



Candidate Biographical Sketches 2017 APAOG Slate of Candidates

Vice President

Kristen Lohser, PA-C, MS

Employer/Location

Northwell Health
Laurel Hollow, NY

Education

Georgetown University- Bachelor of science
Touro College- Bachelor of science and Master of Science
in physician assistant studies

APAOG Involvement

I have been the Director at Large for the past three years. I have worked to create written guidelines to help other Women's Health Physician Assistants know their role and privileges in both an inpatient and outpatient setting. In addition, I am currently working with AIUM to create sonographic guidelines for Women's Health PAs.

Statement

I would like to continue to help to grow overall membership and provide advocacy for Women's Health Physician Assistants currently in practice. In addition, I hope to help create more mentoring opportunities for our members and create a service project or trip for Physician Assistants in Women's Health.

Elyse Watkins, DHSC, PA-C

Employer/Location

High Point University Department of Physician Assistant
Studies
Advance, NC

Education

DHSc, Nova Southeastern University
MS, California State University
BS, Physician Assistant Studies, The George Washington
University
BA, Anthropology and Sociology, Virginia Commonwealth
University

APAOG Involvement

I just became a member this past year. I will be presenting a webinar this June, and am excited to be a part of APAOG!

Statement

I would like to increase awareness of the utility of PAs in Ob Gyn nationally. I would love to speak to PA students about opportunities in Ob Gyn, and provide lectures to state and national organizations on women's health topics and as a representative for APAOG.



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Richard Villarreal, PA-C, PhD

Employer/Location

US Army
San Antonio, TX

Education

BS - University of Oklahoma
MPAS - University of Nebraska
PhD - University of the Incarnate Word
MSS - US Army War College (pending graduation July 2017)

APAOG Involvement

I have been a member of APAOG since 2009. I have been busy as a soldier clinician having deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan so I have not had the time to devote to committees or being in the board. I am now the Director for the Interservice Physician Assistant Program, the largest PA program in the world. I now have time to devote to APAOG.

Statement

First, to increase the visibility of PAs working in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Second, to teach, coach and mentor student and recent graduates to make them more ready and relevant to their communities and medical practices. Lastly, to implement the plans, mission and vision of APAOG leadership.



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Treasurer

Jacquetta Melvin, MPH, PA-C

Employer/Location

North Carolina State University -- Student Health Services
Raleigh, NC

Education

Howard University -- Bachelor of Science Physician
Assistant Studies
UNC Chapel Hill -- Master of Public Health (Maternal and
Child Health)

APAOG Involvement

Membership since June 2016
2017 APAOG Award Winner for Outstanding PA in
Women's Health.

Statement

Working as a PA in Women's Health I'm able to make small, individual impacts in patient care day to day. As an active member, and hopefully board member, of APAOG I will be able to advocate and promote care for women on a macro level. It is my hope that as treasurer I maintain adequate records and help keep the organization financially strong and sound to provide with with the resources necessary to continue our important work in Women's Health



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Student Representative

Ashley Boge

Employer/Location

n/a

Education

University of Washington MEDEX Program
Class of 2018

APAOG Involvement

Member since May 2017

Statement

I would like to inform my fellow students about the opportunities for future PAs in the field of gynecology. Studying with UW, we are often taught that gynecology is controlled by MDs, NPs, and nurse midwives. There is a place for PAs in OB/GYN and I hope to join that field and inspire my cohort to join as well.

Katie Kinds, PA-S1

Employer/Location

Student at Nova Southeastern University
Orlando, FL

Education

In progress- Nova Southeastern University- Orlando
Johns Hopkins University- BA in Behavioral Biology with a
minor in Womens, Gender & Sexuality

APAOG Involvement

Member since May 2017

Statement

I would like to create a mentoring program aimed at professional development, to assist PA students as well as newly practicing PAs with the transition into providers of women's healthcare. At the AAPA meeting last month in Las Vegas, I spoke with several students who were already passionate about women's healthcare and were interested in becoming involved or learning more about the field. I think it would be great to connect that shared interest into the existing network of practicing PAs in women's health to improve access to quality healthcare.

Personally, I would like to develop my leadership skills and supplement my current educational experiences. I also have an interest in learning more about national and local health policy decisions change the accessibility of preventative services especially for women and children. I think this experience would help me to become a better student and eventually practitioner as I begin my clinical rotation in August of 2017 and approach graduation in 2018.



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Student Representative

Melissa Rodriguez, PA-C

Employer/Location

NYU Lutheran
Brooklyn, NY

Education

Master's in Science in Physician Assistant Studies, UMDNJ
now Rutgers

APAOG Involvement

APAOG member as a student and now as an active
clinician

Statement

I would like to participate in APAOG leadership, to
broaden my experience, and to encourage membership
in the OBGYN specialty by increasing student awareness
and opportunities.