



**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 interested in continuing to serve as a member of the New Jersey delegation for 2021-2022. My history and experience of APTA and APTANJ leadership, including mentorship of developing leaders, students and new professionals, contribute to the effectiveness of the NJ delegation. Since concluding an 8-year term on the APTA Board of Directors in June 2017, I served as an APTANJ Alternate Delegate in 2018, and am currently serving a 2-year term as Delegate (2019-2020). I have welcomed the opportunity to again contribute to my home chapter, after serving in APTANJ leadership positions for 12 years (1996-2008).

The House of Delegates has the responsibility to direct APTA leadership and staff by electing national leaders and developing positions that establish professional priorities. As we face a continuously evolving health care system, it is critical to have a representative body of members who are knowledgeable and committed to meeting those responsibilities. My position as Director of Clinical Education at the Rutgers (Newark) DPT Program connects me with clinicians, students and faculty on a daily basis, contributing to my ability to represent the interests of members and potential members.

2021 marks the Centennial of the American Physical Therapy Association. While this is a time of celebration and recognition of accomplishments, it is also a time for serious discussion of the future of APTA in its second century. I have been appointed as the Chair of the House of Delegates Special Committee to Review Bylaws and Propose Amendments, which is charged to examine APTA Bylaws at the national level and bring amendments to the 2021 House of Delegates. This effort is foundational to APTA's future, and I believe I will be most effective in this role while serving as an APTANJ delegate.

I am most grateful for the support of my APTANj colleagues and would appreciate your vote for 2021-2022 Delegate.

