



Final Slate
Candidates for the Academy of Clinical
Electrophysiology and Wound Management
2019

The ACEWM Nominating Committee is pleased to present the final slate of candidates for the 2019 Election for the positions of President and Nominating Committee Member.

Candidate for President

Karen A. Gibbs, PT, DPT, PhD

Candidates for Nominating Committee (*select one*):

Beshoy Ghaly, PT, DPT, RMSK, ECS

Rinku Kuril, DPT, ECS

Vicki Buchanan, PT, FSMK

Candidate for President: Karen A. Gibbs, PT, DPT, PhD



Personal Statement: *It has been an honor and privilege to serve as ACEWM President since January 1, 2018, filling the vacancy created when Dr. Harriett Loehne stepped down. With support and encouragement from the ACEWM Board of Directors, I would like to nominate myself for the elected position of President to continue leading the important initiatives currently underway.*

Our Academy experienced significant evolution in leadership and processes during 2018. We changed our President, Vice President, Section Delegate, and welcomed several new committee leaders. We experienced significant changes in our special interest groups, made progress toward a second specialization within the Academy, reconciled policies to new bylaws, and switched to a new platform for the newsletter. We also adapted to three executive directors as APTA made personnel changes. Change opens the door for new opportunity and I cannot remember a time when I've witnessed so many new and experienced volunteer leaders and members coming together to keep our section moving forward. There have been many late nights and conference calls, but there has also been a lot of fun and excitement as our group has planned, organized, and collaborated.

I see my role as President is to develop opportunities so that our section leaders can accomplish our strategic goals. My involvement over the past 18+ years in the ACEWM as an active member and leader has shown me to be inclusive, collaborative, protective of membership dollars, and focused on member benefit. I believe these traits will allow me to successfully work with the ACEWM Executive Committee, Board of Directors, ACEWM members, and those outside our Academy to enhance the experience and value of section membership.

I also believe my experience in various roles within the Academy has allowed me to network with and appreciate the diverse perspectives and priorities of members across all our special interest groups. As an active member since 1999, I have held several section-wide leadership positions including Membership Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, Delegate to the House of Delegates, Vice President, and currently as President. While my specialization is in wound management, these service roles have facilitated collaborative work with leaders from the Biophysical Agents, Electrodiagnosis, and Wound Management special interest groups giving me a broad perspective of the Academy.

I am proud of the current ACEWM leadership team and, if elected as President, will work collaboratively with them toward achieving our shared goals. As President, ultimately my role is to serve the members of the ACEWM, I hope you will give me that opportunity.

Explain your perceptions regarding the direction the Academy should take in the future and how your goals for the position you seek will affect this end: *The ACEWM invested in a*

strategic planning session in 2017 and developed a 2017-2020 strategic plan for the Academy. I, along with other section leaders, was involved in the strategic planning process and fully support the overarching goals that were identified. These goals focus our efforts on establishing physical therapists as providers of choice in electrodiagnosis and wound management and the recognition of biophysical agents as integral for best patient outcomes. If elected as President, I will work to keep our efforts directed toward the strategic plan.

One personal goal I have as President to help move us closer to our overarching goals is to strengthen engagement and community among ACEWM members and encourage collaboration across the section. I believe I can facilitate this by establishing a sense of teamwork and fun in our work, excitement for projects, and delegating decision-making and responsibility to section leaders. Progress toward our strategic goals will require all of us working together and I see building community and collaboration within our Academy as vital to our success.

A second personal goal I have is to work with the Board to ensure members have the resources and administrative support they need to accomplish our overarching goals. I believe this will require consistent association executive management, convenient and stable methods of communication, an established volunteer portal, a balanced budget that offers structure and flexibility, and creative methods of supplementing Academy funds. The current leadership team is dedicated to continuing progress in all these areas and I look forward to maintaining the momentum.

Professional summary:

- **Education (list degrees):**
 - BS
 - MSPT
 - DPT
 - Phd

- **Certifications:**
 - CWS – Certified Wound Specialist

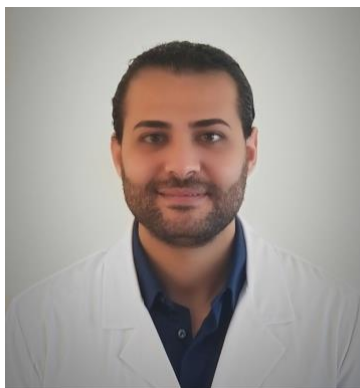
- **Clinical/Research/Teaching Experience:**
 - **Clinical:**
 - University Medical Center at Brackenridge, Austin, TX (10/2001–7/2012)
 - Smithville Regional Hospital, Smithville, TX (5/2002–6/2002)
 - Los Gatos Community Hospital, Los Gatos, CA (6/2000–1/2002)
 - Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, San Jose, CA (5/1999–9/2004)
 - **Research:** 10 peer-reviewed journal publications, 5 peer-reviewed book chapters, multiple peer-reviewed conference education sessions, posters, and platforms.

