

MPTA 2010 Candidates Biographical Sketches

President

Kathleen “Jake” Jakubiak Kovacek, PT

Biographical Sketch:

Jake currently serves as the MPTA President and represents the MPTA in legislative, reimbursement and other arenas. Jake is in private practice and also is a part time faculty member in the Physical Therapy Programs at Oakland University and Wayne State University. She has been a participant in numerous post graduate courses & seminars since 1977. Jake has presented on both the state and national level for over 20 years. Jake served the MPTA Eastern District and MPTA on various committees as a member / chair since 1980, including ED Vice Chair, ED Chair, MPTA Speaker of the Membership Meeting, Delegate and Chief Delegate. Jake is a member of the Professional Advisory Committee for the Visiting Nurse Association of SE Michigan and Professional Advisory Committee for the Henry Ford Home Health Care Detroit. Jake has also been involved as an adult member in the Girl Scouts of America, Boy Scouts of America, and Friends of Detroit Rowing.

Vice President

Kris Thompson, PT, PhD

Biographical Sketch:

Kris Thompson is the director of the Physical Therapy Program at Oakland University. She completed her BS in PT and her Masters of Public Health at the University of Michigan and a PhD in Higher Adult and Lifelong Education at Michigan State University. Kris worked at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan for many years prior to working at Oakland University. She has been at Oakland for over 20 years and was the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education for 10 years. She has also worked in acute care, home care and the outpatient setting. An active member of the APTA and MPTA she has served on several committees including the Professional Development Committee, the Program Committee and the Nominating Committee. She currently serves on the Education Section Program Committee, the MPTA Research Committee, and the MPTA Academic Administrators Advisory Committee.

Barbara Herzog, PT

Biographical Sketch:

Barb earned Bachelor of Arts degree with a post graduate certificate in Physical Therapy from the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN in 1981. Barb has been in private practice since 1984 and eventually established Healthstyles Physical Rehabilitation which has been located in South Lyon since 1992 with an office in Brighton a few years later. For the past few years Barb has served as the president of Great Lakes PTPN, a network of private practice physical therapists working closely with other therapists to assist in clinic set up, insurance and reimbursement issues, marketing

of our network to insurance companies, and advocacy of our profession and issues as they arise. She is also currently on the MPTA Reimbursement Committee and is the current Vice President of MPTA. Barb enjoys being a practicing physical therapist with a dedicated staff of 27 employees.

Director #2

- Professional Development Committee and Membership Committee

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

Director #4

- Reimbursement Relations Committee and Professional Standards of Practice Committee

Peter (Piotr) Kluba, PT, DPT

Peter Kluba currently is an active Board member of the National Physical Therapy Private Network (PTPN) and Michigan and Ohio Board member of Great Lakes PTPN. He serves on the Quality Committee of the National PTPN. Dr. Kluba completed his Doctoral Degree in Physical Therapy at prestigious Boston University in Massachusetts. Since 1987 Dr. Kluba has been an active member of APTA (PPS, Orthopedic and Sports sections) and MPTA. His 30 years of professional career include consultative advisory as a member of the United Nation Organization to under-developed countries, clinical as well as administrative experience at variety of settings including University, hospitals, home care and private practice. The "Who is Who" organization inducted his name in the National Edition for a few years. Since 1990, he has owned a private practice in Sterling Heights and Jackson. Additionally, his orthopedic and sports medicine experience has gained him a role of a consultant in legal cases related to Physical Therapy profession.

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 and 2010, 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.

Paul J. Roubal, DPT, PhD, OCS

Biographical Sketch: Dr. Roubal has served eight terms at different times as director of the MPTA since 1977. He has been the reimbursement committee chair for the last 25 years, and has been involved in the legislative as well as many other committees in the chapter over the last 30+ years. He has participated in the APTA with reimbursement issues, direct access/ patient self-referral as well as APTA educational activities and has been an invited speaker numerous times teaching at CSM as well as other APTA and MPTA chapter meetings as well as for The American Orthopedic Surgery Society. He has had extensive research published in multiple journals including JOSPT, American Journal of Sports Medicine, Physiotherapy, Journal of Manual and Manipulative Therapy, Clinical Orthopedics, American Journal of OB-GYN and others. His educational background includes: BS in Biochemistry, SUNY Oswego, 1975 as well as his professional degree BS in Physical Therapy, SUNY Syracuse Upstate Medical Center, 1977. He also holds an MSc in Anatomy, from Wayne State University, 1984 as well as a PhD in Health Care Management, Century University, 1993 and a DPT, at MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston Massachusetts 2007. He has been an APTA member since 1975. He is presently the owner and Director of physical therapy services at Physical Therapy Specialists, PC in Troy since 1977.

