



NCPTA CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FORM

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CANDIDATE NAME: Eileen Rodri Carter, PT, DPT, MBA

NCPTA Position: NCPTA Delegate

Previous NCPTA/APTA Involvement and Relevant Experiences:

APTA/NCPTA member, 1979-present.
Co-Chair NCPTA Nominating Committee, 2016-Present.
NCPTA Exhibits Chair, January 2009-2015.
NCPTA Scholarship and Loan Committee member and Chair, 2004-2010.
NCPTA Nominating Committee member, 2004-2007.
NCPTA President, October 1998-October 2004.
NCPTA Coastal District Vice-Chair 2004-2008.
NCPTA Exhibits Chair, 1992-1998. NCPTA Coastal District Secretary and Vice Chair 1993-1998.
NCPTA Chief Delegate, 2009-2015.
APTA Delegate, 1992-present.
APTA Spinal Manipulation Task Force, 1997-2000.
APTA Nominating Committee candidate, 2004 and 2017.
APTA Nominating Committee Campaign Manager for NC candidate, 2008.

Reason(s) for Pursuing This Position (*100 words or less*)

I am a dedicated and hard worker and will perform the necessary tasks to get the job done.

I have the skills and vision to assist the Delegation in building consensus and encouraging our delegation in making the right decisions.

I am honest and dependable and will continue to listen and offer my ideas to assist the delegation in making the right decisions in the House of Delegates(HOD).

Helen Keller once stated, "Alone we can do so little, TOGETHER we can do so much."

Let us work TOGETHER for the APTA HOD, our profession and our patients.

I respectfully ask for your vote for the position of NCPTA Delegate.

What Contributions to the Position Will You Make (100 words or less):

1. Experience and historical knowledge of the HOD
2. Loyalty
3. Dependability
4. Able to Communicate to the membership and other APTA delegations
5. Honesty
6. A good listener
7. Passionate
8. Collaborative
9. Reliable
10. Efficient and Effective
11. Inclusive
12. Respect other's ideas even if I do not agree

Education (40 words or less):

Doctor of Physical Therapy, Northeastern University
Boston, MA
2016

Masters Business Administration, East Carolina University,
Greenville, NC
1991

Bachelors of Science Physical Therapy, East Carolina University
Greenville, NC
1981

Current Employer:

Comprehensive Rehab of Wilson, Inc.

Thank you for your interest.

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CANDIDATE NAME: Deidra Ellen Debnam, PT, DPT, CSCS

NCPTA Position: Delegate

Previous NCPTA/APTA Involvement and Relevant Experiences:

Duke DPT Summer Discovery Program, Mentor, June 2017 - present

NCPTA Advocacy Day, April 11, 2017

Federal Advocacy Forum, March 26-28th, 2017

PT Day on Capitol Hill, June 3-4, 2015

NCPTA Advocacy Day, March 24th, 2015

UNC DPT Student Advisory Committee Member, 2015

UNC Department of Allied Health Sciences Student Ambassador, 2012-2015

9th Annual UNC DPT Golf Tournament benefiting the *Foundation for Physical Therapy*,
Co-Chair, 2014

UNC DPT Student Physical Therapy Association, Vice-President, 2013-2014

Reason(s) for Pursuing This Position (*100 words or less*)

My previous participation in advocacy and service at the state and national level has been fueled by my desire to expand my professional contributions outside of the clinical setting. I've seen first hand how a group of committed individuals can come together and implement change, and how constructive dialogue followed by action can facilitate a positive transformation. I am committed to being a voice for the student, professor, clinician, practice owner and the researcher to ensure the direction of the profession is in line with the vision of our collective body.

What Contributions to the Position Will You Make (*100 words or less*):

As a practicing clinician who is not very far removed from the academic setting and is currently engaged in patient care and clinical instruction, I can appreciate both academic and clinical perspectives when critiquing various policies affecting physical therapists and patient interests. The House of Delegates recently approved a charge to “implement best practice strategies to advance diversity and inclusion within the profession of physical therapy.” I truly believe my personal and professional experiences as a minority health professional have afforded me with practical knowledge that can help facilitate this effort throughout the physical therapy profession.

