



The OPTA Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for the 2019 elections. Additional nominations from the floor can be made during the Annual Membership Recognition Meeting & Luncheon at the OPTA Annual Conference on April 6, 2019. Following closure of all nominations, elections of all open offices will be completed by electronic voting. All OPTA members will receive an email with login instructions to place your votes through AssociationVoting.com. Elections will remain open for 30 days, beginning April 6, 2019, and ending on May 5, 2019.

## **2019 OPTA SLATE OF CANDIDATES**

### **Candidate for President - 3 year term (1 to be elected)**

Tonya Apke, PT, DPT

### **Candidate for Director I - 3 year term (1 to be elected)**

Jessica Iams, PT, DPT

Jane Keehan, PT, PhD

### **Candidates for PTA Caucus Rep - 3 year term (1 to be elected)**

Natasha Konkle, PTA

### **Candidates for Delegate - 3 year term (4 to be elected)**

Lucinda Bouillon, PT, PhD

Nancy Durban, PT, DPT, MS

Amy Hassen, PT, DPT

Jessica Iams, PT, DPT

Heather Schradin, PT, DPT, CIDN

# Tonya Apke, PT, DPT



District:	Central
Date of Chapter Membership:	1991



## CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated for President for the OPTA to potentially serve a second term. This past year and a half as your president has been personally and professionally invigorating! I absolutely love our profession and how we transform lives every day. Surrounded by a tremendously dedicated executive board, a tireless staff, and countless leaders across Ohio, we have passed our diagnosis legislation (HB 131) and made our mark as an organization who is committed to integrity, teamwork and always advocating for the best for our patients. I truly believe that we are better together and have the capability to improve the lives of our members, our patients and society.

My passion for mentoring our students and new professionals continues and I'm thrilled with the launch of our new Early Professional SIG. This group is a great community for our newest professionals and I look forward to working with them as they develop their policies and procedures. In addition, we just held a PTA focus group to learn how we can improve our efforts to engage our PTAs and build a more inclusive environment within OPTA.

I have a few key goals for these next four years. First, I want to work collaboratively with our fellow healthcare organizations and others to develop strategies to combat the opioid crisis in Ohio. As physical therapists, we have an important role in prevention and treatment of pain and have already been recognized in the literature as a key player in this horrific health issue. Second, I want to develop a leadership initiative to assist our members in developing key leadership qualities they can utilize in their roles within their organization, for the OPTA and in the community. Finally, I want to grow our membership so that we can be an even stronger, more vibrant and more effective organization to address the issues of our patients, professionals and the healthcare community. This will take collaboration with our clinicians, educators, students, administrators, and researchers. In other words, all of us! Each of us has unique strengths and together we can grow the Association and build on our progress!

I would appreciate your vote and thank you for your continued dedication to our profession!

**EDUCATION:** MPT Hahnemann University 1991; t-DPT AT Still University 2005

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** DCE The Ohio State University

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

**National:** Academy of Education, Clinical Education SIG – Membership Secretary 2013-2018; Delegate 1997-2002

**State:** President OPTA July 2017-present; Director III – July 2011 June 2017; Student Liaison – 2005-2011;

**District:** SW District Chair 1998-2002; SW District Treasurer 1997-1998

**Other:** OH-KY Consortium member 1998-present; Treasurer 2004-2008; Vice-Chair – 2002-2008

**Honors/Awards:** OPTA Meritorious Service 2011; OSU School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences Faculty Service Award 2013;



# Jessica Iams, PT, DPT

## CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR I

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am grateful to have been slated for Director I. For nearly 20 years I have watched the Ohio Chapter evolve to be among those that other chapters try to emulate. We have a great group of well-informed professionals representing us and it would be my honor to serve alongside them. My experience in operating a private practice, educating students, and managing multiple rehab departments in a large hospital system will serve me well if elected to this role. I also have 5 years of experience on the Board of Directors, as well as 9 years serving 3 of our districts. I have met many great members from whom I have sought input and am ready to serve. If elected, I will help our chapter continue to grow and adapt in our ever-changing healthcare environment. Thank you for your consideration.



