team at my hospital. I also have experience in writing request for proposal documents, pro forma statements, and business plans. I have an MBA/MHA degree, and have participated in capital finance and accounting projects. I also have lots of experience leading committees, establishing agendas, and project management. Since becoming PTAG Treasurer in 2016, I now have a solid understanding of what the job entails and how to do it well. I work closely with and have good relationships with the PTAG BOD, FIN and LAN chairs, and the membership. 2017 and 2018 are big years for PTAG due to the new organizational structure and dues update. My experience in helping shape those initiatives will enable me to steer the financial strategy effectively.

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LAN Director (Atlanta/North GA) Candidates
Select One

Responsibilities:

• Serves as a voting member of the PTAG BOD
• Maintains knowledge of current matters of interest to physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in PTAG
• Acts as a liaison and resource person for the physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in their assigned LAN
• Develops and maintains a method of connecting with LAN members in an efficient and effective manner

Full name with credentials
LAN: Atlanta/North GA
Years as an APTA member? xx
Years as a PTAG member? xx
Education:
xxx University, BS, MPT, and DPT; University xxx

Current place of employment/position:

xxx, xxx

Georgia chapter involvement:
xxx

Other chapter, region, section or national work:
xxx

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?
xxx.

If elected, what will be your contribution to the position?
If elected, xxx.

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Chief Delegate Candidates
Select One

Responsibilities:
- Serves as a voting member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors
- Organizes and guides PTAG Delegates to the House of Delegates (HOD) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
- Serves as a liaison between PTAG and the HOD
- Presents business on behalf of and represents PTAG in the HOD

David Taylor, PT, DPT, GCS
LAN: Atlanta/North GA

Years as an APTA member? 26
Years as a PTAG member? 26

Education:
Emory University, BS, MPT, and DPT; University of Alabama at Birmingham, Certificate in Health Focused Patient/Client Management for Physical and Occupational Therapists

Current place of employment/position:
Mercer University, Director of Clinical Education, Clinical Assistant Professor

Georgia chapter involvement:
Chief Delegate, Delegate

Other chapter, region, section or national work:
Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy State Advocate

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?
The major responsibilities of the chief delegate are first and foremost represent the membership in the House of Delegates and lead the Georgia delegation. Secondarily, it is to serve as a voting member of the PTAG Board of Directors and actively participate in leadership of the organization. PTA and PTAG governance is a year round commitment and the chief delegate must remain engaged to effectively serve the membership.

If elected, what will be your contribution to the position?
If elected, I'm committed to fulfill the role of the chief delegate in it's entirety. I will advocate for the membership to the best of my ability.

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Delegate Candidates
Select Four

Responsibilities:
• Represents PTAG membership during the annual APTA House of Delegates (HOD) meetings
• Votes on issues and candidates in a manner that represents the views of PTAG membership
• Assists Chief Delegate in soliciting and presenting association issues to the membership
• Prepares for participation in the HOD by completing relevant assignments and attending PTAG delegation meetings

Kristy Lynn Cantrell, PT, MPT
LAN: Atlanta/North GA

Years as an APTA member? 2
Years as a PTAG member? 2

Education:
Georgia Southern University, BS Kinesiology; Medical College of Georgia, MPT

Current place of employment/position:
Pruitt Health, Supervisor, Rehab Regional Director

Georgia chapter involvement:
Member

Other chapter, region, section or national work:
APTA Member

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?
To be an engaged active participant in district and state meetings and to obtain and provide information related to membership issues of interest and needs regarding the APTA. Participate in drafting motions and amendments to motions as well as solicit and/or disseminate information as needed by the delegation to improve our profession as Therapist in the state of Georgia to better serve our patients. Participate in the development of policies and procedures related to delegate responsibilities and the HOD, as indicated as well as speaking to motions and providing information in a manner that represents the interests of the PTAG members.

If elected, what will be your pledge to the membership?
As a Regional Director with Pruitt Health I have been afforded the opportunity to be a member of our Political Action Committee. With this opportunity I have knowledge of political and regulatory changes in the Healthcare Industry that are currently impacting our profession and will potentially impact us in the future. If elected I feel that I can provide a supportive vote on issues that positively represent the views of our current Clinicians and will be in the best interest of the Profession. I also feel I can actively solicit and present association issues to the members.

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Delegate Candidates
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Carrie Cunningham, PT
LAN: Atlanta/North GA
Years as an APTA member? 13
Years as a PTAG member? 13
Education:
St. Louis University, BSPT

Current place of employment/position:
Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Manager, Outpatient Rehab Services

Georgia chapter involvement:
Membership Secretary, GA PAC Chair, currently serving as Delegate

Other chapter, region, section or national work:
Private Practice Section member, key contact for PPS Rob Woodall, participated in PT Day at the Capitol and Federal Advocacy Forum, appointed to and currently serving on the Leadership Development Committee for APTA

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?
The major responsibilities for the office of Delegate are to represent GA PT's and PTA's in the House of Delegates. This includes attending meetings, keeping up with motions and discussion surrounding the motions and soliciting feedback from membership. As a Delegate you are responsible for helping to determine the course of our organization. In being a Delegate, I feel it is important to have discussions with colleagues and to be open to listening and solicit feedback from others.

