



# 2019 Year in Review

HOW WE INSPIRED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED IN 2019

2019 was a great time to be involved in APTAMA! The year started with our Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session for the year ahead. Out of this planning, our two goals were to:

- Increase PT, PTA, and student interaction with APTAMA
- Expand the number of resources available through APTAMA



## NEW LOGO, SAME MISSION

"By creating a more unified brand, we strengthen our voice and our ability to represent and advocate for our members, the PT profession, and the people we serve."

– Eric Folmar,  
President, APTAMA

## A RECORD SETTING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

With over 350 attendees, it was our highest attended conference to date.

[Read more about what you missed here!](#)



## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP CHANGES

Our Shoulder SIG consistently provides exceptional programming – starting in 2020 it will be rebranded as the **Orthopedic SIG**.

Our **Early Professional SIG** will absorb the Student SIG to create more connections between Students and Early Professionals

## Connect with APTA Massachusetts Virtually!

- [Engage](#) – looking to volunteer on any level? Check out our postings here and "opt in" to learn about new positions!
- [Communities](#) – APTAMA's new home for discussion forums, clinical questions, and all members-only material formerly available on the website.

# PT DAY ON THE HILL

Physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and students from all over the state came out to Beacon Hill in April to talk with legislators about important issues affecting our practice.

**Join us April 6th, 2020 to continue these conversations!**



## APTA Massachusetts LENDS A HAND FOR PT DAY OF SERVICE



APTAMA leaders from across the state participated in Global PT Day of Service

## PUBLIC POLICY CHANGES

Our Public Policy Committee is going into 2020 with a clear vision, and expanded leadership on board to accomplish goals.

Several **work groups** will tackle APTAMA's Public Policy Goals

[Click here for more information!](#)

## OUR PAST PRESIDENT GOES NATIONAL!

In June at the APTA House of Delegates, past APTAMA President Heather Jennings was elected to the National APTA Board of Directors. All of us at APTA Massachusetts are indebted to her leadership and guidance over the last few years!

[\*\*\*Read Her Goodbye to the APTA Massachusetts Chapter Here!\*\*\*](#)



## SAVE THE DATE!

- PT Day on the Hill – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Annual Conference – November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### An update from APTAMA President Eric Folmar

I am feeling very fortunate as I reflect on my first 6 months as APTAMA President. I am surrounded by a tremendous Board of Directors, an engaged membership, and hundreds of ambitious student PT & PTA members all looking to move our profession forward.

Moving into 2020, there are many initiatives that we are working on including: expanded educational offerings; a "rebranding" of our special interest groups; expanded student engagement including student advocacy dinners and regional student conclave; extensive legislative efforts; to name a few....

I am looking forward to the upcoming year and all that lies ahead over the next 3 years. Here's to a fulfilling and healthy 2020!

### An update from APTAMA Vice President MK Murray

It's been a whirlwind first year as VP and I've enjoyed every second! This year, my main focus was on decreasing barriers to involvement in the Assembly by providing resources for new Reps and running our first Virtual Assembly. We also **\*finally\*** unveiled our new website! While I still consider it a work in progress, finding the best ways to engage with our members will continue to be a focus for me in 2020.

I am looking forward to doing more with our Public Policy Committee next year – do you know how big a role the PAC plays in decisions that get made for our practice? [DONATE!](#)

Our leadership team is growing. If you're passionate and want to figure out where you fit in our organization, [let's connect](#).

**21 Special Interest Group Events. 12 Socials.  
1000+ in person attendees. 186 virtual attendees.**



Thank you to all those who attended an event in 2019! We look forward to continuing to bring you high quality programming all year long!