

**BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT AND CONSENT TO SERVE FORM**

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**CURRENT EMPLOYER:** Home Health and Hospice Services - The King’s Daughter’s Heath Systems, Madison, Indiana

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**YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP IN APTA AND INDIANA CHAPTER:** 2 years as Student Member; 42 years as an Active Member in the APTA and Indiana Chapter

**POSITION RUNNING FOR:** \_Indiana Chapter Chief Delegate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:**

1972 ‑ 1975 ‑ **Indiana University**

Indianapolis, Indiana

Bachelor of Science (Physical Therapy)

1970 ‑ 1972 ‑ **Purdue University**

West Lafayette, Indiana

Aeronautical Engineering Curriculum

**Previous APTA/Other Leadership Activities:**

1973 to present ‑ Member, **American Physical Therapy Association (A.P.T.A.)**

1999 ‑ 2001 Member, A.P.T.A. Federal Government Affairs Committee (Inaugural committee) (Appointed)

1996 - 1998 Chairman, A.P.T.A. Committee on History (Elected)

1995 ‑ 1998 Member, A.P.T.A. Committee on History (Appointed)

1992 – 2005 Interviewer, A.P.T.A. Oral History Project

1989 ‑ 1993 Consultant, Oral History Project, APTA Archives

**1988 ‑ 1989 Chairman, A.P.T.A. Nominating Committee (Elected)**

**1986 ‑ 1988 Member, A.P.T.A. Nominating Committee (Elected)**

1983, 1987 Consultant, Implementation of Medicare Hospice Benefit

1974 ‑ 1981 Book Reviewer, *Physical Therapy: Journal of the American Physical Therapy Association*

1973 to present Member, **Indiana Chapter**, American Physical Therapy Association

**1995 – 2013, [2014 Alternate] 2015 - 2017 Delegate to A.P.T.A. House of Delegates (Elected)**

**1977, 1978, 1980 ‑ 1993,**

**1980 ‑ 1988 Chief Delegate to A.P.T.A. House of Delegates (Elected)**

1989 ‑ 1992, 1998 – 2006 Chairman, Bylaws Committee (Appointed)

2006 – 2008 Member. Bylaws Committee (Appointed)

1978 ‑ 1989 Member, Public Laws and Bylaws Committee (Appointed)

1978 ‑ 1980 Member, Judicial Committee (Elected)

1978 ‑ 1980 Editor, *HOOSIER INFORMER*, Indiana Chapter Newsletter (Appointed)

1978 ‑ 1980 Chairman, Publications and Editorial Board (Appointed)

1978 Member, State Conference Committee (Appointed)

1977 Member, Publications and Editorial Board (Appointed)

1977 Chairman, Committee on Minute Review and Policy Manual (Appointed)

1977 Member, Task Force on Athletic Trainer Licensure (Appointed)

1977 - 1978 Secretary, Northern District (Elected)

1977 - 1979 Member, Public Laws and Bylaws, Northern District (Appointed)

1976 Member, Nominating Committee, Central District (Elected)

1985 to 1998 Member, **Private Practice Section**, A.P.T.A.

1990 -1998 Member, Governmental Affairs Committee (Appointed)

1995 - 1996 Member, 40th Anniversary Task Force (Appointed)

1993 ‑ 1995 Member, Editorial Board (Appointed)

1990 ‑ 1997 Chairman, Archives Committee (Appointed)

1990 ‑ 1996 Chairman, Bylaws Committee (Appointed)

1991 ‑ 1992 Chairman, Nominating Committee (Elected)

1990 ‑ 1992 Member, Nominating Committee (Elected)

1992 Member, Task Force for Legislative Action (Appointed)

1990 to 1993 Member, **Orthopaedics Section**, A.P.T.A.

1990 ‑ 1991 Member at Large, Orthopaedic Section, Executive Board (Elected)

1991 ‑ 1992 Consultant to Bylaws, Occupational Health Special Interest Group (Ex–officio)

1981 to 1995 Charter Member, **Oncology Section**, A.P.T.A.

1990 ‑ 1991 Member, Nominating Committee (Elected)

1988 ‑ 1991 Chairman, Awards and Recognition Committee (Appointed)

1984 ‑ 1988 Member, Bylaws Committee (Appointed)

1984 ‑ 1987 Member, Education Committee (Appointed)

1981 ‑ 1984 President‑Elect (Elected)

1981 ‑ 1984 Chairman, Bylaws Committee (Ex‑officio)

1981 ‑ 1982 Chairman, Committee on References and Research (Appointed)

1978 to 1979 Member, **Section For Education**, A.P.T.A.

