

**2024 APTA BOARD MEETING  
GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Governance and Nominating Committee is charged with: 1. Replacing departing Board Members. 2. Working with the President to present a slate of officers for the approval by the Board. 3. Reviewing the Associations By-Laws and procedures 4. Onboarding new Directors 5. Conducting exit interviews with departing Board Members.

**RECOMMENDATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The Committee determined that two new Board members should be added – one with an expertise in the law and one with an expertise in social media/marketing. Emails were sent to all league administrators and a request for resumes was sent out via HOW. About a dozen excellent resumes came in for each position. The Committee broke into two sub-committees, one for each position that needed to be filled. After extensive discussion and interviews, each group reached a consensus, and the full Committee approved the recommendation on Whit Harwood and Sarah Padgett.

**RECOMMENDATION OF NEXT SLATE OF OFFICERS**

The most difficult task in creating a new slate of officers was finding someone to replace Tiernan Cavanna, who is term limited. All existing Board members were contacted to discuss the need for a new President and their interest. Demian Johnston strongly exhibited the ability and desire to serve as the APTA's next President, and the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend him to the full Board for that position.

John McElhenny agreed to continue to serve as the Treasurer. Leslie Parsons agreed to take over as the chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee and to pass the position of Secretary to Anne Waldron. Ben McKnight and Andrew Haines also expressed willingness to serve as VPs next year.

The Committee is confident in the slate of officers proposed to the Board.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER MATERIAL**

The Committee reviewed the material given to new Board members and found it to be helpful and complete.

**BYLAW CHANGE**

The Committee considered changing the Bylaws to have Presidents serve two years and then one year as Immediate Past President, with a VP in line to be the next President. The Committee

determined that although the idea has some advantages, it was not right for the Association at this time.

The Committee drafted one small change to the Bylaws to allow Committee members to serve 4 years instead of 3 years. This will avoid too many members leaving the Committee at the same time.

Submitted by Leslie Parsons  
Governance and Nominating Committee Chair