If elected, what will be your pledge to the membership?
I would continue to address the value and payment issues that are facing our profession today. I believe it is important to focus on issues regarding education costs and to improve collaboration with other professions. I would work to continue to improve communications of our Delegation to the membership in order to effectively reach out and improve participation in our process at HOD. I would love the opportunity to continue to represent you and Georgia in the House of Delegates and I would ask for your vote.

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Jeffrey Ebert, PT, DPT, OCS

LAN: Atlanta/North GA

Years as an APTA member? 16.5
Years as a PTAG member? 4

Education:
Augustana College, BA in Biology; Creighton University, DPT

Current place of employment/position:
Mercer University, Clinical Assistant Professor

Georgia chapter involvement:
PTAG Finance Committee Member

Other chapter, region, section or national work:
Current delegate to APTA House of Delegates

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?

There is no doubt that a delegate is but one voice among hundreds within the House of Delegates, but I believe very much that having all of those individual voices participating is not only what makes the House of Delegates great, but also what makes it work for the members of the Association and the profession in general. My responsibilities as delegate include not only listening for comments and input from the membership, but also seeking out that information wherever and whenever possible to help ensure that the will of the members is being heard at the national level. My responsibilities also involve careful analysis of the candidates running for national office in the APTA and making educated votes so that we have the right people in the right leadership positions. In addition, my role is to help craft and shape the motions brought before the House to make sure the actions we take are for the benefit of the public, our members, and the profession. These are responsibilities I take very seriously and would be honored to continue to be a part of.

If elected, what will be your pledge to the membership?

Participating in the House of Delegates is -- without question -- awe-inspiring, as you witness first-hand the governing process take place within our profession. It can also be a very intimidating and overwhelming process to take part in. Because I bring experience as a delegate both here in Georgia as well as Nebraska, I have a very good understanding of many of the different aspects of the job and an understanding of the House of Delegate processes themselves. I believe this experience and understanding make me an effective member of the delegation.

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Delegate Candidates

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Patrick D Graham, PT, MBA
LAN: Atlanta/North GA

Years as an APTA member? 28
Years as a PTAG member? 27

Education:
Covenant College, BS; Medical College of Georgia, BS PT; Kennesaw State University, MBA

Current place of employment/position:
Human Performance & Rehabilitation Centers, Inc (HPRC), President/ COO

Georgia chapter involvement:

Other chapter, region, section or national work:

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?
Working with PTAG board and the delegation to evaluate the needs of physical therapists in Georgia. To listen to our members and help present their struggles and needs. Together with the delegation representing all Georgia members and their needs at the national meeting.

If elected, what will be your pledge to the membership?
Experience, dedication, and thorough preparation. I feel since I have been a PTAG member for 27 years and active at the state and national level that I can represent ALL members of the State of Georgia. I pledge my dedication and thoughtfulness to the team and hope to represent the State again in 2018-19.

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Delegate Candidates

Clarence A. Holmes, PT, DPT

LAN: Atlanta/North GA

Years as an APTA member? 6
Years as a PTAG member? 3

Education: Delta State University, BS; University of Mississippi Medical Center, DPT

Current place of employment/position: The Sports Rehabilitation Center, Staff Physical Therapist; Piedmont Newnan Hospital, PRN Staff Physical Therapist

Georgia chapter involvement:
Current Georgia Delegate, PT Day on Capitol Hill, Participant in multiple PT Pub Nights, Participant in First Annual Oxford Debate at Spring PTAG Meeting (imPacT)

Other chapter, region, section or national work:
PT Day and Rally at Nations Capitol, APTA Student Assembly Minority and International Affairs Project Committee Chair, APTA Student Assembly Vice President, APTA Student Assembly Treasurer, Student Assembly Liaison to Private Practice, Hand, and Sports PT Sections, DPT Class of 2014 President, School of Health Related Professions Student Government President and Vice President

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?

There are 2 main responsibilities that the delegates must adhere to. Firstly, as delegates, we represent the state of Georgia in the House of Delegates. This responsibility requires that the delegation remain in constant contact with the Board of Directors and our constituents in an effort to make the best decision based on the feedback received. In an effort to make the best decision, we have to remain open to feedback and conversation with the PTs and PTAs in the state. Fostering open communication between the delegation and our membership is a vital role of the delegate.

Secondly, it is a responsibility of the House of Delegates to assist the Board of Directors in an effort to progress the goals of the state association. This is not an official duty of the delegation, however, as leaders in the profession, I will make this my duty. As the House of Delegates rules on new policies, it will be the duty of the delegates to inform the board and the constituents of the new decisions. Furthermore, we have a duty to assist the board in identifying the ways to implement the new changes, as we will have first hand knowledge of the changes.

If elected, what will be your pledge to the membership?