1992 ‑ 1993 Member, **Section for Research**, A.P.T.A.

1975 to 1976 Member, **Section for Pediatrics**, A.P.T.A.

1992 to 2000 Member, **National Association of Parliamentarians**

1992 to 2000 Member, **Indiana State Association of Parliamentarians**

1988 to 1996 Member, **National Institute of Parliamentarians**

1988 to 1991 Member, **National Hospice Organization**

1988 - 1991 Member, Professional Liaison Committee (Appointed)

1986 to Present **American Ex‑Prisoners of War**

1990 ‑ present Life Member

1986 ‑ 1990 Member

1988 Consultant, State Bylaws Committee

1977 to 1980 **American Cancer Society**, Fort Wayne Chapter

1977 ‑ 1980 Member, Professional Advisory Committee

1978 ‑ 1980 Advisor, “Reach for Recovery” Program

1979 to 1980 **Northern Indiana Health System Agency**

Member, Criteria and Services Panel for Hospice Services (Appointed)

1979 to 1990 Charter Member, **Indiana Association of Hospices** (wrote the Bylaws for IAH)

Write a statement about why you want to run for a particular position (this will be published in your words):

I so appreciate the kindness of the Nominating Committee slating me for the office of Chief Delegate of the Indiana Chapter and appreciate the nominations of Chapter members for this office. I do respectively ask for the vote of you, my colleagues for this important office.

The duties of the Chief Delegate are:

First, (1) to chair the Indiana Delegation during the year and the national House of Delegates in June; (2) to present to the House those issues as instructed by the Chapter membership or Board of Directors; and, (3) report on House action to the Chapter for its action if needed.

I have been blessed to be in the House of Delegates as Chief Delegate or Delegate in the past and have debated many momentous issues which have propelled our profession by actions of our Association to becoming a more fully professionalized occupation. This is the goal of what we are doing! We are seeking to bring our profession of physical therapy to the level of the “Big Three” - the fully professionalized occupations of Medicine, Law, and Clergy. We are seeking the rewards and responsibilities and obligations of these benchmarks.

I still get excited at the opening gavel of the House and the adrenaline gets charged! One thing that sometimes happens with longevity is the tendency to caution and complacent thinking. I delight in good debate and believe I can be swayed to persuasive arguments within debate. The most recent example is my belief that Sections should have a vote in the House of Delegates. I used to be an opponent, but now have debated as a proponent!

Word-smithing is decried in many arenas, but not in the House of Delegates or the governance of our professions. Words mean things and I’ve been mentored by the best (Eugene Michels, Charles Magisto, Florence Kendall, Fran Ekstam). In turn, it’s my obligation and pleasure to help mentor others in APTA and Indiana Chapter as to Robert’s Rules of Order, parliamentary procedure, bylaws (National, Chapter, and District). Anybody can do what I do. “They” just haven’t done it yet. APTA and Indiana Chapter is an easy club to join ... you just have to be dedicated not only to your career, but to our profession and its Association!

Second, the Chief Delegate is one of the Chapter’s six Officers who not only serve on the Chapter Board of Directors, but also on the Executive Committee (which may act in between meetings of the Board of Directors).

As per my Leadership Activities, I have previously served on the Indiana Chapter Board of Directors as well as the Board of Directors of the Oncology Section, Orthopaedic Section, and Private Practice Section. I am a team player and always keep the deliberations of the group contained to the meeting. I may well hold tenaciously to, and debate strongly, the positions I believe in within Board meetings, but I have always shown support for the decision of the Board after it is adopted. That’s the way it’s supposed to be!

With the presidencies of Shane and now Emily, this is a very exciting time to be on the Indiana Board of Directors with so many quality Board members with their innovative thoughts and ideas. I was delighted to be involved in the strategic planning process this spring and summer. To know where we’ve been and where we want to go is thrilling. I stand on the shoulders of giants who I’ve served with on previous Boards and can’t wait to work with the new leaders.

I humbly ask for your vote for Chief Delegate of the Indiana Chapter. Thank you in advance for your anticipated favorable consideration.

**Consent to Serve Statement:**

I acknowledge the duties of the above position have been provided to me and I agree to serve in the position should I be slated and then elected. I am willing and able to attend all INAPTA Meetings as requested. I agree to be responsive to electronic communications as part of conducting the business of INAPTA.

Signature: \_\_\_Rick Reuss, PT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_September 10, 2017\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PROVIDE A HEADSHOT (DOES NOT NEED TO BE FORMAL)

Please return the Biographical Statement & Consent Form and Headshot to [inapta@apta.org](mailto:inapta@apta.org) by September 15, 2017.