



2025 Candidates

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President Elect

Name:

Jessica Jacobs

Employer:

Anderson University – School of Physical Therapy

Education:

PhD in Educational Leadership - Clemson University

Doctor of Physical Therapy - Medical University of South Carolina

BS in Biology - Presbyterian College

Related Experience:

I am the Program Director for Anderson University's School of Physical Therapy. I was previously the Director of Clinical Education for 8 years. I still maintain a clinical practice day at AnMed Rehabilitation Hospital. I serve on the Item Writer Task force for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. I am a member of the APTA Education section and Neurological section. Outside of the physical therapy profession I am a member of the Guest Services Team for NewSpring, Greenville and I am the volunteer coordinator and logistics coordinator for Euphoria Greenville.

I have been a member since 2006 with a break in membership right after graduating from PT school. I have served at the Secretary for the Board of Directors from 2017 to 2021. I am currently serving as the Vice President (2024) and the Programs committee chair (2020 - present).

Goals and Plans if elected?

I would like to continue the work that the board has been focused on for the past few years including an increase in non-dues revenue, establishing a mentorship program, and promote the physical therapy profession to the public, legislators, and referral sources. I would like to continue to re-engage our districts to continue to grow member engagement

Why are you qualified for this position?

I have an established history of serving on the Board of Directors for APTA-SC which allows me to have a working knowledge of the association. I have the experience to help guide APTA-SC over the coming years.

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Treasurer

Name:

Jacob N. Thorp

Employer:

Charleston Southern University

Education:

MBA Charleston Southern University, December 2025 (anticipated)

DHS University of Indianapolis Orthopedic Physical Therapy, August 2006

MSPT Des Moines University – Osteopathic Medical Center Physical Therapy, June 2001

BS Trevecca Nazarene University Biology – Cum Laude, May 1999

AAS Professional Skills Institute Physical Therapist Assistant – High Honors, April 1996

DHS University of Indianapolis Orthopedic Physical Therapy, August 2006

Related Experience:

I have been an active APTA member since 1999 serving in a variety of positions. At the state level, I currently I serve as the Vice President for APTA SC. In this position, I was a leader in establishing the position of an APTA SC Student Representative. I also recruited our current Lowcountry District Chair and the Chair of our Membership Committee. Prior to moving to North Carolina, I was an active member of two APTA NC committees that worked to pass laws that allowed clinicians to perform dry needling and spinal manipulation without restrictions. Nationally, I am a member of the Education and Orthopedic Academies. I am a current member of the Orthopedic Education Awards Subcommittee and previously served on the Education Committee from 2009-2015 where I was responsible for identifying speakers for CSM. Finally, I am a current member of several APTA SIGS including the Academic Faculty and Clinical Education groups and the Pain SIG where I was a member of the Nominating Committee from 2016-2019.

APTA (June 1999 – current)

Education Awards Subcommittee (Member), January 2022 – present

Academy of Physical Therapy Education (Member), March 2019 – present

Academic Faculty SIG, July 2019 – current

Clinical Education SIG, July 2019 – current

Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy (Member), January 2008 – present

Pain SIG (Member), January 2008 – current

Nominating Committee (Member), February 2016 – January 2019

Nominating Committee (Chair) 2018-2019

Education Committee (Member), February 2009 – January 2015

APTA SC (March 2019 – current)

Vice President, April 2022 – March 2024

Nominating Committee, April 2021 – March 2022

American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists January 2010 – December 2015

APTA NC (January 2008 – December 2019)

Spinal Manipulation Task Force Committee, October 2014 – June 2019
Education Committee, October 2011 – September 2013
Orthopaedic SIG (Founding Chair), October 2010 – September 2011

Goals and Plans if elected?

My goal as Treasurer is to work with the Board of Directors and Executive Committee to plan, monitor, and strengthen our organization's financial position.

Why are you qualified for this position?

