

## APTA LOUISIANA 2023 FALL MEETING

**AUGUST 25-27, 2023**  
**CROWNE PLAZA EXECUTIVE CENTER**  
**BATON ROUGE, LA**  
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**William Boissonnault**  
PT, DPT, DHSc, FAAOMPT, FAPTA



**Jay Morange**  
PT, DPT, RMSK, MBA



**Bert Lindsey**  
PT, RMSK

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## A Message from your APTA Louisiana President



So, here we are in the Dog Days of Summer. It's been hot! And the APTA Louisiana schedule is heating up too! It starts with a Finance Committee and Executive Committee meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> in Baton Rouge. The main focus of this is to develop our budget for 2024, taking into careful consideration the revenue challenges our association is facing as we work hard to enhance our ability to generate revenue through programming and meetings and looking closely at our expenses so we can maintain a thriving association for our members.

Later this month, I have the privilege, along with Judith Halverson, the chairman of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board to participate in a workshop in Arlington Virginia with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy to discuss the concepts associated with the "Model Practice Act". As you know, our own state board is working hard to update and improve our practice act and the participation of all PT's to make those changes is imperative.

Also in July, your House of Delegates members will descend on Washington, DC for this year's version of the HOD. Delegates from every state and every component of the APTA come

together to discuss and debate the important issues facing our profession that help guide APTA leadership as our profession continues to grow.

August 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> we will hold our State Meeting at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge. We are excited to have Bill Boissonnault to present the latest information on diagnostic imaging. Several states across the US allow physical therapists to participate in the diagnostic imaging realm and Dr. Boissonnault is one of the leading authorities in this area. We are also very excited to have Jay Morange and Bert Lindsey lead a musculoskeletal ultrasound lab course. It's been a long time since we've had a true lab course at our state meeting and if you have an interest in this up and coming diagnostic modality, you won't want to miss out of this opportunity. We are so excited about the programming opportunities at this upcoming meeting. Go to [aptala.org](http://aptala.org) and get signed up today! We need you there!

Lastly, July is also election month for APTA Louisiana. You should have gotten an email and we are asking all to participate in our election process as we vote for a new President and Secretary for our association. Elections will be open from July 1<sup>st</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>. This election will play a pivotal role in the new leadership and direction of our association. Please vote!

On a personal note, as this election takes place, the August state meeting will signal the end of my term as President of our association. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as President of APTA Louisiana. The people I have been able to work with from our APTA LA staff, to my leadership peers, to all the members of our association have been an inspiration to me and give me great confidence in our association and profession for the future. I look forward to handing the reins of our organization to Karl Kleinpeter and helping him in my past President role to transition to the next iteration of APTA LA leadership, moving our profession and association forward in the years to come.

Thank you for this great honor!

-Bart Jones, PT, DPT  
APTA Louisiana President

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## Membership Update: June 2023

Please continue to encourage your fellow PTs, PTAs and students to join or renew their APTA/APTA Louisiana membership!

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| PTs          | 874            |
| PTAs         | 176            |
| Students     | 589            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>- 1,639</b> |



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## Upcoming Events!

House of Delegates / Leadership Congress  
July 22-24, 2023 in Washington, DC

Federal Affairs Forum  
July 25, 2023 in Washington, DC

APTA Louisiana Fall Meeting  
August 25-27, 2023 in Baton Rouge, LA

CSM 2024  
February 13-15, 2024 in Boston, MA

APTA Louisiana Spring Meeting  
March 22-24, 2024 in Lafayette, LA

APTA Louisiana Fall Meeting  
August 23-25, 2024 in Baton Rouge, LA

## District & Component News

### PT-PAC Report

Building a community that advances the profession of physical therapy to improve the health of society.

That is the mission statement for the APTA. When you donate to the PT PAC you are building the community and helping to fulfil our mission. It doesn't matter how much you donate because every dollar counts.

Voluntary contributions by current APTA members are what makes the PAC possible — that's why every dollar counts. Like all political action committees, **PTPAC is subject to federal laws and regulations**. Those laws and regulations prohibit the use of APTA dues to support the PAC — instead, it's up to individual members who understand the value PTPAC brings to the profession.

The PT-PAC is APTA's sole political fundraising arm that provides access to and influence on federal legislators for the benefit of the profession ie helping to build our community.