Education (*40 words or less*):

B.A. in Exercise in Sport Science - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Doctorate of Physical Therapy - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Current Employer: Pivot Physical Therapy (Fayetteville, NC)

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CANDIDATE NAME: Ginger Garner

NCPTA Position: Delegate

Previous NCPTA/APTA Involvement and Relevant Experiences:

Alternate delegate in previous year

Reason(s) for Pursuing This Position (*100 words or less*)

To forward the profession of physical therapy to become a frontline primary care provider across the lifespan and evolve past its “rehab aide” roots that still linger and limit our identity and potential in the 21st century.

What Contributions to the Position Will You Make (*100 words or less*):

As a NC delegate:

I would like encourage a larger conversation on the definition of physical therapy and its practice so we may begin to fully embrace and encompass wellness and prevention, including integrative and mindfulness therapies in practice, as well as develop definitive strategies that will widen the job horizons of present and future physical therapists in healthcare and wellness fields.

I would also like to see our scope of practice broadened to pursue the leadership and clinical responsibilities that the Army has spearheaded, in past and present, which would be more fitting with our level of doctoral education.

Education (*40 words or less*):

BA – 1995 The University of North Carolina at Wilmington
MPT - 1998 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
tDPT - 2016 The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Current Employer:

Living Well, Inc, where I am CEO.

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CANDIDATE NAME: Mary C. (Mary Kay) Hannah

NCPTA Position: Delegate

Previous NCPTA/APTA Involvement and Relevant Experiences:

- Delegate to APTA House of Delegates from NC 2011 – present
- Director at Large for Conference Planning 2016 – present
- Appointed fifth member of NCPTA Executive Committee 2016
- Leader, Spinal Manipulation Task Force 2013 - present

Reason(s) for Pursuing This Position (100 words or less)

-I have served as a delegate for three 2-year terms and believe I have served the members of this state by learning about all sides of each issue and contributing to the professional discussion and voting with care and reason. One thing I have learned in my first six years is that it takes many years to make the relationships and learn the deep history of the progress of our profession. I would like to continue to serve to continue to pursue the knowledge and relationships that will ultimately result in the best decisions for our profession and our state.

What Contributions to the Position Will You Make (100 words or less):

-I hope to continue to work with the Chief delegate and the entire delegation to maintain our professional and civil discourse to the protection, progression, and best practice of physical therapy at the national level for all of our patients.

Education (40 words or less):

-BA John Carroll University (English), MA (Int'l Affairs) Golden Gate University, MA (English) Stanford University, MPT US Army-Baylor Graduate Program, tDPT Baylor University

Current Employer: Elon University



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CANDIDATE NAME: *Calvin Hung, FACHE, PT*

NCPTA Position: *House of Delegates*

Previous NCPTA/APTA Involvement and Relevant Experiences:

I serve as the current Vice-Chair for the Piedmont District. Have served in that position for the past 3 years. APTA member since 1998 with current HPA section membership. Have volunteered to serve with various sections at the Combined Sections Meetings in years past.

Reason(s) for Pursuing This Position (100 words or less)

I'm interested in learning more about APTA governance as well as get involved at a more national level. Understanding the APTA better may help me encourage my colleagues and students that I interface with in getting involved with the APTA and sharing its value with them. I also believe in contributing back to my profession and would enjoy the opportunity to network with other leaders at the state and national level.

What Contributions to the Position Will You Make (100 words or less):

I can bring a unique perspective to the position as a hospital administrator. My administrative responsibilities as well as various clinical specialties that I have obtained give me a different vantage point from which I view issues. I have a strong network of colleague leaders in the American College of Healthcare Executives and, with my current responsibilities, connect with therapy leaders across the state. I have also been recognized for my work in the space of diversity and inclusion which may also provide a unique perspective in the decisions that are made at the legislative level.

