

The OPTA Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for the 2018 elections. Additional nominations from the floor can be made during the Annual Membership Recognition Meeting & Luncheon at the OPTA Annual Conference on April 14, 2018. Following closure of all nominations, elections of all open offices will be completed by electronic voting. All OPTA members will receive an email with login instructions to place your votes through AssociationVoting.com. Elections will remain open for 30 days, beginning April 14, 2018. and ending on May 13, 2018.

2018 OPTA SLATE OF CANDIDATES

Candidate for Vice President - 3 year term (1 to be elected)

Christine Schulte, PT, MBA

Candidate for Secretary - 3 year term (1 to be elected)

Dawn Bookshar, PT, DPT, GCS

Candidates for Director II - 3 year term (1 to be elected)

Jessica Iams, PT, DPT

Deborah Riczo, PT, DPT, MEd

Candidate for Nominating Chair - 3 year term (1 to be elected)

Kim Doolittle-Koran, PT, DPT, OCS

Carolyn Hinkle, PT, DPT

Candidates for Delegate - 3 year term (4 to be elected)

Rob Dunham, PT, DPT

Nancy Durban, PT, DPT, MS

Gregory Kline, PT, DPT, EdD, MBA

Kari Lindegren, PT, DPT, OCS

Pamela Ritzline, PT, EdD

Marka Gehrig Salsberry, PT, DPT

Heather Schradin, PT, DPT, CIDN

Kathleen Szirony, PT, DPT



Christine Schulte, PT, MBA

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT



CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I accepted the nomination to run for second term as OPTA Vice President because of my strong compassion for our profession. Over the last 3 years I have watched the engagement of our members grow surrounding Professional Advocacy, this devotion is key to ongoing success of the Physical Therapy profession within Ohio. Working with both Federal and State affairs has always been of interest professionally. My administrative experiences in a large healthcare organization has helped me to understand that time and persistence is key to success. Every 3 steps forward seems to encounter 2 steps back thus the journey is slow however still moving in the right direction. OPTA members' shared great success to prevent our OT/PT/AT Board from consolidation and the united efforts has energized our members. Experiencing the political hurdles of HB 169 last General Session and HB 131 in the current Session has been frustrating. The OPTA State Chapter staff, lobbyists and countless volunteers have given hours of time to update our Scope of Practice to truly define our work as physical therapists. The discussion surrounding "diagnosis" by other medical professions astounds me as no one profession owns the term yet we continue to talk, rally and debate. Therefore I would appreciate your vote to continue OPTA's march forward surrounding State and Federal issues affecting our physical therapy profession.

District:	Northeast
Date of Chapter Membership:	1984

EDUCATION: Cleveland State University , Bachelors of Science , PT; University of Phoenix, MBA

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Outpatient Director for the Main West Region with Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation and Sports Therapy.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: APTA Section Membership(s): Aquatics; HPA; Geriatrics; President Elect for the APTA Aquatic Section ; Aquatic PT Section Secretary- Current; Chair of the Aquatic Section Bylaws Committee; Chair of the Aquatic Section Communications Committee; Chair of the Aquatic Section Awards Committee; Aquatic Section Regional Representative 2006-2015

State: Current Vice President Ohio Physical Therapy Association 2015-2018; Liaison to State Policy Affairs Committee; Liaison to the Federal Affairs Committee

District: Ohio Northeast District Member: Active with District activities over 30 years

Other: Village of St Joseph Health System- Appointed Board Member- Spring 2013 - Present; Chair Performance Improvement Committee; St Joseph Academy Alumni Board – Appointed Board Member August 2011-2016

Honors/Awards: Recipient of the 2017 APTA Presidential Award



Dawn Bookshar, PT, DPT, GCS

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated for the position of Secretary for the OPTA. I have been a member of my state organization and APTA for 30 years. I have served the public throughout the continuum of healthcare; including outpatient, assisted living, independent living, home health and skilled nursing facilities. For the last ten years I have served as a Regional Clinical Director for over facilities across the country. I have supported physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech-language pathologists in their pursuits of evidenced-based, top of license practice.