My MBA education and experience as a founding DPT Program Director have equipped me with the leadership skills to protect and manage our associations financial assets. I've been licensed to perform physical therapy since 1996. After six years of full-time clinical practice, I transitioned to the role of a core faculty member. I have had the privilege of teaching hundreds of students about APTA's core values and how to practice evidence-based physical therapy. In March 2019, I joined the ranks as the founding DPT Program Director at Charleston Southern University. During my tenure as an educator, I have remained an active clinician and passionate about promoting our profession through service to both my community and membership with APTA.

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Secretary

Name:

Judy W. Williams

Employer:

ACCE

Education:

AS, PTA

BA; MHA Ed.D, May 2025

Related Experience:

I have been a PTA for 15 years and a rehab director at skilled nursing facility for 2 years. I have also been a rehab supervisor at an assistant living facility. I have served as a CI and received my CCI certificate from APTA in 2023. I have been a program director for two PTA programs one of which received a 10-year reaccreditation from CAPTE under my directorship. I and currently serves as ACCE for the PTA program at South University.

I have been a member of APTA for 4 years. I currently serve on the APTA SC nominating committee, a member of APTA AoA and SIG for Clinical Education and was recently appointed as a liaison to the Lynda B. Woodruff Lecture Series Steering Committee.

Goals and Plans if elected?

My goal as secretary will be perform the specific functions of the position to include attendance at each Board meeting on the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m. Take minutes each meeting and send them out after each meeting. I plan to ask for reports as necessary, and work with the President to create an agenda and to send out for the next meeting. I will also send the agenda to the Board one week prior to Board meeting. In this capacity I will also act as a liaison to the smaller committee meetings and make sure there is a quorum for each meeting as well as being present as needed. My plan is to work with the Board members APTA SC and the Board of Directors to ensure the mission, vision, and success of APTA SC and APTA nationally.

Why are you qualified for this position?

I believe I am qualified for this position because of my previous and current leadership positions and experience in physical therapy.

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Board of Directors

Name:

Rochelle Bragg

Employer:

Select Physical Therapy - Ambulatory Outpatient

Education:

Associates in Health Science - Physical Therapist Assistant

Related Experience:

Work full time with direct patient care. Since 2009 have also served as the Multi-Site Clinical Coordinator of Education, starting with 12 locations growing to over 50 locations.

Member since 1996 with APTA and APTA SC. Served 2 two-year terms as Board Director 2020-2022 & 2022-2024. Currently being mentored for the By Laws Committee Chairperson for the last year.

Goals and Plans if elected?

My goal with being a Board Member in the past as well as moving forward has been one of three things. First, I want to be able to bring the voice and perspective of the Physical Therapist Assistant to the table. Second, I want to be a part of my state's Chapter of the Organization that continues to value Physical Therapist Assistants as a vital part of the Profession. Third, I would like to continue learning how I can help our profession and each other to reach our goals.

Why are you qualified for this position?

I would like to be considered qualified for this position based on the history of being organized and transparent from previous Board Director positions and my long history as an effective and organized Clinical Coordinator of Education. I have worked in other settings besides ambulatory outpatient and am aware of other setting perspectives and challenges that Physical Therapy and Physical Therapist Assistants face. Thank you for the nomination and consideration.

Video: coming soon

Name:

Sherry Fadel

Employer:

ACCE, Faculty Midlands Technical College

Education:

Master of Science in Physical Therapy, Duke University, 1991

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Wheaton College, 1989

Related Experience:

I graduated with a BA in Psychology from Wheaton College in 1989 and an MS in Physical Therapy from Duke University in 1991. I practiced as a Physical Therapist for 24 years in a variety of clinical environments with the majority of my career in outpatient orthopedics and administration including roles as Midwest Region Manager of Clinical Services and Director of Program Development for a national company. Since 2016, I have served as the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education and faculty for the Midlands Technical College PTA Program in Columbia, SC with a focused teaching emphasis on clinical education, functional anatomy, pathology and orthopedics.

I have been a member of the APTA since 1989 and I am currently a Credentialed Clinical Trainer for the APTA CCIP Level 1 Course. I coordinated as host for the APTA SC annual conference and a Midlands APTA SC district meeting in 2024, presenting on the use of high fidelity simulation in physical therapy education.

Goals and Plans if elected?

