

## 2022 Board of Directors Nominations

### Jackson Region Director

- **Thomas Alleva** - My name is Thomas Alleva, I'm a 2016 graduate of Bethel University Physician Assistant Program, and I have been working in emergency medicine at Jackson Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, TN since graduation. I am also currently an adjunct professor for Clinical Skills at Bethel University's Physician Assistant Program. I live in Lexington, TN with my wife, Brandi and our two children, Ezra and Lenora. I enjoy the outdoors, traveling, and spending time with my family. My interest in being the Jackson Region Director is to work together with the other members of TAPA, as well as state and federal health officials, in order to serve the best interests of the PA's of West TN and state wide, optimize their current practice, and ensure that their voices are individually appreciated and equally represented.

### Knoxville Region Director

- **Kristy Engelhapt** - Kristina (Kristy) Engelhaupt has been a Physician Assistant since 2011. She received her Bachelors degree in Biology, Magna Cum Laude, Jacksonville University, Florida. She served 4 years in elected student government positions. She attended Kettering College for her Masters Physician Assistant Degree, graduated in 2011, as the class Vice President with Cum Laude Honors.

Currently she works in Family Practice and Urgent Care Medicine. She is passionate about expanding access to health care to patient via telemedicine.

She has served as the TAPA Knoxville Region Director 2022-2022. She is eager to increase TAPA membership and involvement. She desires to engage with TAPA members in advocacy efforts. She serves as the Director of Membership and Social Committee for the PAs in Virtual Medicine and Telehealth. Kristina also is a Peer Editor for the Journal of American Academy of Physician Assistants (JAAPA).

Kristina is excited to be considered for the Knoxville Region Director position. She is passionate about advocating for our profession and representing the Knoxville Region well.

### Memphis Region Director

- **Robert Booth** - I am a former Navy Corpsman, Paramedic and residency trained EM PA-C of 17 years. I have a passion for rural medicine and currently keep my clinical skills up serving at a frontier critical access ER in rural Maine as a solo provider. I feel that PAs are the answer to saving medicine in rural America which is quickly turning into a medical desert.

My full-time job is serving as faculty for the PA program at CBU in Memphis, TN. I will be completing my DMS in emergency medicine this fall from Lincoln Memorial University. In my spare time I enjoy responding to ridiculous policy statements from ACEP that slander the PA profession.

- **Mallory S. Tatum** - Mallory graduated from the University of Tennessee's Science Teacher Education program with a Master of Science in Teacher Education. She returned to her hometown following graduation and began her career as a science teacher, teaching Anatomy and Biology at Father Ryan High school in Nashville, TN. After moving away, she worked as a medical scribe in the emergency department briefly while searching for teaching positions. This is where she first was introduced to and worked alongside Physician Assistants.

After a great deal of research into the profession, she applied and was accepted into Christian Brothers University's Physician Assistant Program. Mallory successfully completed the program and became a certified physician assistant in May of 2017. Clinically, she has worked in the fields of Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery, Interventional Radiology, and Primary Care since graduating as a Physician Assistant. Mallory maintained her appointment on CBU PA Program faculty as a full-time Assistant Professor for 2 years. As of December 2021, she

has joined the UTHSC PA Program faculty as full-time Assistant Professor to continue her career in Physician Assistant education. Other than training PA students to be the best of the best, she enjoys planning events, networking, being outdoors, walking her dogs, crafting, decorating, and spending time with family and friends.

Mallory is a member of the Pi Alpha Honor Society, AAPA, TNPA, and PAEA. She is a licensed and Physician Assistant in both Tennessee and Mississippi. Furthermore, she is an administrator of the newly founded Memphis Area Physician Assistants Facebook group and strives to bring the Memphis area PAs together to strengthen the PA community, promote the profession, and share experiences that have molded us as PAs.

### AAPA House of Delegates

- **Sarah Murawski** - Hello Tennessee PAs. I am Sarah Murawski, a PA practicing in both Lebanon, TN and Springfield, TN. I work for two of Vanderbilt's community oncology practices with hopes of extending quality cancer care to people who may not be able to access care in downtown Nashville. I am running for the Tennessee House of Delegates to the AAPA. It has been my pleasure to represent Tennessee PAs in the HOD previously and I would be deeply honored to represent you again. TAPAs legislative efforts have been commendable, and we remain a very PA friendly state. I believe Tennessee PAs have shown great resolve in our legislative efforts, great ingenuity in the development of new PA training programs, and incredible flexibility to meet the needs of our patients in urban and rural settings through the ever-evolving landscape of medicine. I believe that Tennessee PAs have much to share with PAs across the country and it would be a privilege to represent you in the 2023 and 2024 AAPA House of Delegates.
- **Marie Patterson** - Dr. Marie Patterson has been a physician assistant for 17 years. She has clinical experience in emergency medicine, occupational medicine, urgent care, and primary care. She has been in PA education for over 5 years as a faculty member, Admissions Director, and now as the inaugural Program Director at Middle Tennessee State University. She was appointed by the Governor of TN to the Committee on Physician Assistants where she served for 2 years before being elected to be the first ever chair of the first ever Board on Physician Assistants in the state of Tennessee. She is from Murfreesboro, TN where she currently lives with her loving husband of 19 years and their 8 children. She enjoys spending time with her family and advocating for the PA profession.
- **Jodi Zych** - I have been a PA for more than 20 years. I was a delegate to the HOD from a different state from 2016-2018. I currently work as a hospitalist PA but have worked in many clinical areas and also in hospital administration. I would like to represent TAPA at the HOD to ensure that the PA profession continues to grow and thrive.