As a board certified geriatric specialist, I advocate for the needs of older adults and the clinical and operational needs of the physical therapists who serve this specialized population. I also recognize the impact of today's political and regulatory environments on the care physical therapists provide. I believe I can represent the Physical Therapist and the actively aging older adult in a practical and responsible manner.

I have been privileged to serve as your OPTA Secretary from 2012 – 2015 and again in 2017. My involvement with the OPTA has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional career. I welcome the opportunity and challenge to continue serving in this role.



District:	Northwest
Date of Chapter Membership:	1997

EDUCATION: Ohio University, Bachelors of Science, PT; Baldwin Wallace College, MBA; The University of Montana, Doctorate of Physical Therapy

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Regional Clinical Director with Genesis Rehab Services

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: Member of Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy and Academy of Clinical Electrophysiology and Wound Management ; APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor

State: OPTA Secretary 2012—2015, 2017—present; Conference Committee Member 2015—present

Other professional activities: ABPTS Board Certified: Geriatric Clinical Specialist; Continuing Education Presenter for Genesis Rehab Services on a variety of topics



Jessica Iams, PT, DPT



CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR II

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the OPTA as Director for the last three years. As a member for nearly 20 years, I have seen our association and profession go through many changes. I value the input of all members as we navigate the many healthcare changes current and ahead. As Director, I brought forth the idea for a Career Starter Dues Task Force, from which came new and fruitful efforts to recruit and retain new members. I have actively participated in all board meetings, retreats, and strategic planning sessions. I bring energy, organization, and dependability. I would be honored to serve the OPTA for a second term.

District:	Southwest
Date of Chapter Membership:	1999

EDUCATION: Ohio University, BS Psychology; Walsh University, MS Physical Therapy; Alabama State University, DPT

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Trihealth Corporate Health Rehab Supervisor

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor, APTA House of Delegates

State: Director II

District: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Membership Chair

Other: Redistricting Task Force, Term Protection Task Force, New Professional Network Committee, Education Advisory Board, Guest Speaker, Mentor

Honors/Awards: Certificate of Excellence in Clinical Education

Deborah Riczo, PT, DPT, MEd



CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR II



CANDIDATE STATEMENT

The Ohio Physical therapy Association is a strong and vibrant organization which reflects its capable and effective leaders. Now more than ever we need to continue to have strong leaders in our association. Healthcare is a primary focus in the political arena and a primary focus to each and every one of us personally and professionally. I have been a consistent active member of our association since graduating from PT school at Cleveland State University in 1980, and have advanced my education as noted below. I am dedicated and passionate about our profession, and its ability to have a direct impact on the health and wellness of our society. I have excellent communication skills (have taken advanced workshops in this area) and work well with teams. I will work to forward the mission, vision and goals of our association.

District:	Northeast
Date of Chapter Membership:	1979

EDUCATION: Cleveland State University, BS; Cleveland State University, Med; Marymount University, DPT

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Riczo Health Education, President/Owner. Experienced with marketing, public relations, website, continuing education, public speaking.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: Ohio Representative to the House of Delegates 2012-2015. Women's Health Section member since 1983, consistently. Orthopedic Section member since 2008, consistently. Attended numerous Combined Section Meetings and participated in section meetings.

State: Ohio State Conference Co-Chair 1987, Ohio Assembly Representative consistently 1982 through 1989

District: Northeast District Nominating Committee Coordinator 2010-2016, Public Relations Coordinator 2012-2014

Other professional Activities: Cleveland State Alumni Board of Directors 2016 to present

WomanKind, Inc. Cleveland. Physical therapist/educator probono.

Kim Doolittle-Koran, PT, DPT, OCS



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING CHAIR



CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am so honored to be slated for Nominating Chair. This is quite humbling because Ohio is home to many talented and passionate clinicians and academicians. I have truly enjoyed my previous roles with the OPTA as Treasurer and East Central District Chair and I have been fortunate to work with so many inspiring leaders. My experience has afforded me unique opportunities to witness a variety of successful leadership characteristics.

If elected, I plan to provide our members with qualified candidates with varying levels of experience and backgrounds to help lead our association. I hope to keep current leaders engaged and guide newer members to leadership positions within the OPTA. I look forward to the opportunity to develop new relationships and expand mentorships for potential leaders. I am grateful for your consideration, thank you.