District:	Southwest
Date of Chapter Membership:	1999

**EDUCATION:** Ohio University, BS Psychology; Walsh University, MS Physical Therapy; Alabama State University, DPT

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Trihealth Corporate Health Rehab Supervisor

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

**National:** APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor, APTA House of Delegates

**State:** Director II Policy Committee Chair, Task Force Chair, State Affairs Committee, Continuing Education Committee

**District:** Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Membership Chair

**Other:** Redistricting Task Force, Term Protection Task Force, New Professional Network Committee, Education Advisory Board, Guest Speaker, Mentor

**Honors/Awards:** Certificate of Excellence in Clinical Education



# Jane Keehan, PT, PhD



## CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR I

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

It is truly an honor to be nominated and to be slated for the position of Director I

I have had the distinct pleasure of being involved with OPTA over the past many years and I would not trade this experience for anything. I have lived and worked in different states but I truly believe that Ohio is one of the best states to practice as a PT. I believe that I have a passion for our profession and a passion for leadership specifically as it relates to innovation. I like to “think outside of the box” and listen to all different points of view.

I truly believe that to be successful in an organization, listening and inclusion come first. We have such a rich history with our physical therapy profession in our state. We also have incredibly bright new professionals that will take us to the next level. I look forward to the opportunity to work with an inclusive PT team of both seasoned professionals, and new professionals. With this mix, success is guaranteed.

I humbly request your vote for Director, I and look forward to serving our profession and association if I am elected. Thank you for your consideration.

District:	Northeast
Date of Chapter Membership:	1987

**EDUCATION:** Bachelors Physical Therapy, Masters Exercise Science, PhD Physical Therapy , Board Certified Specialist , Orthopedics

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Associate . Clinical Professor at Cleveland State University

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

**State:** Delegate for Ohio 2008-2017, Research Committee member, Nevada Chapter President 2002-2005

**District:** North East District Liaison to DPT school

**Other:** Section member of the following APTA academies: Education, Orthopedics , Health Policy ( HPA the Catalyst) Advisory Board member for Cuyahoga Community College Physical Therapy Assistant Program

**Honors/Awards:** Outstanding Physical Therapist for Ohio Physical Therapy Association 2012 (awarded 3-2013)

# Natasha Konkle, PTA



## CANDIDATE FOR PTA CAUCUS REPRESENTATIVE



### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored and excited to have been nominated for the PTA Caucus Representative. I have been fortunate early in my career to work alongside talented PTs and PTAs who have motivated and encouraged me to pursue opportunities to learn and grow as a clinician and leader. If elected, I would continue the effort to increase PTA membership in the APTA, starting with our student body and PTA programs throughout Ohio. I am committed to upholding the values of the OPTA, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve and represent the OPTA while collaborating with our leaders to promote growth and progress in our profession.

District:	Central
Date of Chapter Membership:	2015

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Arts - Exercise Studies, Associate of Applied Science - Physical Therapist Assistant Program

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** OSU Wexner Medical Center Sports Medicine Physical Therapy, Gahanna, Ohio

# Lucinda Bouillon, PT, PhD



District:	Northwest
Date of Chapter Membership:	2006



## CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated as a delegate for the Ohio Chapter. I have had the opportunity to be involved as a board member with the Northwest District for over 10 years, and this past year serving as chairperson. In addition, I have been fortunate to be employed in academia working with students, faculty, and clinicians. The diverse experiences have awarded me opportunities to gain input from many stakeholders and understand the challenges of our profession. I have also learned that these obstacles can be overcome by sound decision making and advocating for policies that support and strengthen our profession. The service of delegate would allow me to use my leadership skills to advance our profession. I am so very proud of our physical therapy practice and passionate in making our future better. It is with sincerity and dedication to our profession that I ask for your support to serve as delegate for the Ohio Chapter.

