



2022 Spring APTA Kansas Election

Call for Nominations

Please complete and return this form to Melissa Dutcher APTA Kansas Nominating Committee Chair, mdutcher@kumc.edu and KPTA at KPTA@affinity-strategies.com by Monday, January 24, 2021.

Positions to be elected:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Chief Delegate
- Nominating Committee Member

Nominate an APTA Kansas member in good standing or nominate yourself. Please complete all fields. Feel free to use additional pages as needed.

Nominator (must be an APTA Kansas member): Anthony Thomas

Nominator APTA Member ID Number: 447734

Nominator Email Address: ajthomasdpt@gmail.com

I am nominating myself for the position of Chief Delegate

Nominee APTA Member ID Number: 447734

Please provide candidate statement:

I want to start out by saying thank you for allowing me to serve the APTA Kansas as your Chief Delegate for the past 4 years and delegate for 4 years prior to that. I have had the opportunity to work with many great people in the State, Midwest caucus and APTA National. It is because of the relationships I have formed and foundation built that I am asking for your vote as Chief Delegate for a 3rd and final term.

During my last term as chief delegate, I was able to continue to build on the cohesiveness and leadership that I learned being a delegate prior to being chief. We were also able to utilize improved communication methods to allow for members and non-members alike to provide input into the motions coming to the house through monthly zoom calls. APTA Kansas co-authored a motion on sleep health, which was unanimously passed in the House in 2020. None of these initiatives are possible without a good delegation and thankfully, that is what APTA KS currently has. It is due to this strong delegation that I want to continue to lead into the 2023 and 2024 House Cycle.

Given another term, I plan to continue to foster inclusivity and participation by growing the monthly town halls. I plan to help with the transition process of multiple leadership positions including Chief Delegate. I plan to also continue to integrate APTA Kansas more into the Midwest Caucus to really focus on the Physical Therapy issues that face all Midwesterners and make them a forefront of APTA. I will continue to be an advocate for state and federal issues and represent Kansas at legislative days at both levels of government.

Thank you once again for allowing me to serve APTA Kansas as a delegate and now Chief delegate. I am asking for your vote again in order to continue to serve the Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistants of Kansas.

Please provide brief bio:

Anthony "AJ" Thomas PT, DPT, MS
Board Certified Special in Sports Physical Therapy

AJ Thomas currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer at Rooks County Health Center in Plainville, Kansas. AJ earned his Bachelors of Science in Psychology and Masters of Biology both from Fort Hays State University. He went on to complete his Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Rockhurst University. AJ has most recently served at the Rehabilitation Director at Rooks County health Center, overseeing Physical Therapy, Occupation Therapy, Speech Therapy, Cardiac Rehab, and Sports medicine outreach services. AJ is an adjunct instructor at Fort Hays State University in the Biology and Athletic Training departments where he helps mentor students and promote the benefits of serving rural citizens at the highest professional level. He is Board Certified as a Sports Clinical Specialist and serves as team Physical Therapist for Fort Hays State Athletics and on the United States Olympic Committee's Volunteer Medical Team. AJ is on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Hospital Association and Kansas Healthcare Collaborative.