Historically, PTAG has been very successful with mobilizing constituents to move towards a common goal. The reason for this success is directly related to PTAGs constant transparency about each step during necessary action. As delegate, it is my role to make decisions regarding governance and policies established within the House of Delegates. It is also my role to make these decisions with the best interest of Georgians, both PTs/PTAs and consumers, in mind. In order to make this possible, the delegation must remain transparent with the membership so that we may foster the same level of engagement from our members in the development of these policies. We must seek the input of our membership and it is my pledge to remain transparent about the process so as to receive and consider this input from our constituents before making decisions regarding governance.

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Delegate Candidates
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**Dhara Shah, PT, DPT**

**LAN:** Atlanta/North GA

**Years as an APTA member?** 4

**Years as a PTAG member?** 2

**Education:**
University of Alabama at Birmingham, BS; and DPT

**Current place of employment/position:**
Atlanta Pediatric Therapy, Physical Therapist

**Georgia chapter involvement:**
Current LAN Director

**Other chapter, region, section or national work:**
APTA Student Assembly, Neurology Section Member, Health Policy and Administration Section Member, APTA Health Information Technology Task Force, Alabama Representative for Federal Advocacy Forum 2016

**What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?**
The major responsibility of this position is to represent Georgia at the APTA House of Delegates. The position requires knowledge of APTA policies and creating new policies to advance the physical therapy profession.

**If elected, what will be your pledge to the membership?**
My contribution to the position will be to provide the Georgia delegation with a different perspective in motions being brought forward to the APTA House of Delegates. I will also contribute time and previous knowledge from being a student delegate and student usher in previous years.

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Delegate Candidates
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Kara A. Strauss PT, DPT, RYT-200, CMPT, CPI

LAN: Atlanta/North GA
Years as an APTA member? 8
Years as a PTAG member? 8

Education:
Georgia State University, Doctorate of Physical Therapy; University of Georgia, Master of Business Administration; University of Delaware, BA - Business Administration

Current place of employment/position:
Dekalb Medical Center, Physical Therapist; Georgia State University, Part Time Instructor

Georgia chapter involvement:
Student Member from 2009-2012

Other chapter, region, section or national work:
Attended CSM and PTAG meetings during my student membership

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?
The delegate's major responsibilities are to hear the needs of PTs in the state of Georgia, and communicate those needs to the APTA House of Delegates. As a representative to the HOD, the PTAG Delegate must be able to serve as liaison between the national and state bodies, thus being able to hear issues from both PTAG membership, and effectively bring those issues to the APTA would be a primary task. Additionally, the delegates are instrumental in information gathering, policy development, and dissemination of new policy to PTAG members.

If elected, what will be your pledge to the membership?
As a delegate representing PTAG, I would contribute a strong set of communication skills (both written and verbal) honed during my studies in Business Administration. I would also bring my perspective as a therapist with a unique mix of specialties (Dry Needling, Pelvic Floor, Yoga, and Pilates) in order to represent a wide range of Georgia PTs. Finally, my desire to see our profession more widely understood and appreciated outside of our "PT bubble" would motivate me throughout my term.

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Nominating Committee Candidates
Select Three

Responsibilities:
• Work with the chair to solicit and contact members who would be appropriate for an elected office in PTAG
• Contact members and discuss specifics of an elected office

Carla Friend Huggins, PT, DPT
Local Area Network: Atlanta North Georgia
Years as an APTA member? 17
Years as a PTAG member? 17

Education:
xxx University, BS; MPT & DPT;

Current place of employment/position:
xxx University, PT

Georgia chapter involvement:
Member

Other chapter, region, section or national work:
APTA Member

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?
n/a

If elected, what will be your pledge to the membership?
n/a

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Nominating Committee Candidates

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Maria Anjanette C. Nunez

Local Area Network: Atlanta North Georgia

Years as an APTA member? 7
Years as a PTAG member? 7

Education:
Vassar College, 2001, BA, Urban Studies; Georgia State University, 2014, DPT; BenchMark Rehab Institute, 2016, Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency

Current place of employment/position:
BenchMark Physical Therapy, Clinic Director, Physical Therapist

Georgia chapter involvement:

Other chapter, region, section or national work:
Poster presenter/PT Participant, APTA CSM 2017; Participant, APTA CSM, 2012; APTA, Orthopedic section member

What do you believe are the major responsibilities for the office that you are running for in the coming term?
The responsibilities of this office include working comprehensively with the chair and other members of the Nominating Committee, under the established bylaws, to help seek out, objectively review qualifications, and encourage the very best of our membership to serve as officers and ongoing advocates for health and wellness in the State of Georgia.

If elected, what will be your pledge to the membership?
I am passionate about advancing the physical therapy profession and promoting the professional development of current and future clinicians. My passion is aligned with PTAG’s mission statement, which speaks of promoting the physical therapy profession with excellence, integrity and collaboration. If selected to participate as a member of the Nominating Committee, I will work with the intention of using this passion to serve as a key resource to members of PTAG, and help foster communication in regards to the duties of elected office positions. I will also continue my role in advocating for the profession of physical therapy, and help to contribute to PTAG’s vision of transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.

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