**EDUCATION:** MEd, MPT, PhD

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** University of Toledo

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

**National:** Communication committee member, Research section 2012-2015

**State:** Research committee member 2011-present

**District:** Chairperson 2017-2020, Co-chair Continuing Education committee 2007-2017

**Other professional Activities:** Taskforce member of FSBPT, 2017 to present

**Honors/Awards:** OPTA Grant Award 2018, Inducted to Academy of Advanced Item Writers, FSBPT 2017

# Nancy Durban, PT, DPT, MS



## CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Thank you for the opportunity to run as an Ohio Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates. I sincerely thank you for having confidence in me to represent you as a delegate in the past. As a member of the APTA I believe in our vision statement which challenges us as a profession to look outward, identify, and shape the transformation of society. Our profession is what it is today because of how the delegates at the House of Delegates guide and set the direction for the APTA to follow. The current Ohio Delegates are leading the way with this guidance. The Ohio delegation is currently working on motion concepts that will further transform our profession. I would love the opportunity to help finish the work we have started for you. APTA President Sharon Dunn has said, "Simply embracing change does not create change—and it doesn't make change easy." This quote motivates me to not just let change happen but, to work hard directing the change for the better. Urban Meyer's motivational mantra last year was, "When I need you the most, you give us your very best." I am able and ready to work hard for you and give you my best to help in this transforming era of change, to continue with guiding our delegation in moving our profession forward and to make it the best it can ever be for you and our patients. I sincerely hope you elect me as your delegate. Thank you.



District:	Southwest
Date of Chapter Membership:	1995

**EDUCATION:** The Ohio State University, BS Physical Therapy; Virginia Commonwealth University, MS Physical Therapy; The University of Montana, Transitional DPT

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Medical Center; University of Cincinnati Physical Therapy Program Adjunct Professor—Course: Pain Science

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

**National:** APTA Media Corp Member 2018 to present; Academy of Orthopedic Physical Therapy, Pain Management Special Interest Group Vice President of Education 2014-2017, one term

**State:** Delegate to the House of Delegates, 2013 to present

**District:** Public Relations in charge of district newsletter 1998-2000

**Other:** OPTA OPTimize Presenter: The TENS Commandments; OPTA Oxford Debate Team, 2017; CCHMC: Knowledge Translation Presentation-Topic: Mirror Therapy Lecture and Lab, 2016; CCHMC Knowledge Translation Presentation-Topics: TENS, 2016; OPTA Fall Science Symposium TED Talk -Topic: Pediatric Treatment Guideline for CRPS, 2015; CCHMC Knowledge Translation Presentation-Topic: Pediatric Treatment Guideline for CRPS, 2015; APTA CSM Topic: Physical Therapy Management of Pediatric Patient with CRPS, 2015; APTA National Conference Topic: Physical Therapy Management of Pediatric Patient with CRPS, 2012; OPTA Ohio State Conference Poster presentation- Topic: Physical Therapy Management of Pediatric Patient with CRPS, 2011; APTA National Conference Topic: Intertester Reliability of Measurements Obtained With the KT-1000 on Patients with Reconstructed Anterior Cruciate Ligaments, 1993; APTA Virginia State Conference—Topic: Intertester Reliability of Measurements Obtained With the KT-1000 on Patients with Reconstructed Anterior Cruciate Ligaments, 1993.

# Amy Hassen, PT, DPT



## CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE



### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I have just completed my first term as a delegate for the state of Ohio. I am eager to continue to serve now that I have learned the process and have a better appreciation for the bigger picture. My previous work experience includes a large health system, smaller cooperation, smaller hospitals, government (Air Force) and academia. I am well suited to serve as an Ohio delegate having exposure to many settings as well as my tendency to stay current with changes and growth opportunities in our profession. Through my involvement in clinical education at Walsh University, I have the opportunity to talk with students and clinicians to learn how APTA policies have or may affect their daily clinical operations. I feel this perspective will allow me to represent the voices of Ohio Physical Therapists in the APTA House of Delegates.