Education (*40 words or less*):

Masters in Health Administration- UNC-Charlotte 2006

Masters in Physical Therapy- Emory University 2000

BS- UNC-Chapel Hill 1993

Current Employer:

Carolinas Healthcare System

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CANDIDATE NAME: Erin T. Jacobson PT, DPT, OCS

NCPTA Position: Delegate

Previous NCPTA/APTA Involvement and Relevant Experiences:

APTA Member since 2006

SCAPTA Member 2006-2015

NCPTA Member 2015-Present

Served as Director on SCAPTA Board of Directors 2013-2015

Served as Board Liaison to the SCAPTA PR Committee 2013-2015

NCPTA Piedmont District Speaker 2017

Reason(s) for Pursuing This Position (*100 words or less*)

As a profession, we continue to face several challenges including the uncertainty of healthcare reform in the US, the Medicare Therapy Cap and scope of practice issues to name a few. I am eager to partner with NCPTA to continue to progress our profession forward. My goals for obtaining this position include serving the profession, acting as a representative for the collective voice of NCPTA members, continuing to develop leadership skills and cultivating lasting professional relationships.

What Contributions to the Position Will You Make (*100 words or less*):

I plan to continue to support initiatives and legislation that aim to limit infringement upon our scope of practice. I am prepared to help our profession provide evidence of the value of physical therapy and I want to be a part of the solutions for the challenges we are facing. NCPTA has created a very strong position for physical therapists in this state and I want to be a part of and contribute to that legacy. My hope would also be to use this position as a platform to engage others to serve the Association.

Education (*40 words or less*):

University of South Carolina
Doctor of Physical Therapy, 2008
BS in Exercise Science, 2005

EIM Institute of Health professions Orthopaedic Residency, 2011

Current Employer: Assistant Professor at Wingate University

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CANDIDATE NAME: **Dean McCall, PT, DPT, OCS**

NCPTA POSITION: **NC Delegate to APTA House of Delegates**

Previous NCPTA/APTA Involvement and Relevant Experiences:

PT PAC Chair 1997-2005

NCPTA Vice President and Legislative Chair 2005-2010, 2014-present

NCPTA President 2010-2013

NC Delegate to APTA House of Delegates (2005-2013)

APTA State and Federal Affairs Forum Key Contact (2005-Present)

Reason(s) for Pursuing This Position (100 words or less)

To be a member of the NC delegation in order to help develop, debate and decide policies and positions that guide, protect and promote our profession now and for the future.

What Contributions to the Position Will You Make (100 words or less):

I offer extensive experience and institutional knowledge, having served as delegate many years before. I also bring experience as a former chapter president and national APTA officer. I would continue to serve the association and the chapter by representing NCPTA membership at large in setting new policy and positional direction of the APTA and our profession. This would include emphasis on elevating physical therapy's position and role within the health care delivery system for our profession and our members, as well as continuing to fight for better access to PT and education about PT for the consumers we serve.

Education (40 words or less):

East Carolina University

BS in Psychology

Martin Community College

AAS

Duke University

Doctor of Physical Therapy

ABPTS Certified Specialist

Orthopedics

Current Employer: Roanoke Therapy Services, Inc.



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CANDIDATE NAME: **Ivan John Orta, PT, DPT**

NCPTA Position: **Delegate to the House**

Previous NCPTA/APTA Involvement and Relevant Experiences:

For the second year in a row I was elected as an alternate to the House of Delegates where I was moved up to a full delegate when another delegate was unable to attend. I have been a member of APTA since 1994, and have been actively attending NCPTA meeting for the past several years. I also have past experience being president, vice-president, and chairman of the board for a local, not for profit, civic organization.

Reason(s) for Pursuing This Position *(100 words or less)*

I have now experienced the House of Delegates as a full delegate for the second year in a row and I feel compelled to put my increasing knowledge and experience to use and commit myself to service to our profession. I became very interested in serving and giving back to our profession since taking the professional practice course while pursuing my DPT.

What Contributions to the Position Will You Make *(100 words or less)*:

I hope put my experience to use by pushing for legislature at the state and national level to allow physical therapists to have autonomy with determining the ability of an athlete for return to play in the high school level, as athletic trainers do. This includes legislation that will

allow for ordering of radiographic studies and ability to order NSAID's and low level pain medicines for patients.

Education (*40 words or less*):

**B.S. Exercise Science 1991-University at Buffalo,
B.S Physical Therapy 1993-University at Buffalo,
DPT Physical Therapy 2014-A.T. Still University,**

Current Employer: Healthpro Heritage Healthcare

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CANDIDATE NAME: Patricia Rode, PT, DPT

NCPTA Position: NCPTA Delegate to the APTA HOD

Previous NCPTA/APTA Involvement and Relevant Experiences:

APTA Member; 1979 to present

NCPTA/HOD: Alt Delegate 1997, Delegate, 1998-2001, 2005-2009, 2010-2017.