If elected, I plan to work with APTA SC leadership to support the overall goals of the organization. As an ACCE, I have developed an extensive network of relationships with practicing clinicians and it is my goal to increase awareness and participation in APTA SC initiatives, facilitate communication between clinicians and APTA SC and increase Physical Therapist Assistant engagement with APTA SC.

Why are you qualified for this position?

I believe that I am qualified for this position due to my previous clinician and leadership roles and my experience working with many SC clinicians in their roles as Clinical Educators.

Video: <https://youtu.be/iFYWGgw8ApE>

Name:

Gretchen Seif

Employer:

The Medical University of South Carolina

Education:

Regis University, Denver, Colorado, 2007-December 2009, Physical Therapy
Doctor of Physical Therapy Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, 1995-December 1997, Physical Therapy
Master's in Health Sciences The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1988-June 1993, Physical Therapy
Bachelor of Science in Allied Health Professions, (Physical Therapy)

Related Experience:

Community Service:

Director of the CARES Therapy Clinic, 2023-present
Physical Therapist Faculty Advisor to the CARES PT/OT Clinic, 2010-present
Physical Therapist Volunteer at CARES PT/OT Clinic, 2005-present
Chair of Donations Committee for the Lowcountry Splash Benefits Logan Rutledge Foundation, 2003 and 2004
Vice President Palmetto Masters swim team, 2005-2009
President of Palmetto Masters, 1998-2005
Mentor for High School Student at The Academic Magnet School, School year 1999-2000
Services to the University/College/School on Committees/Councils/Commissions:
College of Health Professions, Division of PT, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, 2024-present
College of Health Professions, Division of PT, Chair of the Policy and Procedure Committee, 2022-2024
College of Health Professions, Division of PT, Chair of the Professionalism Committee, 2022-2024
College of Health Professions, Division of PT, member of the Curriculum Committee, 2022-2024
College of Health Professions, Division of PT, Chair of the PT DCE Faculty Search Committee, 2024
College of Health Professions, Division of PT, Member of the PT Hybrid Assistant Director Faculty Search Committee, 2024
College of Health Professions, Division of PT, Member of the PT Hybrid Student Affairs Faculty Search Committee, 2024
College of Health Professions, Division of PT, Member of the PT Orthopedic Faculty Search Committee, 2024
Medical University of South Carolina, Education Innovation Advocate CHP representative, 2022-present
College of Health Professions, CHP Education Innovation Committee, Chair, 2022-present
College of Health Professions, OT Faculty Search Committee Chair, Fall 2022
College of Health Professions, SLP Faculty Search Committee, August 2021

College of Health Professions, Faculty Assembly Immediate past chair, August 2021-August 2022
College of Health Professions, Faculty Assembly Chair-elect, August 2020-August 2021
College of Health Professions, Innovative Online Lab Teaching Work Group, Chair, April 2020
College of Health Professions, Faculty Assembly Chair, August 2020-August 2021
College of Health Professions, Faculty Assembly Chair-elect, August 2019-August 2020
College of Health Professions, Faculty Assembly Secretary, August 2018-August 2019.
College of Health Professions, Staff Awards and Recognition Committee, August 2018-2020
College of Health Professions, OT Faculty Search Committee, 2018
Medical University of South Carolina, University Strategic Planning Committee Model Classroom, Subcommittee Chair on the committee for educational technology, 2016-2018
College of Health Professions, IA Task Force, 2016
College of Health Professions, Faculty Assembly Secretary, August 2015-August 2016
College of Health Professions, Division of Physical Therapy Outcomes Committee, 2008 to present, Chair 2017-2024
College of Health Professions, Scholarship Committee, January 2015-2021
College of Health Professions, Strategic Planning Work Group #6, Chair, April 2015-April 2016
College of Health Professions, Space Utilization Task Force, Chair, December 2014-February 2015
Medical University of South Carolina, ARROW Monthly Leadership Newsletter, Co-Chair, 2014-2022
College of Health Professions, Faculty Practice Task Force, 2013-2014
College of Health Professions, Interim Review Committee, 2013-Spring 2014
College of Health Professions, Educational Technology Committee, 2011-2015
College of Health Professions, Secretary Faculty Assembly, 2011-2013
College of Health Professions, Faculty representative of CHP Staff Awards and Recognition Committee, 2009-2013 and 2017-2020
College of Health Professions, Awards Committee Chair/Faculty Council, 2009-2011
College of Health Professions, Newsletter Liaison/CHP Reporter for PT Division, 2009-2010
College of Health Professions, Reunion Committee, 2009-2010
College of Health Professions, Shared Server Task Force, 2009

