



Who's Who in the Oregon Society of Physician Assistants (OSPA)

Mission Statement

The mission of the Society is to promote quality, cost effective, and accessible health care; to support the professional and personal development of physician assistants; and to advance the PA profession as well as the PA/MD team approach to health care.

About OSPA

OSPA is a professional society representing Physician Assistants in the State of Oregon in order to maximize the benefit of their services to the public. It operates for educational and scientific purposes with the goal of advancing the Physician Assistant profession.

OSPA operates under a board of directors whose function it is to establish policies that will help the advancement of PAs. The board of directors meet quarterly to engage in discussion about various issues that may be at the forefront of the profession. Recent legislative accomplishments that the OSPA has championed for PAs include increasing hospital admitting privileges, authority of perform fluoroscopy, dispensing privileges for Schedule III-IV substances, prescriptive rights for Suboxone and practice ownership.

OSPA also operates various committees that look to serve the growing community of PAs in the State of Oregon. Some examples of these committees include the Membership, CME, Government Affairs, Early Careers Committees.

OSPA Board of Directors

President

Saje Davis-Risen PA-C

Saje Davis-Risen is the OSPA President and represents Oregon on the House of Delegates for the American Society of Physician Assistants. She has served OSPA in various roles since moving to Oregon in 2011, including serving as the Co-Chair of the CME Committee, Director-at-Large, President-Elect and now in her current roles. She has been a PA-C since 2006 and has been an active member of her state and national associations since graduating from PA school. She is an associate professor at Pacific University School of PA Studies in Hillsboro Oregon and enjoys sharing her passion for patient care and advocacy for the profession with students.



President-Elect

Ben Johnson PA-C

Ben Johnson is the OSPA President-Elect. He previously served on the OSPA Executive Committee 2004-2006 and as OSPA president in 2005. He has served as OSPA chief AV technician at all OSPA conferences since 2002. He has served as an OSPA delegate to the AAPA House of Delegates for most of the past 15 years. Ben has served on various OSPA committees over the years including CME, legislative and website.



Ben Johnson currently practices in urgent care and family practice in Cottage Grove. In the past, he has practiced in ER, and extensively in treating injured workers in Oregon.

He is very committed to facilitating high quality education for PAs in Oregon and in working with OSPA and AAPA to protect and advance the ability of PAs in Oregon to care for their patients. He has been, and continues to be, a strong advocate for OTP within OSPA and the AAPA House of Delegates.

Immediate Past President

Rachel Stappler PA-C

Rachel Stappler is the OSPA Immediate Past President. She is a North Bend native and graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science, performed post baccalaureate studies at Southern Oregon University and obtained her physician assistant degree and Master of Health Science from Lock Haven University, in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania in 2010. She completed a postgraduate residency program in pain medicine and anesthesiology at the University of Washington Medical School in Seattle, Washington.



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She is a fellow of the American Society of Physician Assistants and the Immediate Past President for the Oregon Society of Physician Assistants in addition to being a very active part of the Government Affairs and Continuing Education Committees. She is a member of the Oregon Medical Association, and a reserve Police Officer for the City of Myrtle Point. She is the executive director of the Coos County Drug Disposal Coalition and participates in numerous local and regional task forces for appropriate medication prescribing and disposal. She is a very active member of several local and regional pain committees as well as working with state and federal legislators for increasing access to substance abuse treatment.

In her spare time Rachel enjoys lecturing to the medical and law enforcement communities around the state, volunteering in the community, long distance running, triathlons and spending time with her family.

Chief Delegate HOD

Alysia Privrat PA-C

Alysia I. Privrat is the OSPA Chief Delegate to the AAPA House of Delegates. She has been a PA for the last 16 years. She completed the Postgraduate Residency in Surgery at Montefiore Medical Center and has worked in Surgery, Critical Care and Hospital Medicine. She currently works in emergency medicine. She is currently finishing her Doctorate of Medical Sciences at the University of Lynchburg and is on track to finish in September 2018.

Alysia feels it is important to give back to the community, in addition to representing PAs at the national level in the House of Delegates. She regularly participates in medical missions abroad, most recently in Haiti.