District:	East Central
Date of Chapter Membership:	1997

**EDUCATION:** 2008 Doctorate of Physical Therapy, University of St. Augustine; 1999 Certificate of PT, Cleveland State University; 1997 Bachelor of Science, Ohio University

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Walsh University

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

**National:** Ohio Delegate for the American Physical Therapy Association 2014-15; 2016-2019; APTA Education Section Academic Faculty Special Interest Group Secretary 2012-2014; Education Section Membership Committee Member

**State:** Nevada Physical Therapy Association Board Member

**Other:** CSM Education section proposal reviewer 2013-present; International Journal of Sports Physical Therapy reviewer 2013-present

**Honors/Awards:** 2016 Excellence in Education Honoree- Ohio Magazine; Top platform presentation and Dick Erhard Excellence in Research Award- American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Therapists Conference in St. Louis, MO. 2016 Reneker JC, Hassen A, Phillips RJ, Moughiman MC, Donaldson M, Moughiman J. Effectiveness of early physical therapy intervention for patients with dizziness after a sports-related concussion: A randomized clinical trial. ; Top platform presentation and Dick Erhard Excellence in Research Award- American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Therapists Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, 2013. Petersen SM, Cook C, Donaldson MB, Hassen AL, Ellis AL, Learman KE. Augmented exercises and manual therapy: Effects on clinical outcomes and quantitative sensory testing. AAOMPT, 2013; Touro University Nevada Outstanding Employee 2011

# Jessica Iams, PT, DPT



## CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Thank you for your consideration to serve another term as an Ohio Delegate. I have found this to be an exciting and challenging role in our organization. I have spent countless hours reading the many comments of therapists from all over the country as we seek to adopt positions and research the next steps we will take as a profession. I enjoy the work that we do in the House of Delegates and appreciate the opportunity to represent Ohio as decisions are made that affect us and the direction our profession takes. We have the opportunity to engage other stakeholders in issues such as health literacy, the opioid epidemic, ethics among our professionals, therapist burnout, access to care, the role of the PTA, genetics literacy, and the many other issues facing our profession and country. This is an exciting role and one that I take very seriously by preparing all year to be at the House of Delegates for 4 days and helping to make these crucial decisions that affect our profession and the public.



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# Heather Schradin, PT, DPT, CIDN



## CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE

### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am honored to be nominated as a Delegate for the Ohio Chapter of the APTA. It has been a pleasure to serve as an alternate delegate in 2017, which gave me the opportunity to learn about the House of Delegates in detail. In addition, I currently serve as the Ohio PAC chair and attend state affairs meetings broadening my scope of practice and allowing me to be more in tune with issues outside of the clinic. As an active member of APTA and OPTA I am excited to continue to contribute to furthering our profession. I take pride in the responsibility which comes with my involvement in my association that supports the profession that I love. Healthcare continues to change rapidly requiring our profession to seek new, fresh, and innovative ideas to stay relevant in the future. Should I have the opportunity to serve as a delegate, I will bring new ideas while striving to listen to feedback from members on what is important to them. I hope to further promote the expansion of our scope of practice for PT's and PTA's. I will also work to make it more affordable for patients to gain access to physical therapy. Thank you for considering me for a position in the House of Delegates.



District:	West Central
Date of Chapter Membership:	2010

**EDUCATION:** University of Cincinnati, DPT

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Kettering Health Network, Outpatient Orthopedics

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

**State:** Alternate Delegate; PAC chair

**District:** PAC chair

**Other:** CCCE for GV/SV Kettering Health Network; Clinical instructor; Presenter at Dayton Sports Symposium, WCD events and SWD events