Director #6

- Public Relations Committee and Publications Committee

Michelle Ramirez, PT, DPT

Biographical Sketch: Michelle Ramirez earned her DPT from the University of Michigan-Flint. She has been involved in the MPTA both at the local and state level as Eastern District Chair, member of the nominating committee, Michigan Delegate 2009-2010, and is a member of the MPTA-CEU review board. Michelle has attended national conferences including the March on Capitol Hill and volunteered for the APTA- HOD elections committees in 2008. She is a member of the APTA Cardiovascular and Pulmonary, Neurology, Orthopedics and Sports Physical Therapy sections and promotes increasing clinical awareness about Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence prevention. Clinically, Michelle is involved in Outpatient Orthopedics as a clinic director and teaches adjunct at Baker College in Flint.

Speaker of the Membership

Susan Talley, PT, DPT, MA

Biographical Sketch: Susan Ann Talley currently serves as the MPTA Speaker of the Membership and is Director and Assistant Professor in the Physical Therapy Program, at Wayne State University. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy and a Master of Arts degree in Human Development and Relations at Wayne State University, her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Creighton University and has been a post-masters student in the Education Evaluation and Research at Wayne State. She has been a faculty member for over 25 years and was the Director of Clinical Education for over 10 years. Sue has served the professional in a variety of capacities including as Chair of the Eastern District (~ 4 years), Vice Chair of the Eastern District (~ 4 years), Chair of the Continuing Ed Committee of the Eastern District (10 years), Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates (11 years), MPTA Director (~2 years), and the MPTA – Special Interest Group for Clinical Education (the last 1.5 years as Treasurer). Clinically Sue has worked in pediatric, acute care, outpatient adult neuro, cardiac rehab and as a researcher with persons with ALS.

Delegates

Janet Downey, PT, MPT, PCS

Biographical Sketch:

Janet has been a physical therapist for 38 years. She began her practice at the University of Missouri Student Health Service at the University of Missouri-Columbia after she graduated from that Institution. She moved to Grand Rapids in 1973 and began to practice in pediatrics for the Grand Rapids Public Schools. She has stayed in Pediatrics since that time, and has practiced in schools, outpatient clinics, and acute inpatient hospital settings including NICU and PICU. She is currently supervising a Hospital Outpatient Clinic, with a variety of Pediatric Diagnoses. She received her Post Professional Master's of Physical Therapy from the University of Michigan-Flint in 1998 and Certified as a Pediatric Clinical Specialist the same year. She recertified as a Clinical Specialist in 2007.

She has been active in all levels of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association, including District Secretary, Vice Chair, and Chair, and Chapter Secretary, Vice President, President, Speaker of the Membership, and Chief Delegate. She has been a Delegate to the House of Delegates 18 times and Chief Delegate 3 times.

Janet is a member of the Health Policy Administration Section and Section on Pediatrics. She has served as a teller for HPA elections and is currently Bylaws Chair for the Section on Pediatrics. She has also completed a term on the APTA Nominating Committee, and served as Chair of the Committee for one year.

In addition to her service to the MPTA and APTA, she is an Advanced Master Gardener in the Master Gardener Volunteer Program run by University Extension, a program dedicated to bringing information on gardening to the public, and is a Master Composter. This allows her to play in the soil on a regular basis. She is also an active member of the Motor Cities Gruppe, a component of the Porsche 356 Registry which allows her to play

with cars.

Peter Loubert, PT, PhD

Biographical Sketch: Pete is currently serving on the MPTA Board of Directors as Treasurer. 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.

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College in Flint.

Teresa Stayer, PT

Biographical Sketch: Teresa Stayer began her legislative experience as a delegate in Macomb County upon graduation from High School. Subsequently, elected as a delegate to the state conventions up to and including 2010, elected as a delegate to the 2004 National Convention, elected as Presidential Elector in 2008, re-elected since 2001 to the State Committee serving on its Budget, Policy and Grassroots Sub-committees. This involvement in the governmental process continued through PT School at Oakland University and progressed through her professional career resulting in many long term, solid relationships with elected officials at all levels. Since 1982, Teresa has concurrently served the MPTA and APTA in multiple capacities including Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates since 2000 with the exception of serving as Alternate for the year of 2004, former Chair of the Eastern District, Chair and member of the Nominating Committee, former Federal Government Affairs Liaison for APTA, member of the MPTA State and Federal Legislative Committees, member of the Direct Access Task Force Expert Group, member of the Management Special Interest Group and as the Key Contact for Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan 11th Congressional District). For the last 23 years, Teresa is the Co-owner/Vice-president of Spectra Med, Inc., a private practice PT which also provides a full spectrum of rehabilitation equipment and supplies. Teresa specializes in the state of the art treatment utilizing Myofascial Release, Craniosacral Therapy and Lymphatic Drainage in order to obtain relief of pain and restoration of function. Teresa has held positions of Staff PT at William Beaumont, Director of PT Services at Kenny Rehab and Director of Rehabilitation Services at North Oakland Medical Centers. Teresa has completed numerous post graduate courses and seminars since 1984 leading her to be Michigan's first PT 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 was elected in 2008 to the Oakland University Alumni Association Board of Directors and is also currently serving on the Oakland University Visitor Board for Health Sciences. Teresa is active in St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church and active with the PTA for University Hills Elementary, West Middle and Rochester High Schools. Teresa is married to Dan and is mother of 4 children.

Nominating Committee

Northeastern District

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Western District

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Member at Large

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