District:	East Central
Date of Chapter Membership:	2007

EDUCATION: Mount Union College, BS Exercise Science; Walsh University, DPT

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Summa Health, Senior Physical Therapist at the Wellness Center in Hudson

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: Orthopedic Section Member 2010-present

State: Treasurer 2014-2017; Student SIG Student Liaison 2008-2010

District: East Central District Chair 2012-2014; East Central District Vice Chair 2010-2012

Other professional Activities: Credentialed Clinical Instructor ;Summa Flourish: A Women' Health Blog, Guest writer 2013, 2015

Honors/Awards: Caring Award, Summa Health 2017; Caring Award Nominee, Summa Health 2013; Outstanding New Employee, Summa Health 2011, 2012

Carolyn Hinkle, PT, DPT



CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATING CHAIR



CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored to be considered for the position of OPTA Nominating Committee Chair. I first became involved with the OPTA as a student, ultimately serving as the Student SIG Secretary and receiving the OPTA Outstanding Student of the Year Award in 2012. I have continued to be an active member regularly participating in national, state, and district events and conferences. And for the past two years, I have enjoyed serving on the OPTA Student SIG Committee. I appreciate the opportunities I have had to get to know our organization's leaders and emerging leaders. And I especially value the mentorship relationships that I have been able to form – both for experienced guidance in my own professional development, and in getting to work with many students as they develop into the future of our organization. I am excited to now pursue new ways to further serve in the OPTA; Thank you for your consideration for Nominating Committee Chair!

District:	East Central
Date of Chapter Membership:	2009

EDUCATION: Walsh University, DPT

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Summa Rehab Hospital and Cleveland Clinic Akron General

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: CSM Platform presentation (2013). Neurology Section Member (2013 - present). Acute Care Section Member (2012 - 2013).

State: Student SIG Committee (2015 - present).

Other professional Activities: Credentialed Clinical Instructor. I enjoy working with PT students beyond clinical experiences, to offer academic and professional mentorship ("paying it forward" as I value relationships with my own mentors).

Honors/Awards: OPTA Outstanding Student PT Award (2013). OPTA Best Platform Abstract, Fall Conference (2012). Professional Service Award, Walsh University (2012).

Rob Dunham, PT, DPT



CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE



District:	Southwest
Date of Chapter Membership:	2004

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored and humbled to be nominated as a Delegate to represent the interest of Ohio OPTA members on the national stage. I have been actively involved in the OPTA since I was a student and have held many roles, however, serving in the role of Delegate for the past three years has been my favorite.

Healthcare is a rapidly changing environment that continues to provide many challenges, but it also has led to great opportunities for innovation. Having the privilege to work alongside a global company I have helped shape healthcare policy and implement action to significantly impact the health of those we serve. My experience in leading in a matrixed and difficult business environment has prepared me to represent Ohio's voice on the national level. This also gives me an opportunity to understand how our profession can be a leading member of the healthcare team. We will continue to face many challenges and it is how we respond to these challenges and seize these opportunities as an organization that will ultimately shape our profession for the next generation. Working collaboratively on pushing our profession forward is a passion that drives me. I have had this opportunity through our organization and my career as a whole. I wish to continue that opportunity through representing Ohio as a Delegate on the National Level.

It is with that passion that I humbly and respectfully ask for your vote for Delegate.

EDUCATION: College of Mount St. Joseph, MPT; College of Mount St. Joseph, DPT

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Trihealth – GE Family Wellness Center Manager

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: Ohio Delegate to APTA House of Delegates

