

# **Kathleen K Mairella PT DPT MA**

Candidate for Delegate



The APTA House of Delegates is the representative body elected by the membership to set direction and policy for the profession. I am honored to add my name to the slate for APTAnj Delegate for 2019-2020, and would very much like to again serve in the New Jersey delegation if elected.

Throughout my career I have believed that physical therapy is a solution to some of the critical issues within health care delivery. As a profession, we must be well positioned to demonstrate our value in limiting the overall cost of health care, while promoting health and accessible, quality health care.

The House of Delegates has the responsibility to direct APTA leadership and staff by establishing professional priorities and strategies. I believe that my prior APTA and APTAnj leadership experience would be helpful to the NJ delegation and chapter in meeting those responsibilities. After concluding an 8 year term on the APTA Board of Directors in June 2017, and serving as an Alternate Delegate for the 2018 House of Delegates, I welcome the opportunity to contribute, and especially the opportunity to mentor New Jersey's new delegates and New Professionals.

While I served on the APTA Board, my work assignments included chairing the Leadership Development Committee, the Strategic Planning Board Workgroup, and the Best Practice in Clinical Education Workgroup, and serving as a member of the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, Finance and Audit Committee, and liaison to the Student Assembly and numerous chapters and sections. My "day job" position as Director of Clinical Education at the Rutgers (Newark) DPT Program connects me with clinicians, students and faculty on a daily basis. I believe these experiences would add value to service as a NJ Delegate.

APTAnj, and especially the NJ delegation, supported me as I transitioned from my roles in APTAnj leadership, including President and Chief Delegate, to my APTA national roles. I look forward to once again becoming engaged in New Jersey activities, and would appreciate your vote to serve as a member of the NJ Delegation.

Thank you.