



MPTA 2009 Candidates Biographical Sketches

Secretary

Carrie Miller, PTA

Biographical Sketch:

Carrie is currently serving on the MPTA Board of Directors as Secretary. She has been a member of the APTA/MPTA since she was a PTA student in 2004. Carrie has earned two separate types of degrees. She first graduated with a Bachelors in Accounting/Computer Information Systems degree, but has always been interested in the health field. She earned her Associates Degree as a Physical Therapist Assistant in June of 2005 from Baker College of Flint. She has attended various district meetings and the Combined Sections Meeting in 2008. She is a current member of the Acute Care and Neurology sections of APTA. She currently works at an outpatient site for Covenant Healthcare in acute care and works mainly with neuro and pediatric patients. Carrie has worked at Covenant since 2005.

Treasurer

Peter Loubert, PT, PhD

Biographical Sketch: Pete is currently serving on the MPTA Board of Directors as Past President. He also serves as a core member of the MPTA Legislative Committee, participating in numerous events and committees including MPTA Legislative Breakfasts and APTA Marches on Congress. He has been a member of APTA since 1976 and is currently a Professor of Physical Therapy at Central Michigan University. Pete has served MPTA in many capacities including MPTA President, MPTA Delegate to APTA House of Delegates, MPTA Institute for Education and Research President and Treasurer, MPTA Athletic Trainers Committee, and Chair APTA Advisory Panel on Research. He is an experienced Delegate with long-standing knowledge of MPTA and APTA issues and has served on the MPTA Finance Committee in his role as MPTA President. In 2009, Pete became the only member of the MPTA to receive the Marjorie N. Stamm Award for Exceptional Leadership and Dedicated Service – twice. Also in 2009, Pete was honored by the APTA as he received our association's highest service award, the Lucy Blair Service Award.

Chief Delegate

Chris Wilson PT, DPT, GCS

Biographical Sketch: Chris is currently serving on the MPTA Board of Directors as Chief Delegate for Michigan as well as finishing a 4 year term as MPTA Eastern District Chair. He has been a Delegate for the APTA House of Delegates for 6 years. He is also the current Treasurer of the MPT-PAC. Chris is the Coordinator of Clinical Education at William Beaumont Hospital where his clinical focus is Geriatrics, Acute Care, and Outpatient Orthopedics. In his role as Coordinator of Clinical Education, Chris has been able to assist in transitioning Beaumont Hospital's PT/OT department to online documentation, has been the chair of the Hospital Recognition Committee, and is a member of the Education Committee, Musculoskeletal Health Committee, and the Sentinel Event Prevention Committee. Chris is also a Clinical Assistant Professor at Oakland University and teaches in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. He is active in clinical research in the areas of Nursing Patient Handling and Injury Prevention, Facial Reconstruction, and Septic Arthritis

Management. Chris received his Masters in PT from Oakland University and his tDPT from University of St. Augustine with a Primary Care Certification. In the past, Chris has served the professional community as an Item Writer for the PT National Licensure Examination, served for 3 years as the MPTA Eastern District Vice Chair and Student Affairs Director. He is also a Certified CPR instructor and has presented on many topics at various seminars on Fall Prevention, Geriatrics, Wound Care, and has presented to many groups of High School students on the potential of physical therapy as a career choice. Chris is also active in the legislative arena, has participated in events including the MPTA Legislative Breakfast and has attended the APTA "March on Congress" in 2007. In 2009 Chris obtained his ABPTS Geriatric Clinical Specialist Certification (GCS). Chris was honored by our association with the APTA Emerging Leader Award for 2009

Director #1

Michael Shoemaker, PT, DPT, GCS

Biographical Sketch: Mike is currently serving on the MPTA Board of Directors as Director #1 - Legislative Committee Chair. Mike has a passion for health policy and legislative advocacy and has worked tirelessly at the state and national levels. Mike was a driving force that ensured that SB 151 was passed to become Public Act 55 of 2009 – bringing PTA licensure to Michigan. Mike has attended numerous events and work groups for key politicians, is active in our MPTA Legislative Breakfasts and Political Action Committee Activities. Mike earned his DPT from Slippery Rock University in 1999 and has been an APTA member since 1996. He earned his ABPTS Board Certification in 2002 as a Geriatric Clinical Specialist. Mike's clinical experience has spanned the continuum of care, but his clinical expertise and research interests are in geriatrics and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation. He has been on the PT faculty at GVSU since 2006. Mike has served as MPTA Legislative Committee Chair since 2002. He is currently working toward a PhD in interdisciplinary Health Science at Western Michigan University.