2023 is the 50th anniversary of the PT PAC! That makes this the perfect year to donate at least \$5 or \$50 or \$500 to the PT PAC, especially if you've never donated before this year. Every member of APTA LA can donate at least \$5 to the PT PAC.

Those members who have donated \$100 or \$250 or \$500 or \$ 2000 and have done so for years deserve our gratitude for their sacrifice...Thank You!!

Louisiana once again leads the nation in number of Eagles per member and 12.6% of our PT members donated to the PT-PAC which is over twice the national average!

Never doubt that your donations are making a difference. I encourage you to look at our legislative and policy wins of the past few years to remind yourself that you contributed to those



advances.

Help advance our profession and continue to build our transformative community.

Please use the below link to donate or you also can call Michael Matlack, Director of Grassroots & Political Affairs, at 703/706-3163 to make your donation.

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One of the most important decisions you have ever made – becoming a physical therapist! Now it's time to take the next step in your career. Board certification is available in 10 specialty areas.

### Did you know that APTA members save on certification fees?

Apply by the early bird deadline and save an additional **\$100 off** already reduced APTA member application and exam fees!

### Early Bird Deadlines

#### July 1

Cardiovascular & Pulmonary, Clinical Electrophysiology, Oncology, Women's Health, Wound Management.

#### July 31

Geriatrics, Neurology, Orthopaedics, Pediatrics, Sports.

Final deadline for all 10 specialties is Sept. 30.

Visit APTA Specialist Certification at [specialization.apta.org](https://specialization.apta.org) or call 800-999-2782, ext. 8520.

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Save **\$100 off** fees. Rates go up Aug. 1.

## Bylaws Chair Report

It does not appear that the motions at this House of Delegates will affect our Bylaws. I plan to be at the House and seek out if our Bylaws need any editorializing from the significant APTA

bylaw changes made in 2021. I will say I'm happy to see the motion "fixing" the APTA Nominating Committee term of office.

In the recent past, we did make a very significant change to our Bylaws. We now have the ability to vote in APTA LA elections electronically. This bylaw change was a lot of work for the Bylaws committee. So it would be appreciated if more members used it!

It can't get much easier to vote. Perhaps you don't know the candidates. Their statements are published and I'm sure all would be approachable to an email. As has been said, Democracy is not a spectator sport. Please participate in your community by voting for our statewide office. Use the simple gift you've been given.

Until the next Bylaw



-Paul Hildreth, PT, DPT, MPH  
APTA LA Bylaws Chair

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Jessica Hernandez

### FINISHED 1ST IN AGE GROUP AT THE FREEDOM FEST TRIATHLON & DUATHLON!

## Lafayette District Chair Report

### Upcoming Local Events:

- APTA Louisiana Fall Meeting (August 25-27)
- District Meeting (Wednesday, Sept 13th, 6:00 pm)
  - Sleep Recommendations for Competitive Athletes by JD Boudreaux
- District Meeting (~Wednesday, December 6th, 6:00 pm)
  - Undetermined

### District News:

We have a **groupme** for the Lafayette district to improve communication. This is a text based app that I can use to get information out to the entire district in a quick and efficient manner. It is very rarely used and only for important updates so you will not get many notifications. If you are interested in joining please reach out to me with your name and cell phone



number so I can add you to the group.

If you are interested in being more involved with the district, please reach out to me. I'm always looking for people to help with volunteer opportunities, finding speakers for meetings, etc.

If anyone would be interested in or knows someone who would like to speak for 1-2 hours at a district meeting let me know! You get CEU hours for presenting.

**Lafayette District Positions:**

- District Chair (2 year term) – ME
- Nominating Committee (1 year term) – JD Boudreaux
- Governmental Affairs Committee (1 year term) – JD Boudreaux
- Finance Committee (1 year term) – Jacob Freyou
- Research Committee (1 year term) – Zach Pitre

Keep a look out for more information in our district through your email, the Groupme app, and the Central Acadiana PTs/PTAs Facebook page. PLEASE if you don't get my emails about these meetings, send me an email and let me know at [kzerang16@gmail.com](mailto:kzerang16@gmail.com)!

-Kassy Zerangue, PT, DPT  
Lafayette District Chair

## Alexandria District Chair Report

The Alexandria District hosted a district meeting on June 20, 2023 at Spirit's Restaurant. The group enjoyed PT pub night, an APTA LA update from President Bart Jones and elected a new District Chair.

Congratulations to our new Alexandria District Chair, Tessa Vander Molen!





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