



2021 KPTA Spring Elections

APTA KS President Candidate: Camille Snyder, PT, DPT

Candidate Statement:

Thank you for your nomination for the APTA KS President Position for the Spring of 2021. I have been privileged to serve in the capacity of president for two years. I never could have predicted the new challenges that were just around the corner after our early Spring Meeting in 2020. Being a leader during times of physical distancing and leading the charge of universal precautions, would be the task at hand. Who knew that the simplest of concepts would become our primary practice and leadership challenge in the day to day, with each patient, person, community contact, and loved one? For the first time, virtual meetings and programming would be the sole modality for communication and reaching our members. Thanks to wonderful leadership from APTA Kansas Executive Board and the entire Board of Directors, we were able to pivot, connect and advocate. To all of the dedicated practitioners working during this time, it was my hope that you felt supported by an email, financial and practice webinars, our Fall conference or Town Hall updates. You are definitely not all alone.

As we embark on APTA's 100th birthday, I am humbled and thankful for the opportunity to serve within the larger federated model. Being a member of the APTA my entire career has been critical in my development as a provider and leader. I could not imagine not having the support I have received with resources, expert contacts and mentorship not just presently, but even in my early years of practice. When Mary McMillian became the first president of the then the American Women's Physical Therapeutic Association, she and her small group embodied this quote from Mahatma Gandhi; "A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history." I am so grateful to have found my place in this big world in my calling of a physical therapist. It is my hope that others in our profession can find their place in this now, very large profession of academicians, clinicians, business owners, leaders, advocates, specialists—so many places to find your place.

I look forward to continuing to serve you as APTA Kansas president as we continue to conquer topics such as Telehealth, Telehealth reimbursement and the PT Licensure Compact. But for now, I am thrilled to be able to be a mentor and visionary for the development of leaders right here in Kansas as well as implementing procedures that improve inclusion in leadership opportunities, equity within our Board of Directors, mindful representation in the diversity of Kansas, and economy of the Board processes. We each bring so many wonderful ideas to the table and we, on the Board of Directors, would love to hear more of what you have to say. Thank you for considering me again for the office of President.

Candidate Bio:

President of APTA KS since March of 2019

Vice President of the KPTA since April 2014

Created the Impaired Provider Coordinator position for improved oversight of the Impaired Providers Program. Currently serving on the Board of Directors for Heart of America Providers Network.

Assisted the PR Committee in two Campaigns. One for Patient Self-Referral (assisting/winning component award) and the other for combating opioid abuse and PT's role in pain management.

Health Volunteer's Organization: Volunteered as guest lecturer (prosthesis management and stump care) in 2016 Vellore, India for three weeks. Panel on innovations for prosthesis management.

Global PT Day of Service Ambassador

Delegate to the HOD since 2014, re-elected in 2016 and have attended the HOD since representing APTA KS.

Alternate Delegate to the HOD in 2014 and adopted plan to assist others in reimbursement for Alternate to attend HOD.

Began my service in the KPTA as Standards and Practice Chair in 2011

Practicing PT for 32 years in five states, the last 19 in Kansas. I have worked in orthopedic specialization (OCS by the American Board of Physical Therapist Specializations 1998) of all ages and settings, including sports injury prevention, outpatient (for three years my own practice).

Transitional Doctorate in Physical Therapy 2006

Guest lecturer for Newman's OT program and professional practice forums.

Adjunct professor WSU off and on since 2005

Guest lecturer for USM on Post-Professional Activities