

1st Vice Chair

Natalia Traverzo



Hello everyone! My name is Natalia Traverzo, and I am excited for the opportunity to be considered as first vice chair. As a Houston native and growing professional, I have been inspired by leaders in our community to contribute to a continuous learning environment. I have been practicing in outpatient orthopedics with Harris Health System since 2019 and have appreciated the opportunity to engage and mentor physical therapy students and young professionals. The role as first vice chair aligns with my ambition to promote this profession and further bring our community together. If selected for this position, I will aim to increase student engagement, promote involvement opportunities, and enhance communication and networking among students and clinicians. I will work to serve as a key member in encouraging students to learn more about the profession, while also supporting them to play more active roles in the profession. I pledge to focus my organizational and communication skills, as well as my energy and time on the tasks needed to uphold this committee's impact on our young professionals. I strongly support TPTA's mission and vision to empower the physical therapy profession, and it would be a privilege to take this next step as first vice chair of the SED.

2nd Vice Co-Chair

Taryn Jurgella



I have been serving as one half of the 2nd Vice Co-Chair team for two terms now and I've been pleasantly surprised by how much I have enjoyed it. I would like to prolong my tenure as 2nd Vice Co-chair of the SED to ensure our local board continues to deliver a variety of Long Course options that attract attendees from across the region. It has been my pleasure to showcase the wide array of talent and knowledge our colleagues possess as the 2nd Vice Co-Chair team continues to curate CEU courses at the district meetings to meet the needs of our diverse profession. I am excited to move forward over the next two years in my third term as 2nd Vice Co-Chair to meet more of our local PT network, learn about our education needs, and strive to meet them through continued long course and district meeting CEU opportunities. I appreciate the opportunity to try my hand at this position for two terms and thank you in advance for your vote to continue on to my third term.

Secretary

Laurianne Dibb



I am a native Houstonian and work as a Physical Therapist at TIRR Memorial Hermann Outpatient Rehabilitation – Kirby Glen. I have been a PT for 4 years and working in Houston for 3. I am currently serving as Secretary of TPTA’s Southeast District and would like to serve another term. I am rerunning because I would like to continue to establish a more consistent and efficient ways of tracking, recording, and documenting our meetings and events. This pandemic prompted unique barriers to my first term here, but I’ve learned so much about how best to manage this role despite these challenges.

Treasurer

Ian Wallace



Ian Wallace is a licensed Physical Therapist with 10 years of experience practicing in Houston, Texas. Born in Channelview, Texas Ian is a 2009 graduate of the University of Houston and earned his DPT from Texas State University in 2012. A current employee of Memorial Hermann Hospital, he is board certified in orthopaedics and sports physical therapy and has achieved the status of Fellow in the American Academy of Manual Physical Therapists. As a practicing clinician Ian has been deeply involved in process improvement, patient satisfaction, and employee development initiatives. Ian is vested in progressing the Physical Therapy profession by supporting clinician development through continuing education and support of professional organizations. As Treasurer, he will diligently collaborate with the Southeastern District board in order to create and implement financial strategies to support the organization’s goals and events.

JR Alexander

Having transitioned to the city of Houston since my graduation from PT school 1.5 years ago, I have grown to appreciate being a part of the unique scene that is the SED of the TPTA. For me, the opportunity to serve in the treasurer position represents the opportunity to gain a greater ownership of my involvement in our local professional scene as well as grow in service for our wonderful profession. Although I am relatively young in my PT career, I have had many opportunities to serve in many roles akin to the treasurer role and have always strived to serve each role with due passion and excellence. Should I have the opportunity to serve as treasurer, I plan to approach my duties with the same vigor to serve our community well. I also hope to provide a unique viewpoint that will complement the SED committee as a whole. As a traditionally out-of-the box thinker, I thrive at introducing unique solutions and perspectives that provide a complementary approach to ideas and initiatives discussed in a team. With these skills as well as a passion and excitement for our profession, I hope to provide a unique set of qualifications that will serve the role of treasure well and further contribute to our growth as a district and PT community.