State: Director III, State Affairs co-chair, PAC Chair, Federal Affairs Liaison

District: Chair, PAC, Legislative district chair, Vice Chair

Nancy Durban, PT, DPT, MS



CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I would like to thank you for previously electing me as your delegate. In the past two terms as I have served in this capacity, I have learned a great deal. I have learned there is so much more beneath the surface of the motion concepts. The deep thought and careful consideration given to how every word of an issue is interpreted, expressing the true message of the concept, is extraordinarily amazing. I value this process and believe if re-elected, I will represent the physical therapists of Ohio even better this term. We are fortunate in the state of Ohio to have a truly strong delegation that is well respected at the House of Delegates. The current delegation is working on significant and current motion concepts that will further strengthen our profession. I would love the opportunity to help finish the work we have started for you. Our profession is what it is today because of how the delegates at the House of Delegates guide and set the direction for the APTA to follow. I am delighted that at this point in my profession, I am able to dedicate the time necessary to represent you and your concerns to evolve this profession to be the best it can ever be for you, whether clinician, educator or researcher. I sincerely hope you elect me as your delegate. I am ready to continue working hard for you. I want the best for you and us as a collective. Thank you.



District:	Southwest
Date of Chapter Membership:	1995

EDUCATION: The Ohio State University, BS Physical Therapy; Virginia Commonwealth University, MS Physical Therapy; The University of Montana, Transitional DPT

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: Orthopaedic Section Pain Management Special Interest Group Vice President of Education 2014-present, one term

State: Delegate to the House of Delegates, 2013 to present

District: Public Relations in charge of district newsletter 1998-2000

Other: OPTA Oxford Debate Team, 2017; CCHMC: Knowledge Translation Presentation-Topic: Mirror Therapy Lecture and Lab, 2016; CCHMC Knowledge Translation Presentation-Topics: TENS, 2016; OPTA Fall Science Symposium TED Talk -Topic: Pediatric Treatment Guideline for CRPS, 2015; CCHMC Knowledge Translation Presentation-Topic: Pediatric Treatment Guideline for CRPS, 2015; APTA CSM Topic: Physical Therapy Management of Pediatric Patient with CRPS, 2015; APTA National Conference Topic: Physical Therapy Management of Pediatric Patient with CRPS, 2012; OPTA Ohio State Conference Poster presentation- Topic: Physical Therapy Management of Pediatric Patient with CRPS, 2011; APTA National Conference Topic: Intertester Reliability of Measurements Obtained With the KT-1000 on Patients with Reconstructed Anterior Cruciate Ligaments, 1993; APTA Virginia State Conference—Topic: Intertester Reliability of Measurements Obtained With the KT-1000 on Patients with Reconstructed Anterior Cruciate Ligaments, 1993.

Gregory Kline, PT, DPT, EdD, MBA



CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

It is my honor to be considered as a delegate for the Ohio Chapter. It has been my privilege to interact and work with other association members at the state and local levels. I am grateful because I see this as an opportunity to serve as an advocate for our chapter and profession. I plan to apply my clinical and academic experiences to enhance the way we practice in the state of Ohio. Several pressing issues that I would like to address include: 1) the opportunity to expand best practices in physical therapy education; 2) the need expand how PTs and PTAs can practice in Ohio; 3) the demand to explore strategies to make our profession more affordable for students; 4) to address issuing concerning reimbursement surrounding physical therapy services. Again, thank you for your support, I look forward to promoting our profession as a delegate for the OPTA soon.



District:	Northeast
Date of Chapter Membership:	2013

EDUCATION: Argosy University, Ed.D; Midwestern University, DPT; Ursuline College, MBA Health Service Management; Benedictine University, BA

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Associate Dean – Health Careers and Sciences at Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: APTA member since 2004, Education member since 2013

State: OPTA member since 2004 Director B since 2015

District: Director B since 2015

Other: OPTA research committee since 2016; Volunteered in various roles at District level, including annual fundraisers and various CEU courses Honors/Awards: American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT) -Richard Erhart Research Award 2014, 2016; Ohio Physical Therapy Association (OPTA) - Outstanding Physical Therapist Award 2014

Kari Lindegren, PT, DPT, OCS



CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored and humbled to be nominated as delegate for the Ohio chapter of the APTA. For the past two years, I have been involved in the OPTA as the southwest district's legislative/state affairs chair. During this time, I have grown more excited about the direction our profession is moving. I am passionate about serving our profession and helping to move our profession forward as we discuss current issues and ideas related to wellness, payment, education, and scope of practice. One area that I feel strongly about is maximizing our impact in wellness, fitness, and health promotion and promoting annual physical therapy visits. If elected as delegate, I will strive to seek opinions and feedback from you in order to best represent Ohio especially with issues such as physical therapy scope of practice and the growth of our profession. Thank you for the opportunity to run for delegate and for your consideration.