Director #3

Karin Crute, PT

Biographical Sketch Karin is currently serving on the MPTA Conference Committee. Karin has been a member of the APTA/MPTA since 1991. She is a current section member of the Health Policy and Administration and of the Neurological Section. Karin regularly attends MPTA conferences and meetings. She graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science in Physical therapy in 1992. Her clinical career has included acute care, outpatient Neurological and outpatient Orthopedic settings. Karin previously held the position of Center Coordinator of Clinical Education for Beaumont Hospital Troy from 1997 until 2006 and currently manages a large outpatient clinic for Beaumont. While in the Coordinator of Clinical Education position, Karin regularly participated in the MPTA Special Interest Group-Clinical Educators group and worked directly with the universities in placing PT, PTA and OT students. She was also responsible for the education and competency of the department's clinical staff. She regularly coordinated continuing education courses, seminars and in-services for Beaumont Hospital, working with both local and national speakers. Karin completed Vestibular Competency through the APTA approved course given by Susan Herdman, et al - in 1998 at the University of Miami and then again in 2008 at Emory University. Karin has also presented on a wide variety of topics including women's health, balance and fall prevention, vestibular rehabilitation, and fitness at all ages. Her articles have been published in the quarterly newsletter for the Hard of Hearing Association of Michigan and in a geriatric newsletter in Oakland County. On a personal note, Karin enjoys traveling with her family. It is her firm belief that education, both formally and informally, is a keystone to the success of our profession.

Director #5

J. Tim Zipple, DScPT, OCS, CMW, FAAOMPT

Biographical Sketch: Tim has been an APTA member since 1984 and has previously served on the MPTA Board of Directors for 2 ½ years (BOD #1 - Legislative). Tim is currently a member of the Orthopedic, Education and Women's Health Sections of the APTA. Tim is an associate professor in the Graduate Program in Physical Therapy at Central Michigan University and has taught patient care skills, manual therapy and orthopedic courses over the last 14 years at three different universities in North Carolina, Iowa and Michigan. He has 23 years of experience in patient care, focusing on orthopedic problems in patients of all ages. He has certifications in orthopedics, manual therapy, and complementary medicine and wellness. His doctoral research examined interventions for males with chronic pelvic pain syndrome (CPPS). He earned his undergraduate and doctoral degrees in Physical Therapy from Oakland University and his master's degree in Biomechanics from Michigan State University. He completed a 2-year residency program in manual therapy in 1992 and is a current Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapists (FAAOMPT). He has published articles in peer-reviewed journals and coauthored a book chapter on non-specific low back pain in the first and second editions of Clinical Exercise Physiology published by Human Kinetics. He has presented posters at APTA national conferences and platform presentations for Michigan Physical Therapy Association (MPTA) and Gentiva Healthcare. With your support, Tim hopes to resume participation with the MPTA Board of Directors as Director #5 – Student Relations and PT/PTA Academic Administrators Chair in 2010.

Delegates

Aaron Bailey, PT

Biographical Sketch: Aaron is currently serving on the MPTA Board of Directors as Director #6 – Public Relations Chair and Publications. Throughout late 2008 and 2009, Aaron coordinated, served as speaker and continues to support a state wide effort to have MPTA members present to middle and high school students on the profession of physical therapy as a potential career choice. Aaron served five years as a Physical Therapist in the US Navy providing direct access care to military members and their families. Aaron was instrumental in establishing the physical therapist (versus athletic trainers and exercise physiologists) as the primary rehabilitation provider within the military Sports Medicine and Reconditioning Teams through communication and partnership with military sports medicine physicians and general practitioners. Aaron is currently employed as clinical director for Physiotherapy Associates. He is spear heading an effort to re-establish the physical therapist as the foremost expert in addressing and preventing worker's compensation injuries through onsite contributions, as well as promoting the role of the profession in health and wellness awareness both at the workplace and in the community.

Gina Otterbein, PT

Biographical Sketch: Gina is currently serving on the MPTA Reimbursement Committee and has been an APTA/MPTA member since 1988. Gina has served the physical therapy profession as the co-chair of the Western District of MPTA 2006-2007, as a member of the Michigan Chapter Delegation to the APTA House of Delegates in 2007, participated on the "March on Congress" in 2007 Gina is an active APTA/MPTA legislative key contact for state and federal affairs. Gina completed her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy at Grand Valley State University in 1990. Gina has a variety clinical experience including hospital, rehabilitation center, home health, pediatrics, worker rehab and outpatient orthopedics, in staff, manager and director positions. She co-owns Northern Physical Therapy, which has five clinics in west Michigan. Her clinical focus is in women's health, orthopedics and injury prevention. As a small business owner, Gina also likes to focus on reimbursement, business development and professional development not just for her team but for the profession

of Physical Therapy. Gina is an active Chamber member in Coopersville, Sparta, Rockford and Wayland and also a member of the Rotary Club of Coopersville.