Chase Martin



It has been an honor to be considered for the position of a Nominating Committee Member. From starting physical therapy school at UTMB Medical Branch, I sought out leadership roles and opportunities to be involved in advocating for the profession, supporting our patients, and promoting next level clinical practice. At UTMB, I gained leadership experience by serving as my cohort's treasurer and the Texas Student Physical Therapy Association's Secretary. These positions allowed me to represent my fellow classmates and other Texas PT students at a local and state level. My responsibilities in the roles varied, but my communication and organizational skills were honed to be able to take and disseminate meeting minutes, organize events and fundraising opportunities, and create other written and oral communication measures in effective and efficient manners.

I also pursued advocacy measures that I could be involved in at the local, state, and national level, both inside at outside of the profession. As a student I was heavily involved in the APTA House of Delegates as a student usher and providing student insight to key motions over the years. During this time, I got to discuss ways that others in the profession were advocating for ourselves and our patients. There were also multiple times that I participated in organized advocacy efforts at the state capital advocating for direct access, contacting my representative for constituent insight and I was a planning committee member for the Houston-Area APRA National Advocacy Dinner.

After PT school, I started working in the hospital system, right during the height of the pandemic. Along with many of the challenges that came along with this area of practice during a world-wide crisis, I felt like I had so much room for growth to be able to provide physical therapy to the wide range of patients I was see. So, I sought out a residency program in the Houston area and was accepted into the Memorial Hermann's Acute Care Residency program in 2021.

I am highly motivated to be successful and put forth my best effort as a Nominating Committee Member to continue to progress this great profession and organization of ours.

Michael Tsang



Michael received a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. He completed his orthopaedic residency training at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and was an adjunct faculty member for the University of Pittsburgh Physical Therapy program. He is a ABPTS Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy. Michael is currently practicing at the Memorial

Hermann Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation facility in Katy, TX. He is a member of the Hip Preservation Program team and is a clinical mentor for the MH Orthopaedic Residency Program. Michael also specializes in treating playing-related injuries in musicians, and he currently serves as the Research Committee Chair of the AOPT Performing Arts SIG. He was selected to provide a poster presentation for the 2022 PT Combined Sections Meeting. My name is Michael Tsang, and I am seeking additional opportunities to network and become more involved within the Southeastern district of the TPTA. I hope to bring my clinical, education, and research experiences into this role as a Nominating Committee member. I strive to contribute to my community and profession by growing my clinical expertise and network. The Houston physical therapy community is so unique and diverse, and I would like to use this opportunity to meet and connect with other passionate physical therapists and organizations in the SED. I would be honored to accept the responsibility of utilizing and expanding my professional network to help with identifying potential candidates within our physical therapy community, as well as assisting in the selection of appropriate and qualified officers for the TPTA Southeastern district offices. I am grateful for this potential opportunity and thank you for your consideration.

Jave Del Rosario



Hey everyone, I'm Jave and I'm running for the nominating committee position. I'm from Sugar Land, Texas and I've been working as a physical therapist in Houston since 2019. I recently graduated from the Harris Health orthopedic residency program and I'm excited for this opportunity to be part of a professional group in Houston. As a previous student who did all of his clinical rotations in the Houston area, I quickly realized how Houston is rich with very talented and outstanding physical therapists. It would be an honor to be part of this community where I can serve through a position that allows me to find individuals that have a passion for serving in our local organization. If given the opportunity – I look forward to learning from the current officers as I take on a new role to continue building a network of physical therapists in the Houston area. Furthermore, I hope to contribute as much as I can to make sure the SED continues to serve as a professional home and a special place for all of us. A good friend of mine recently reminded me of a quote from Olive Garden and something I'd like to set as a theme in regards to my vision for the SED: "When you're here, you're family." Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kim Broderick



It is an honor to be slated as a Candidate for Delegate representing the Southeastern District of the TPTA. I have been a Sports Medicine/Orthopedic Physical Therapist since 1993. I currently work in a private practice clinical setting. I believe that I have the leadership experience and skills to represent my fellow colleagues and have the passion and desire to serve as a delegate.

An effective delegate is one who is a listener, gathers information and is able to influence others. This requires good listening skills, teamwork, and most importantly patience. Having served previously as a delegate to the HOD has given me the opportunity to develop these skills. I am excited about the possibility to serve you in this capacity and appreciate your confidence and vote for me to perform this role.