District:	Southwest
Date of Chapter Membership:	2015

EDUCATION: Emory University, DPT; Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Orthopedic Residency

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Orthopedic/Sports Medicine Physical Therapist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: Orthopedic Physical Therapy Section Member, Sports Physical Therapy Section Member, Youth Athlete and Female Athlete SIG Member

State: Member of the OPTA State Affairs Committee, participant of the 2016 and 2017 OPTA Leadership Conference

District: Southwest District Legislative/State Affairs Chair

Other: Previous Student SIG President of the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia

Honors/Awards: Georgia Physical Therapy Education and Research Foundation Scholarship Recipient, Excellence in Service Award from Emory University



Pamela D. Ritzline, PT, EdD

CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored to be slated for a delegate position for the Ohio Physical Therapy Association. I have extensive experience as a delegate for the Indiana and Tennessee Chapters including serving as Chief Delegate while in Tennessee. I am passionate about physical therapy and would welcome the opportunity to join the Ohio delegation to help guide our profession into the future. I look forward to serving the OPTA and I would appreciate your vote. Thank you for considering me for the position of delegate.



District:	East Central
Date of Chapter Membership:	2015

EDUCATION: University of Indianapolis, MS in PT; Indiana University, EdD

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Walsh University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: American Physical Therapy Association Member – 1977- present; Education Section Awards Committee, Scholarship Subcommittee – 2011-2014; Education Section – 1995 - present; Academic Faculty Special Interest Group – 1995 - present; Orthopedic Section – 1988 – present; Imaging Special Interest Group – 2009 - present; House of Delegates; Tennessee Chapter – 2007 – 2015; Chief Delegate – 2012-2015; Indiana Chapter – 1996-2006; Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education Commissioner ; Central Panel – 2018-2021; PT Panel – 2014-2017; Chair PT Panel – 2016-2017; American Council of Academic Physical Therapy – CAPTE representative, 2016 – present; Essential Resources task force – CAPTE representative, 2016 - present; Application for Approval of Substantive Change task force, Chair – 2015; AASC revision task force, 2017 - present; Best Practices Task Force, Chair – 2016 - present; Bridge Programs for International Trained PTs task force – 2015 - 2017; Site visitor – 2003 - present

State: Ohio Physical Therapy Association, member, 2015 – present; Tennessee Physical Therapy Association; Chapter Delegate – 2007-2015; Chief Delegate – 2012-2015; Legislative Liaison – 2009-2014; Research Committee, Chair 2007-2012; Indiana Physical Therapy Association; Chapter President – 2004-2006; Chapter Delegate – 1997-2006; 1983-1985; Legislative Committee – 2004-2006; Nominating Committee – 1999 -2001; Chair 2000-2001; Practice Committee – 1998-2004; Chair 2002-2004; PTA Special Interest Group, Chair – 1982-1985; Texas Physical Therapy Association; Southeastern District Special Projects Committee – 1989-1992; Chair 1990-1992

District: Ohio Physical Therapy Association; East Central District Member – 2015 - present; Tennessee Physical Therapy Association; West District Member – 2007 - 2014; Indiana Physical Therapy Association; Central District Member, 1995 - 2006; Texas Physical Therapy Association; Southeastern District Member, 1987 – 1995; Special Projects Committee, Member 1988 – 1989; Chair 1989 - 1991

Other: Physical Therapy Advocacy, national and state levels, 1998 - present; Consultant for developing Doctor of Physical Therapy Programs; Concordia University-St. Paul – 2013-2014; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – 2012-2014; Advisory Boards; Military Family Center, 2016 – present; Counseling and Human Development Program, Walsh University, 2016 - present; Master of Occupational Therapy Program, Walsh University – 2015 – present; Center for Aging and Community, University of Indianapolis – 2005-2006; Physical Therapist Assistant Program, Vincennes University – 2005 – 2014; Editorial and Review Boards; FA Davis Company – 1999 – present