American Physical Therapy Association Academy of Orthopedics 2021-2023
Delegate to APTA House of Delegates, Education Committee Member 2020-2024
Academy of Education APTA PAC SC Liaison: 2017-present
South Carolina American Physical Therapy Association President: 2012-2016
SC Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates: 2011-2016
President-Elect: 2011-2012
Chair of the Programs Committee: 2011-2014
Member of Programs Committee: 2014-2020
Member of the Legislative Committee: 2006-2020
Member of the SCAPTA Moving Forward 5K Committee: 2015-2018
Chair of the Dry Needling Task Force: 2015-2018 Nominating Committee, 2010
Member of Board of Directors 2006-2010

SCAPTA/APTA Federal Affairs Liaison 2007-2010
Newsletter Chair 2000-2006
Chair of POPTs Committee 2003
Annual Conference Committee 1994

Goals and Plans if elected?

As a Board of Directors (BOD) member of APTA SC, my goal is to enhance the profession of physical therapy across South Carolina by focusing on:

1. Professional Development: Expanding continuing education and mentorship opportunities to empower clinicians with cutting-edge knowledge and skills.
2. Advocacy for the Profession: Strengthening APTA SC's presence in state and national legislative arenas to ensure physical therapists are recognized as essential healthcare providers and to advocate for policies that support practice growth and patient access.
3. Member Engagement: Increasing member involvement through innovative programs, resources, and events that align with the diverse needs of physical therapists across all practice settings.
4. Collaboration and Outreach: Building stronger partnerships with other professional organizations and healthcare stakeholders to promote interdisciplinary collaboration and raise awareness of physical therapy's value.

Through these initiatives, I aim to help APTA SC continue to lead the way in advancing physical therapy in South Carolina.

Why are you qualified for this position?

I bring extensive experience as a physical therapist, educator, and leader to this role.

My qualifications include:

Leadership Experience: Serving as SCAPTA President, Education Committee member, and Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates, I have successfully implemented impactful programs and represented the profession on important platforms.

Advocacy Expertise: I have worked to advance legislative priorities for physical therapy at both state and national levels, ensuring our profession's voice is heard and valued.

Commitment to Professional Growth: As an Orthopedic Certified Specialist, a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists, and a mentor to physical therapy residents, I have consistently supported the growth and development of clinicians at all stages of their careers.

Innovative Educator: As a faculty member and curriculum leader, I have developed educational programs that equip physical therapists to excel in their roles and adapt to evolving demands in healthcare.

My deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing physical therapists in South Carolina, combined with a proven ability to lead and collaborate, positions me to serve effectively on the APTA SC Board of Directors.

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Nominating Committee

Name:

Mary Ann Ketterman

Employer:

Dosher Physical Therapy Associates

Education:

MUSC -- Master of Science in Rehabilitation Science, Physical Therapy, and a Doctor of Physical Therapy

Related Experience:

I work for Dosher Physical Therapy in a contract with AnMed Cannon. As Clinical Director, I evaluate and treat patients in the acute care and outpatient rehab settings, as well as being responsible for review of clinical documentation for the department.

I've been a full PT member since 2003. I am currently finishing my second term as secretary for APTA SC and have previously served two terms as a director. I am the board liaison to the Bylaws committee.

Goals and Plans if elected?

I would love the opportunity to work alongside the board in getting more members involved in running for elected offices and positions; I would love to see some really full ballots over the next few years.

Why are you qualified for this position?

As a current and former board member, I think I have a good understanding of what is needed for someone to be involved on the board or for any of the elected positions. I think that would be very helpful in this role.

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