



# Texas Society of Allied Health Professions 2010 Election Information & Slate of Nominees

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## ELECTION

- Voting: Voting to elect 2010 officers for the Texas Society of Allied Health Professions (TSAHP) will be held during the period August 9 – September 9, 2010.
- Officers: The Vice President, Treasurer, and one Member-at-Large are elected in even-numbered years for a two-year term. The President-elect is elected annually for a one-year term and automatically succeeds the Presidency for a one-year term.
- Ballot: Voting will be conducted through an anonymous online survey ballot that will be emailed to TSAHP members.
- Results: Election results will be announced at the general business meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2010.
- Information: Information on the 2010 candidates is found on the following pages.

## 2010 SLATE OF NOMINEES

<u>President-Elect</u>	Bridgett Piernik-Yoder, Ph.D.
<u>Vice President</u>	Robin Satterwhite, Ed.D.
<u>Member-at-Large</u> (one elected)	Julia Harryman, BSRS Souraya Hajjar, MPH James Johnston, Ph.D.
<u>Treasurer</u>	Bruce R. Niebuhr, Ph.D.

## **NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT**

### **Bridgett Piernik-Yoder, Ph.D.**



It is with great interest and enthusiasm that I am seeking to serve as President-Elect for the Texas Society of Allied Health Professions (TSAHP). I have enjoyed being an active member of TSAHP during my career by participating in various conference activities and conference presentations. Additionally, I have served as a Member-at-Large on the TSAHP board in 2009/2010. I have learned over the years that TSAHP is a unique organization with a dedicated core group of participants. As many of the issues faced in allied health practice and education cross many disciplines, TSAHP is uniquely positioned to address issues using a collective approach. TSAHP, through continued effective leadership, will continue to create opportunities for collaboration and ways to serve its members as well as the greater allied health community. As I have directly benefitted from TSAHP's support of clinical practice, education, and research, I would welcome the opportunity to serve TSAHP in this capacity. Thank you for your consideration of me for this position.

Dr. Bridgett Piernik-Yoder, is a graduate of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio with a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy. Additionally, she holds a Master of Arts degree in Education from The University of Texas at San Antonio, and a Ph.D. in Education from Texas A&M University. Dr. Piernik-Yoder joined the Department of Occupational Therapy as a full-time faculty member in 2007, after serving as an adjunct faculty member in the department since 1998. Prior to joining the faculty full-time, Dr. Piernik-Yoder worked for 10 years as an occupational therapist at a large rehabilitation hospital, with a clinical practice emphasis in adult neurorehabilitation. In 2003 joined Harcourt Assessment, Inc., an international publisher of clinical assessments. First as a Research Director, then as the Occupational Therapy Product Line Manager, she was part of a team that developed clinical assessment measures for use by occupational therapists and other clinicians. Dr. Piernik-Yoder has been a frequent presenter at local, regional, and national conferences and continuing education programs on topics related to clinical program development, program evaluation, and professional development. Her research interests include rehabilitation outcomes and professional development issues

## **NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT**

### **Robin Satterwhite, Ed.D.**



I am delighted to accept the nomination for the Vice President position within the Texas Society of Allied Health Professions. TSAHP is a very important organization that serves as the only representative body for Allied Health Professions as a whole within the State of Texas. I believe it is very important to continue to develop TSAHP to improve its representation to the Texas legislature and provide meaningful educational and scholarship opportunities for its membership. In the past, I have served in several capacities with TSAHP including board member, Vice President, and President. I would be honored to be elected as the next Vice President for the Texas Society of Allied Health Professions.

Dr. Satterwhite has a broad background in leadership roles within healthcare as well as academic institutions. He is the Associate Dean for Learning Outcomes and Technologies within the TTUHSC School of Allied Health Sciences. He is also the Chair of the Department of Clinic Administration and Rehabilitation Counseling. Prior to his academic positions, Dr. Satterwhite served as the CEO and Administrator of two separate hospital and clinic facilities. His professional and academic experiences have fostered an understanding of, and the integration among, operational management, healthcare management, and higher education disciplines. Dr. Satterwhite received his bachelor's degree (BBA) in management information systems and a master's degree (MBA/HOM) in management with a concentration of study in health organization management. He completed his doctoral degree in education (Ed.D.) with a focus on higher education administration. He is a Fellow within the American College of Healthcare Executives, and holds membership positions in the Texas Society of Allied Health Professions, Allied Health Research Institute (Research Committee member), Association of University Programs in Healthcare Administration and the Association of Schools in Allied Health Professions. Dr. Satterwhite has served in several capacities in TSAHP including President, Vice-President, and board member.

**NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS-AT-LARGE**

(One will be elected in 2010)

**Julia Harryman, BSRS**

I am pleased to be nominated to serve as a Member-at-Large on the board of the Texas Society of Allied Health Professions. Communicating and connecting with other professionals in the field of allied health and allied health education is important to me. I am involved in several local allied health organizations and think I could be useful as a voice and liaison for the Texas Society of Allied Health Professionals. Allied health professions are forecasted to experience shortages yet the funding for educational programs is continuously facing cutbacks. This is a critical time to make representatives aware of the need for funding education in allied health. This is an issue I am passionate about and would like to help TSAHP in their efforts in communicating this at the state and local level. In addition, I see the need for more awareness to be brought to the allied health professions starting in a primary education institution. I have worked with dual credit programs and recruiting students at a high school level and look forward to collaborating with other members of TSAHP on this issue.

Julia Harryman received her associate degree in Radiologic Sciences at El Centro College in 1999 and holds a bachelor's degree in radiologic science from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, having completed additional training to acquire certification in mammography. She taught in the radiology positioning lab as an adjunct clinical instructor at El Centro for two years before assuming a full-time faculty position in fall 2007. She was a staff technologist at Doctors Hospital in Dallas for ten years. Ms. Harryman is current Assistant Dean of Allied Health at El Centro College in Dallas.

**Souraya Hajjar, MPH**

I am excited to be nominated as a member- at- large for the Texas Society of Allied Health Profession (TSAHP) Board, and am prepared to help and serve the society in any way I can. My work at the college has been to raise awareness about health and health literacy in our community and state; raise funds and manage programs related to the improvement of health careers and overall health. More importantly, promote health careers and professionals in the state and reduce disparities of health professionals geographically, ethnically, and health outcomes wise.

Ms. Hajjar received an undergraduate in Science, with a major in Biology and Chemistry, a Masters in Public Health, and is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Health Services, with specialization in Community Health. At the college, she researches health topics, writes health grants, and conducts projects that aim to raise health awareness, recruits health professions students, and increases programs capacity of each of our health program. She is well-published and has done tremendous health networking on the state and federal levels. She has been at El Paso Community College for the last ten years.

**James Johnston, Ph.D.**

As a relative newcomer to the Texas Society of Allied Health Professions, I am eager to learn about the organization and find ways to volunteer my time and energy. I have served in many board and officer capacities in other organizations and would now like to work more directly with TSAHP. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve as a board member at large.

Dr. Johnston is an Associate Professor of Radiologic Science and Director of Interdisciplinary Education for the College of Health Sciences and Human Services at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. James completed his radiography education at South Plains College in Lubbock Texas. He obtained his Bachelor's and Master's in Radiologic Science from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas. He then received his PhD in Health Studies from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas.

**NOMINATION FOR TREASURER****Bruce R. Niebuhr, Ph.D.**

In 1978 I moved to Texas from Illinois. That year TSAHP was formed and am a charter member. The society has served, and continues to serve, a significant role in bringing together allied health educators and practitioners from around the state to discuss the issues facing the professions. I previously served as Treasurer from 1993 to 1995; a time of financial stress for TSAHP. I am gratified that the society is in solid financial condition. I remain strongly committed to TSAHP and would be honored to serve as your Treasurer.

Bruce Niebuhr grew up in rural Illinois. He earned his BS degree in 1971 from the University of Illinois, PhD in experimental psychology in 1976 from Southern Illinois University and a professional certificate in Distance Education from the University of West Georgia in 2006. He is a Distinguished Teaching Professor with appointments in the Departments of Physician Assistant Studies and Preventive Medicine and Community Health and is UTMB's Director of Distance Education. Bruce's teaching interests are research methods and statistics, computer applications, clinical problem solving, health promotion, patient education, and ethics. His research interests are in computer-based instruction and distance learning. He is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Texas Distance Learning Association. A charter member of the Texas Society of Allied Health Professions, Bruce previously served as Treasurer from 1993 to 1995. Over the years he has made 14 presentations at the annual conference.