

2023 Slate of Candidates

President-Elect	Nathan Hart
Vice President	Michell McDiffett
Region 1	Tyler Fitzgerald
Region 2	Michele Gavin
Region 6	Emily Brown
Region 7	Anu Mathur

Delegates:

Michell McDiffett
Mel Roxas
Shannon Urena

Platform Statements

Nathan Hart – President Elect

To OAPA Executive Leadership I would like to declare my intentions to run for the three-year term effective July 1, 2023 as President Elect. I have had the opportunity to represent the PA Profession as the OAPA Region 1 Director over the last two years. I have made numerous connections across Northeast Ohio with the practicing PAs and PA Students in the region. I have seen the growth and momentum created by the current OAPA leadership affecting the PA Profession across Ohio. It would be my honor to represent the PA Profession as President Elect, followed by OAPA President in 2024/2025. I hope that through continued partnership and collaboration, that we can grow the expand the breadth of PA Practice in Ohio through collaboration and legislation. Thank you for consideration, Nathan Hart, MS, MBA, PA-C Region 1 OAPA Director

Michell McDiffett – Vice President

My name is Michell McDiffett and I am seeking election for Vice President to the OAPA Board of Directors. I have been practicing as a psychiatric PA-C at Signature Health, Inc since 2010, and am currently full time faculty for the Lake Erie College PA Program.

I have been a member of OAPA since 2008. I have served various positions including Student Affairs Committee Chair, Region 1 Director, AAPA Delegate President and currently Past President of the Board of Directors. Leadership in OAPA has given me the opportunity to be inspired by some of Ohio's most passionate PAs and to continue to work toward achieving our vision of being the premier state for PAs.

As Vice President, I intend to continue work to bring awareness to the profession, provide opportunities for professional and personal development for all PAs in Ohio, and eliminate antiquated legislative barriers to practice. We all know that the demand for healthcare providers continues to grow and PAs

are essential for expanding access to care. The recent epidemic proved that PAs are integral members of the healthcare team and, when given the chance to practice at the top of our license, provide high quality, evidence based, patient centered care! OAPA is working hard to modernize PA practice in Ohio, but needs continued support from membership, lawmakers and the public. As Vice President, I intend to support this work by increasing membership, encouraging participation in OAPA leadership, and keeping PAs informed about the challenges that we face. I am excited about continuing to work with the current Board of Directors and those that will be elected to realize the goals we have established over the past several years!

Emily Brown – Region 6

I am interested in serving as the region 6 director because I have spent the majority of my career practicing in Ohio. I attended Kettering College and graduated in 2015. I first practiced in California and then moved home to Ohio when my husband retired from the military. I have worked in hospital medicine since 2017 and helped to start a new PA Program at Miami University. I have seen medicine and education change while working through the pandemic. Things continue to change as we try to find 'normal' in the post-pandemic time. Keeping up with these changes and understanding how it may influence our practice is a hard task. As the region 6 director, I could help facilitate the flow of information to region 6 PAs and make sure your thoughts are heard at the state level. I am willing to be an engaged advocate for PAs in Ohio and nationally. I hope to educate more PAs and PA students on the importance of joining OAPA and participating in professional advocacy to continue OAPAs mission of promoting quality, cost-effective, accessible health care through the physician assistant – physician team approach.

Anu Mathur – Region 7

My name is Anu Mathur, I am a graduate of Baylor College of Medicine's PA program and have been living in Ohio for the last 10 years. I have practiced in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Urgent care, and Sleep medicine. The last 5 years I have been more involved in PA education and with it found an invigorating passion for the profession and hope to help it grow in our region. Since I moved to the area about 10 years ago, I have been trying to connect and network with local PAs. To help with this endeavor I created the LinkedIn and Facebook group Greater Cincinnati Physician Associates. We have held a few virtual meetings and help network local PAs. My entire career I have been a proponent of mentoring and fostering leadership and I hope you will choose me to represent Region 7 at OAPA. My passion for education and ardent desire to grow our presence in the region has compelled me to consider running for this position. I hope to help address the concerns that are unique to PAs practicing in this region at our state organization. I hope to create plenty of opportunities for networking whether it be in person or virtual during my tenure. In my view there is a great need and opportunity to get our local PAs more involved in small ways to help elevate our presence in the local healthcare community. I look forward to the chance to get to know you better and represent our region at OAPA.