APTA Brand Champion 2009-present,

APTA Orthopedic Section member 1989-present

Health Policy and Administration Section Member 2015-present

NCPTA Member; 1989 to present

Sandhills District Secretary 1991-1998, 2016-present

Sandhills District Chair 1998-2001

NCPTA Chapter Secretary 2001-2007

Reimbursement Committee 2007-2011

NCPTA PR Branding Chair 2009-2011

Ortho SIG Secretary 2010-2011

PAC Co-Chair 2017

NC Board of PT Examiners; 2011-2014

Task Force on Dry Needling 2012-2013

Task Force on Telehealth 2012-2013

Investigative Committee member 2012-2014

Federation of State Boards; 2011-present

NC Alt Delegate to Federation 2012

NC Delegate to Federation 2013

Reason(s) for Pursuing This Position (100 words or less);

The HOD is the highest rule making body of our profession. The APTA is our professional membership association that is driven by the decisions made by the HOD who are elected and are representative of all members. The decisions made by the HOD help move our profession forward towards our vision of, "transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience." We do this together through collaboration and negotiations. The focus is on assuring ease of access, hi quality and cost-effective healthcare and best physical therapy practice. Being a part of the process is both exciting and satisfying and a way I can continue to give back to our profession and the future of physical therapy.

What Contributions to the Position Will You Make (100 words or less):

Being a delegate requires being in touch with members and understanding the issues and concerns they have related to the profession of physical therapy. Whether they have concerns of access, practice, reimbursement, professional education or other issues impacting their ability to provide physical therapy to the community they serve, all members have the right to be heard. I believe my various roles in NCPTA keep me in touch with the members. Concerns voiced by members can be brought to the HOD for discussion and action, if appropriate. "Together we are strong." My past experience as delegate has opened doors for networking with other chapters across the US that may be experiencing some of the same issues and concerns we face in NC. To be able to address issues and formulate corrective action, takes leadership skills including good listening, communication and collaboration while networking with as many others as possible.

Education (40 words or less):

DPT, Des Moines University, Des Moines, Iowa 2008

BS PT, SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 1979

AS, Suffolk Community College, Selden, NY

Current Employer:

Pivot Therapy/PT Compliance Group; audit and compliance consultant

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CANDIDATE NAME: Todd Telemeco

NCPTA Position: Delegate

Previous NCPTA/APTA Involvement and Relevant Experiences:

I am an active member of the Sandhills District for the NCPTA. I have not held other positions within the NCPTA/APTA.

I am the Dean for the School of Health Sciences and Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy. As an educator and leader, I have experience representing a diverse group of individuals with varying needs.

I have also participated in the NC legislative days, providing my support for legislative issues facing the practice of Physical Therapy in North Carolina.

Reason(s) for Pursuing This Position (*100 words or less*)

I am pursuing this position to communicate the needs and issues relevant to physical therapy practice from the State of North Carolina to the APTA House of Delegates. As a Dean and Chair of a successful program from a “teaching first” institution, I hope to bring a unique perspective to the issues that face Physical Therapy, particularly when issues arise that relate to education. In addition, I owned a success PT practice and now own a PT contract based EMG/NCV practice. Therefore, I understand the needs of physical therapists through the lens of a small business owner.

What Contributions to the Position Will You Make (*100 words or less*):

As a NC delegate to the House of Delegates, I hope to successfully articulate the needs of NC physical therapists to the larger body of therapists. In addition, I hope to take part in other task forces that develop from the work of the House of Delegates. In this way, I hope to serve the needs of NC in issues that have national impact.

Education (*40 words or less*):

PhD, Anatomy, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond Virginia (2004)

MPT, Shenandoah University, Winchester Virginia (1997)

tDPT, Shenandoah University, Winchester Virginia (2008)

B.S. in Biology, Shenandoah University, Winchester Virginia (1994)

B.S. in Health Sciences, Shenandoah University, Winchester Virginia (1994)

ABPTS Certification, Clinical Electrophysiology (2012)

Fellow, Education Leadership Institute of the APTA (2014)

Current Employer:

Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC

Thank you for your interest.

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