David W. Perry, PT, MS

Biographical Sketch: David is currently serving as a Michigan Chapter Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates; he has served as either Chapter or Section Delegate multiple times and has also served as Chief Delegate for the Michigan Chapter in the past. David also is the current Chair of the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy (the State Licensure Board) and has served on the Board since his gubernatorial appointment in 2000. His responsibilities have included reviewing disciplinary cases for PT licensure and working with the bureau and attorney general's offices' in determining appropriate sanctions for legal and ethical violations. David is the Chair of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Baker College of Allen Park, Michigan. He is also owner of Perry Therapeutics, a consulting firm. David received a BS in Biology from Towson State (MD) and MS in Physical Therapy from Duke University (1975). He is pursuing his transitional Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) at Wayne State University. Clinically David's practice has spanned pediatrics to geriatrics in the hospital, outpatient and home care settings. He currently serves on the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Continuing Competence Committee, as chair of the Quality Review Committee for the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT), and MPT-PAC trustee. Previously he served as American Physical Therapy Association Treasurer, Foundation for Physical Therapy Treasurer, several positions on the MPTA Board of Directors, and additional APTA committee and section posts. He has been recognized for his contributions to the profession with several awards, including MPTA's Marjorie N. Stamm Award for Exceptional Leadership and Dedicated Service, Section on Administration's Outstanding Service Award, and APTA's Lucy Blair Service Award.

Lucinda (Cindy) Pfalzer, PT, PhD, FACSM, FAPTA

Biographical Sketch: Cindy is currently serving on the MPTA Board of Directors as Chair of the Northeastern District and concurrently serves as the Chair of the MPTA CEU Task Force – roles that she has served in for many years. She has served the APTA and MPTA in numerous capacities over many years. Cindy is a Past President of the APTA Oncology Section and has served in several elected and appointed offices in the section. She has also served as the Chair of the Academic Faculty SIG and Board of Directors of the APTA Section for Education. Cindy is a seasoned delegate to the APTA House of Delegates and has served as a Michigan Chapter Delegate or Section delegate several times. Cindy has been recognized for her contributions to the profession with several awards, including MPTA's Marjorie N. Stamm Award for Exceptional Leadership and Dedicated Service, the MPTA Mabel Holton Award for Scholarly Work, the MPTA Institute for Research and Education Richard E. Darnell Research Award and the "Best Clinical Research Poster", MPTA Fall Conference. She also has received prestigious awards from the APTA Oncology Section including the Jerri F. Walton Outstanding Career Service Award and the Steve Gudas Award (an oncology publication which contributes to changing physical therapy practice). Cindy received the APTA Neurology Section's Golden Synapse Award for the most outstanding article published each year. She also has received The Berlex Award for Best Poster Presentation in Patient and Family Education in Multiple Sclerosis (from Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers). Cindy is a Professor and Associate Director of Research and Post-Professional Education in Physical Therapy (DPT) Program in the Physical Therapy (PT) Department at The University of Michigan-Flint (UM-Flint). Cindy completed a clinical research post-doctoral fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in 2001 in oncology physical therapy. She has focused her teaching and research efforts on the role of exercise in secondary prevention and intervention for persons with chronic disease, injury and disability, especially people with cancer. She is a research consultant to the PT Section of the Rehabilitation Medicine Department, Clinical Research Center at NIH and is an associate investigator on two on-going breast cancer research protocols at NIH and the National Naval Medical Center. In 2008 she was selected for Faculty of 1000 Medicine article entitled, "Preoperative Assessment Enables the Early Diagnosis and Successful

Treatment of Lymphedema". Cancer; June 15, 2008;112 (12): 2809-2819.

<http://www.f1000medicine.com/article/v1bbtxvp94s8zrt/id/1136850>. The article's identification and inclusion provides recognition from over 2,000 peers of its scientific merit and the positive contribution it makes to the medical literature. Most recently, she was recognized at UM-Flint with the 2009 Scholarly or Creative Achievement Award. She is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine. Cindy has also received APTA's most prestigious award; she is a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the APTA.