- **Employment:**
 - **Professor**
 - Texas State University, Department of Physical Therapy (6/2005–present)
 - **Adjunct Professor**

- East Tennessee State University, Department of Physical Therapy (2/2017–present)
- **Professional Awards:**
 - APTA’s Academy of Clinical Electrophysiology & Wound Management Distinguished Service Award (2012)
- **APTA Service:**
 - APTA
 - **Member** Combined Sections Meeting (CSM) Steering Group, APTA (Appointed position, 2016-present)
 - **Review Member Expert** “Choosing Wisely” Recommendations Review Panel, APTA (Invited position, 2015-present)
 - **Abstract Reviewer** Educational Leadership Conference, Education Sessions and Posters (2017)
 - ACEWM
 - **President** ACEWM (Appointed 2018-present)
 - **Alternate Delegate** ACEWM alternate delegate to House of Delegates (2018-present)
 - **Task Force Chair** ACEWM ABPTS Wound Management Certified Specialist Examination Task Force (2018-present)
 - **Vice President** ACEWM (Appointed position, 2014-2016; elected position, 2017)
 - **Delegate** ACEWM delegate to House of Delegates (2015-2017)
 - **Task Force Section Leader & Assistant Editor** ACEWM Wound Management Special Interest Group, ABPTS Wound Management Specialist Examination Task Force: “Need” Section and petition co-editor (Appointed position, 2010-2017)
 - **Moderator** ACEWM Wound Management Special Interest Group Listserv (2010-present)
 - **Abstract Reviewer** ACEWM proposals for APTA Combined Sections Meeting conference presentations (2017)
 - **Task Force Member** ACEWM Wound Management Special Interest Group, Physical Therapist Role in Wound Management Task Force (2015-2017)
 - **Task Force Chair** ACEWM Conference Exhibit Display Updates (2015)
 - **Task Force Chair** ACEWM Curriculum Recommendations for Wound Management Education Task Force (2005-2008); Document Review/Update (2013-2014)
 - **Organizer** ACEWM & Wound Management Special Interest Group Student and New Graduate Mentoring Program (2013-2014)
 - **Member** ACEWM Membership Committee (2013)
 - **Member** ACEWM Wound Management Special Interest Group Planning Committee for Continuing Education Series, APTA’s Annual Conference (2009)

- **Chair** ACEWM Membership Committee (Appointed position, 2008-2012)
- **Vice President** ACEWM Wound Management Special Interest Group (Appointed position, 2008-2009)
- **Chair** ACEWM Nominating Committee (Elected position, 2005-2008)
- TPTA (Texas Physical Therapy Association)
 - **Judge** Research Posters, TPTA Annual Conference (2014-2017)
 - **Sergeant of Arms**, Texas Assembly Meeting, TPTA Annual Conference (2010-2017)
 - **Reviewer** Credentialing Committee (2017)
 - **Peer Reviewer** Panel for Physical Therapist Wound Care and General Physical Therapy State Continuing Education Approval Program (2001-2016)
 - **Member** TPTA Strategic Planning Session (2015)
 - **Abstract Reviewer** Research Posters, TPTA Annual Conference (2014-2016)
 - **Chair** Merchandise Committee (2006-2009)
 - **Co-Chair** Capitol Area District (Elected position, 2007-2008)
 - **Co-Chair** TPTA Annual Student Conclave Planning Committee (2007, 2008)
 - **Co-Chair** TPTA Annual Conference & Student Conclave Education Committee (2005)

Candidate for Nominating Committee: Beshoy Ghaly, PT, DPT, RMSK, ECS



Personal Statement: *Electrodiagnosis can play a major role in modern physical therapy practice. Establishing a new ABPTS wound management specialization can be a huge achievement for our profession.*

An Academy that strongly support the use of electrodiagnostics, biophysical agents and wound management in PT practice is critically important.

I have a special interest and extensive experience in electrodiagnosis and its use in the physical therapy practice business as well as physicians' practices from different specialties.

I am willing to serve every single member in the Academy in a way that helps our growth as a community and follows the Academy policies.

I seek nomination as a junior member, and I am willing to help with what I know and learn whatever it takes to help advancing our profession and the overall patient care.

Explain your perceptions regarding the direction the Academy should take in the future and how your goals for the position you seek will affect this end: *Advocacy and recognition of the diagnostic abilities of the physical therapists should be our Academy future direction. This includes establishing a strong PT representation and participation in other medical societies like ASET (The Neurodiagnostic Society).*

Another major Academy future direction is focusing on continuing our effort to establish the ABPTS wound management clinical specialist certification. This includes establishing a strong PT representation and participation in other medical societies like APWCA (American Professional Wound Care Association)

We should focus on:

- Enhancing the diagnostic evidence-based PT practice.*
- Involving in research projects that reflects our excellence in diagnostic abilities, wound management as PTs.*
- Supporting the electrodiagnostic educational materials needed for proper trained Doctor of Physical Therapy.*
- Advancing the electrodiagnostic curriculum for future PT students to reflect APTA vision regarding the direct access.*
- Ensure the readiness and competence of the physical therapists who apply for our ECS board certification. (Those are our image in front of the physicians, other health care providers and insurance companies)*