Honors/Awards: Alpha Eta Honor Society – 2011 – present; Frances C. Ekstam Award, Indiana Physical Therapy Association – 2005; Pi Lambda Theta, IOTA Chapter – 1998 - 2002

Marka Gehrig Salsberry, PT, DPT



District:	Central
Date of Chapter Membership:	2004



CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated to serve as a delegate. My experience as a PT in inpatient rehabilitation/acute care and current faculty position at The Ohio State University will act as a strong platform to aide in my role as a delegate. As a practicing PT both clinically and academically for over 10 years, I can appreciate the limitations that we face as autonomous practitioners. Advocacy and promotion are essential in continued growth and advancement of the PT profession. Additionally, I have had the opportunity to serve as the OPTA Student/Faculty Affairs chair for the past 3 years. In that time, I've had firsthand exposure to the young professionals that will carry on today's initiatives, gaining additional insight in the potential for our PT profession.

Should I have the privilege of serving as a delegate, I hope to further promote autonomous practice and assist in laying the legislative groundwork that will create a culture of leadership and promote the PT profession.

EDUCATION: Walsh University, DPT

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: The Ohio State University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: Academy of Acute Care Research Committee member; Academy of Acute Care CSM abstract review

State: OPTA Student Faculty Affairs Chair

Heather Schradin, PT, DPT, CIDN



CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

As an APTA member for 7 years and practicing PT for 4 years I am excited to become more involved in the APTA. I am constantly striving to grow personally and professionally each and every day. I find great importance and responsibility to be involved in my professional association that supports my profession that I love.

I can contribute to this position with positive, fresh ideas. I also realize I have many years to grow and learn and hope to absorb knowledge from those around me. I am a hard-working, organized individual ready for the challenge.



District:	West Central
Date of Chapter Membership:	2010

EDUCATION: University of Cincinnati, DPT

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Kettering Health Network, Outpatient Orthopedics

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

State: PAC chair

District: PAC chair

Other: CCCE for GV/SV Kettering Health Network; Clinical instructor; Presenter at Dayton Sports Symposium, WCD events and SWD events

Kathleen B. Szirony, PT, DPT



CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated as one of your Ohio Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates. I have had the opportunity to serve our membership at the district, state and national level most recently as Ohio Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates (2016 to present) and Vice President of OPTA (2009 to 2015). I have gained so much as an active member of our professional association because of the people and the relationships developed. Every time I volunteer or attend an OPTA or APTA event I meet new and amazing people who inspire me to be a better physical therapist and do more for our profession. It is that motivation and passion that continues to excite me about our profession.

The House of Delegates is an APTA policy-making body. Delegates make decisions on issues that may have far-reaching implications for the association and for our profession. I would love to have the opportunity to continue to represent our members in Ohio with a voice as we shape the future of our profession. Your input is important to our work as delegates and I look forward to your ideas, suggestions and feedback as we move our profession forward. I respectfully request your ongoing support and vote as delegate for our association. Thank you for your consideration.



District:	Northeast
Date of Chapter Membership:	1978

EDUCATION: Cleveland State University, BS; Simmons College, DPT

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Cleveland Clinic, Rehabilitation Manager

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

National: Ohio Delegate to APTA House of Delegates (2015 to current)

State: Vice President, 2009 – 2015; Finance Committee, 2005 - 2009

District: Treasurer, NEOPTA, 2005 - 2009

Other: Guest lecturer, Cleveland State University: Clinical Management of the Neurologic Patient; Clinical research and publication regarding ALS and vestibular rehabilitation; Developed and implemented Parkinson's Disease wellness exercise class; Research on the Use of Gaming Technology in Upper Extremity Stroke Rehab in collaboration with Cleveland State University; Presented at CSM 2009; Extensive education and experience related to management and leadership skills; Saint Francis of Assisi Church Wellness Committee and Parish Counsel

Honors/Awards: Co-author, Best Platform Presentation Abstract, Ohio Chapter of American Physical Therapy; Association Spring Conference, 2011; Viking Shield Award. Cleveland State University, 2012; Meritorious Service Award. Ohio Physical Therapy Association, 2017