



Greetings Friends of the Arizona Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association:

Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support! APTA Arizona would not be here without the support of our members and we truly appreciate every one of you. This year marks the end of my term as President and I am honored to have the privilege to represent you and the practice of Physical Therapy in Arizona. Elections will be held at our Annual meeting in October and we will be looking for an individual to assume the role of President. I cannot encourage you more to consider this opportunity and would be happy to share my experience with anyone who is interested. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are interested.

Our Executive Board will be holding our Annual Retreat and look forward to planning the upcoming year. Please allow me to introduce your 2022 APTA Arizona Executive Board Members:

Brian Schmitz, PT, DPT – President
Ami Griver, PT, DPT – Vice President
Lora Davis, PT, DPT - Secretary
Kadeen Mansor, PT, DPT - Treasurer
Lori Pearlmutter, PT - Chief Delegate
Letha Zook, PT, DPT - Western Maricopa County Rep. - District 1
Christina Romeo – Central Maricopa County Rep. - District 2
Jefferson Holm, PT, DPT - Eastern Maricopa County Rep. - District 3
Jennifer Zoucha, PT, DPT - Southern Arizona Rep. - District 4
Kara Koenitzer Tate, PT, DPT – Northern Arizona Rep. - District 5
Kacey Kline, PTA - PTA Caucus Representative
Lynette Lauterbach, PTA - PTA Caucus Alternate

In addition, we would like our members to participate in our upcoming PT Day at the Capitol which will be held on Wednesday, January 19th from 8:30 – 1 PM. Our State Governmental Affairs Chair, Kadeen Mansor, and our colleagues at the Dorn Policy Group will be in attendance. APTA Arizona will be introduced and recognized by Senator Barto in Health Committee and will be discussing State Advocacy issues with our elected representatives.

We now have over 732 members of our Tradewing member community. This will be your best source for the exchange of ideas and information. Please contact Christa Lombardo-Ploof, our Executive Director, at christa@aptaaz.org if you have questions regarding utilization of the Tradewing platform.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything APTA Arizona can do on your behalf. I wish you and yours all the best in 2022!

With Gratitude,

Brian Schmitz PT, DPT
President, Arizona Physical Therapy Association