- *Establishing the criteria and requirements for the future ABPTS exam for wound management clinical specialist certification.*
 - *Expanding the mentorship program to help and support those who are willing to learn and advance their knowledge in the field.*
 - *Develop a clinical practice guideline for pressure ulcers and lymphedema cases.*
 - *Develop a policy as clinical specialists regarding our professional conduct and collaboration with other health care providers (MDs, DOs, etc.)*
 - *Maintaining a functional informative updated website that represents our mission and effort in advancing the profession.*
- The ACEWM should function in a way that allows it to continue as a leading authority for electro diagnostics, biophysical agents and wound management in modern physical therapy practice.*

Professional summary:

- **Education (list degrees):**
 - DPT
 - BSPT
- **Certifications:**
 - ECS
 - RMSK
 - APCA
 - CCI
- **Clinical/Research/Teaching Experience:**
 - Publications:
 - **The Utility and Practicality of Ultrasound in Upper Extremity Pathology. (Conference Publication)**
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)
Scientific Exhibit SE23
2018 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana
www.aaos.org/annual
Other Authors: Jack Choueka, MD, Daniel Komlos, MD, Sheriff Akinyeye, MD, Nishant Suneja, MD, Garret Garofolo-Gonzalez, MD, Adriano Martins, PhD
 - **The use of Electrodiagnostic studies and Musculoskeletal Sonography in Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.**
Journal of Bodywork and Movement Therapies
Citation: Kostopoulos, D., Ghaly, B., The use of Electrodiagnostic studies and musculoskeletal sonography in carpal tunnel syndrome, Journal of Bodywork & Movement Therapies (2018), doi: 10.1016/j.jbmt.2018.07.001
 - **Editorial Board** of “Diagnostics for PT” magazine
July 21st, 2017 to May 31st, 2018
 - **Current research projects and articles under review for journal publication.**

- **Ulnar nerve peripheral entrapment and cubital tunnel syndrome lectures**
 - 1st and 2nd HODS symposiums, Astoria, NY, 2014 and 2015
- **Mentoring sessions** in the diagnostic clinical practice
- **Physical Therapist since 2009**

- **Employment:**
 - Business Owner

- **Professional Contributions:**
 - American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
 - New York Physical Therapy Association (NYPTA)
 - American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM)
 - The Neurodiagnostic Society (ASET)

- **APTA Service:**
 - ACEWM Nominating Committee Member (February 2018 - Present)

Candidate for Nominating Committee: Rinku Kuril, DPT, ECS



Personal Statement: *I have served in numerous positions in collegiate clubs, assisted the faculty at my DPT alma mater as well in my professional career being a clinic director where I have been involved in resume review, character fitness evaluations, and interviews which I believe will contribute to a position on the nominating committee.*

Explain your perceptions regarding the direction the Academy should take in the future and how your goals for the position you seek will affect this end: *Since obtaining my degree and license to practice, I have dedicated my physical therapy career to acquiring competency in diagnostics because I have believed that Physical Therapists, as autonomous practitioners, should be harnessing their skills in physical evaluation to more objective measurements. By serving on the nominating committee, I hope to seek out like-minded, motivated individuals capable of enhancing the scope of Physical Therapy across our country.*

Professional summary:

- **Education (list degrees):**
 - BS
 - DPT

- **Certifications:**
 - ECS
 - BLS

- **Clinical/Research/Teaching Experience:**
 - As a Clinical Director, I have trained therapists and technicians in electrodiagnostics.
 - Served as a teaching assistant in numerous EDX-related courses

- **Employment:**
 - Full-Time, VP of Clinical Services, Hands-On EMG

- **Professional Awards:**
 - *Star Award*, Hands-On Diagnostics, for achievement in board-certification

Candidate for Nominating Committee: Vicki Buchanan, PT, FSMK



Personal Statement: *I have been very active in private practice groups who are seeking to promote the profession of physical therapy by advancing our knowledge base to include diagnostics testing in order to identify correct PT interventional treatments. I believe my association with these clinical therapists will allow me to encourage more service in this specialty group.*

Explain your perceptions regarding the direction the Academy should take in the future and how your goals for the position you seek will affect this end: *To expand the organization to allow more therapists become a part of our specialty group. I believe we need to encourage more people to become involved and promote our specialty abilities to both the general public as well as other health professionals.*

Professional summary:

- **Education (list degrees):**
 - BS
- **Certifications:**
 - Fellowship in Musculoskeletal Ultrasound
- **Clinical/Research/Teaching Experience:**
 - 32 years of clinical experience in outpatient PT
 - Taught for 2 years at Langston University Dept of physical therapy
 - Guest Lecturer at University of Oklahoma for MSKUS
- **Employment:**
 - Regional Physical Therapy, Inc. (Private practice outpatient facility)
- **Professional Awards:**
 - Fellowship in MSKUS