Secretary

Katie Volk PA-C

Katie Volk is the OSPA Secretary. She started her OSPA involvement in 2014 as the Pacific University OSPA student representative. She currently participates on the CME Committee, is an alternate for the House of Delegates (2017-2018), and previously participated with the Government Affairs Committee. Katie practices at a Central Oregon rural health clinic in both family medicine and urgent care.



Treasurer

Tamara Houston PA-C

Tamara Houston is the OSPA Treasurer and has been a member of the OSPA board since 2014. She has also served in the role of Director-at-Large, is currently a member of the Oregon House of Delegates, and previously has also served on the CME Committee. Tamara currently practices in both family medicine and psychiatry, and is committed to providing health care services to Oregon's medically underserved population.



Director-at-Large

Jon Tardiff PA-C

Jon Tardiff, PA-C, is an OSPA Director-at-Large since 2017. He became a PA in 2010 and works in family practice at the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center in Beaverton, OR. Virginia Garcia (VG) is an FQHC “safety-net” clinic and provides medical care to patients from all over the world: war refugees, immigrants, uninsured Oregonians, and the homeless of our community – any person with barriers to care. Working at VG is Jon’s Dream Job! Jon is also a clinical preceptor for PA students from multiple PA programs across the USA, along with midwives, naturopaths and pharmacy students. He is a professor at OHSU and teaches at several conferences during the year.



Jon is very progressive and is dedicated to advancing our PA profession. He strongly supports Optimal Team Practice (OTP) for PAs. He attends the Oregon Medical Board’s Administrative Affairs Committee meetings several times a year and writes letters and testifies on issues of vital interest to Oregonians and PAs.

Jon is also the co-chair of the OSPA Membership Committee. Our Committee’s goal is to engage PAs from all across Oregon to encourage our colleagues to join and participate in their excellent professional Society, the OSPA. Join us!

Director-at-Large

Brian Mills PA-C

Brian Mills is an OSPA Director-at-Large. He has been a PA at Childhood Health Associates of Salem since he graduated in 2014. He served as a student rep for OSPA during his time at OHSU and joined the board in 2017. The Director-at-Large serves the board in various capacities and participates in board only voting decisions.



He has found his time on the Board to be very enlightening and motivating in his career. Seeing what the OSPA does for the profession on a legislative level is very inspiring. He hopes to continue to grow in this capacity and play a part in the further development of the PA profession.

OSPA Committees

Membership Committee

Jon Tardiff PA-C

The OSPA Membership Committee works to:

1. Maintain membership in the OSPA
2. Grow the membership of the OSPA to the maximum extent possible.
3. Send regular communications to OSPA members about the activities of the OSPA to keep members informed, engaged, and renewing their OSPA membership every year.
4. Contact PA employers to promote the OSPA and ask them to offer their PA employees membership in the OSPA as a benefit of employment.
5. Ask PAs to volunteer as OSPA officers, committee members, and other essential roles.
6. And ultimately, by growing OSPA membership, to build a strong OSPA that is more effective politically and strengthening the PA profession in Oregon.

The members of this committee are fun, diverse, and interesting personalities who all get along and have lots of different ideas. If you like brainstorming, marketing, and trying new things, this is a great committee for you!

Contact Jon Tardiff, PA-C at jontardiff@aol.com to be part of this exciting committee!

Government Affairs Committee

Leza Hayes PA-C

Leza Hayes is the chair of the OSPA Government Affairs Committee. She is an Urgent Care PA in Portland. She has been practicing since 2014. She has been a member of the GAC working to protect and further the PA profession since beginning practice.

The Government Affairs Committee is an active group of PAs across practice settings with an interest in engaging with legislative and regulatory agencies about topics relevant to PAs and the profession. The committee works closely with OSPA's board and legislative affairs staff (lobbyists) to monitor political trends and to effect changes benefiting the profession and patients.

Early Careers Committee

Brian Mills PA-C

Early Careers Committee is charged with developing relationships with current PA students as well as recent graduates. The committee will look to be a liaison between new PAs and the OSPA. This committee will work closely with the PA programs in the state in order to develop these relationships. This committee also intends to provide guidance and assistance as needed to new PAs looking for jobs. We look to help answer any question regarding resume building or hiring practices. We intend on providing easy accessibility to answer these questions across various communication platforms.

Contact Brian Mills, PA-C at bmills@childhoodhealth.com if interested in joining this committee!