

2023 Director Candidate Information

The APT Nominations Committee is pleased to present the APT membership with a recommended slate of candidates for the four open positions on the APT Board. Candidates elected will serve a three-year term to the APT Board of Directors. Professional members in good standing as of June 1, 2023 will receive a personalized link via email to cast their vote during the **June 7 through June 20** election. More information will be shared weekly in our Play Today digital newsletter.



Rebeca Chow,
PhD, LPC, LCPC, RPT-S
Discipline: Counseling Education and Supervision
Position: Clinical Director of Counseling Services, Leawood, KS
Member Since: 2004
Leadership Graduate: 2010
APT Service: Board of Directors, Member: 2020 – present • Poster Presenter at APT Conference: 2022 • Play Therapy™ Magazine Author: 2022
APT Committees: International: 2019-20 • University Education: 2010-18 • Technology: 2005-07
Branch Service: Missouri APT: Advisor to the Board • Kansas APT: Advisor to the Board • Turkey APT: Founder and Advisor
APT Outcome Goals: APT is an organization that focuses on raising the quality of services for the community through credentialing, training, and service opportunities to ensure its mission.



Elizabeth Kjellstrand Hartwig,
PhD, LMFT-S, LPC-S, RPT-S
Discipline: Marriage and Family Therapy
Position: Associate Professor, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
Member Since: 2009
Leadership Graduate: 2015
APT Service: APT Board of Directors: 2020-23; Secretary: 2021-22 • Presenter at APT Conference • Contributor to the International Journal of Play Therapy +
APT Committees: Research: 2018-20 • University Education: 2015-20
Branch Service: Texas APT: Past President 2018-19; President 2017-18; President-Elect 2016-17; Secretary 2012-13; TAPT Dan E. Homeyer Research Award Selection Committee, 2012, 2015, 2016
APT Outcome Goals: APT exists to promote the value of play therapy and credentialed play therapists to support the social, emotional, and psychological wellbeing of all people.



Julie Nash,
PhD, RPT-S
Discipline: Clinical Psychology
Position: Owner, Riverside Psychological Associates, LLC, Centerbrook, CT
Member Since: 2008
Leadership Graduate: 2014
APT Service: Presenter at APT Conference: 8 years since 2011 • Play Therapy™ Magazine Author
APT Committees: Branch Task Force: 2022 – present • Conference Program: 2016 - present, Chair 2021-22 • International Journal of Play Therapy®, Guest Reviewer: 2019 -present • Play Therapy™ Magazine Reviewer: 2012 – present • Nominations: 2015 - 22
Branch Service: New England APT: President 2018-22; Board of Directors: 2011-22; Newsletter Editor: 2011 - 18
APT Outcome Goals: Trained and credentialed play therapists to provide effective, research-supported play therapy for the public and an engaging professional organization for play therapists.



Kristi Perryman,
PhD, LPC-S, RPT-S, CCPT-S
+ Discipline: Counseling
+ Position: Associate Professor, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
+ Member Since: 1997
+ Leadership Graduate: 2015
+ APT Service: APT Board of Directors: 2020-present • Presenter at APT Conference: 2022, 2021 • Poster Presenter at APT Conference: 2021 • Contributor to the International Journal of Play Therapy: 2020 + APT Committees: Research: 2016-19 • Registration and Continuing Education Committee: 2008 -19 • Conference Program: 2015-16
Branch Service: Missouri APT: President 2009-10 • Keynote Speaker at Missouri APT Conference 2007 • Co-hosted Arkansas APT Conference: 2018 • Founder and director of Arkansas Office of Play Therapy Research & Training
+ APT Outcome Goals: APT should strive to promote play therapy through ethical and professionally sound principles through education, research and leadership in the field.