Teresa Stayer, PT

Biographical Sketch: Teresa is currently serving as a Michigan Chapter Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates a role that she has served in for many years since 2000. Teresa is an active member of the APTA and MPTA since 1983. She is a former Chair of the Eastern District of the MPTA and former Federal Government Affairs Liaison for APTA. She has served as a member on the MPTA State and Federal Legislative Committee, the Direct Access Task Force Expert Group and the Management Special Interest Group. Since 2007 Teresa has served as the Key Contact for Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, 11th District. Teresa received her PT degree from Oakland University in 1984. Her career path has been varied; she has practiced as a staff PT William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and is a former Director of PT Services at Kenny Rehab, Pontiac General Hospital and former Director of Rehabilitation Services, North Oakland Medical Center, Pontiac, MI. Teresa is the Vice president for Spectra Med Inc. since 1987, a multi-specialty facility located in West Bloomfield, Michigan. She focuses on state of the art treatment of pain and dysfunction, utilizing Myofascial Release, Cranio-sacral therapy and Lymphatic Drainage. Teresa has completed numerous post graduate courses and seminars since 1984. She is Michigan's first PT to be accepted into the mastery program through the Myofascial Release Treatment Center in Paoli, Pennsylvania. Teresa is a senior seminar instructor with John Barnes, P.T. for the past 23 years and has assisted at seminars throughout the United States and Canada. Teresa is an Instructor in Myofascial Release 1987 to present. Teresa is active in St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church and the Parent Teacher Association for University Hills Elementary School. She was elected to Oakland University Alumni Association Board of Directors 2008, is the elected Presidential Elector, 9th District, Lansing MI, is elected to the Michigan State Committee serving on the Budget Committee, and is a former member of the Policy and Grassroots Committees since 2003.

Cameron Williams, PT, DPT, MS

Biographical Sketch: Cam is currently serving as a Michigan Chapter Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates. Cam has been an active member in the APTA since 1988 when he was a student member. In 1989 he was chosen as the Illinois Chapter student representative to the 1989 Annual Conference and Exposition in Nashville Tennessee. After graduating in 1990 from Northern Illinois University with an entry-level B.S. degree in physical therapy, Cam returned to his home in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to practice outpatient and inpatient physical therapy. In 1993 he became the Vice Chair of the Upper Peninsula District of the MPTA and has served the district and the chapter in various roles ever since including; District Chair (three terms), District Vice Chair (one term), District Nominating Committee member (two terms), Chapter delegate or alternate delegate (1996-2009), MPTA BoD member (six years), Chapter Nominating Committee member (one term), and MPT-PAC Trustee (one term). Other APTA activities include: Participation in the APTA's "March on Congress" in 2003 and 2007, Orthopedic Section member since 1993, Education Section Member since 1996 and Geriatric Section member since 2001. In 1996, Cam became the PTA Program Chair at Finlandia University and since that time has furthered his education attaining an M.S. degree in Community Health Administration from California College of Health Sciences in 2002 and a DPT degree from Simmons College in 2005. He now serves as co-Dean for the College of Health Sciences at Finlandia University. As a physical therapist for nineteen years with experience as a clinician, clinical instructor, administrator and educator, Cam is well suited to analyze physical therapy issues that come before the House of Delegates. He has been honored to serve as chapter delegate and is appreciative of the opportunity to serve as delegate in the future.

Representative to the PTA Caucus

Debra Lynn Ludwiczak, PTA, BBA

Biographical Sketch: Debbie currently is serving as the Michigan Representative to the PTA Caucus. Debbie is a past PTA-SIG President and served on the Northeastern District Nominating Committee. Debbie graduated from Delta College with an Associate in Applied Science and Physical Therapist Assistant degree in 2001 and from the Northwood University with a Bachelor in Business Administration in 2007. She currently works at Alpena Regional Medical Center. Debbie has been an APTA member since 1999. Debbie is also the Clinical Coordinator for Clinical Education (CCCE) and a Clinical Instructor (CI) at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

Nominating Committee

Eastern District

Simina Bono, DPT

Biographical Sketch: Simina is an active APTA and MPTA member and currently serves on the Nominating Committee for the Eastern District of the MPTA. She is a graduated from Wayne State University in 2005 with an MPT, followed by recent completion of the transitional-DPT program. Simina is a frequent participant in continuing education courses and has presented multiple seminars. In 2009, Simina was the presenter for the MPTA Eastern District's annual 3-hour free seminar. Her topic was "*Intro to the Functional Response*". Since graduating in 2005 Simina has worked in various clinical settings as an agency therapist. Her main area of interest was shaped by a clinical experience which focused around functional rehabilitation strategies. She continues to use that framework while seeking methods of adapting these concepts across multiple clinical settings and among a wide variety of patients- from the athletes to the most involved cases. Simina's future goals are to establish a business that will team current practitioners with the community to promote wellness through education, screening, and prevention techniques.

Upper Peninsula District

Tim J McGuire, PT

Biographical Sketch: Tim has been an active APTA member since 1985. Tim has served the MPTA Upper Peninsula District as Vice Chair 2005-2008 and has also served on the MPTA Nominating Committee as the UP District representative previously. Tim is a member of the APTA Orthopedic and Home Health Sections and previously was involved at the district level in the Illinois PT Association. Tim graduated with a BS in biology from the University of Michigan in 1985 and a BS in Physical Therapy from U of M – Flint in 1987. Tim practices as a physical therapist and is the Rehab Service Program Coordinator for his facility.

Member at Large

There are currently no nominees for this position. If you have a candidate in mind, write in the individual on the ballot.