

2026 APTA Board



Anne Waldron

Anne is the newly elected **President of the APTA Board**. She became obsessed with the sport of platform tennis when she and her family joined The Stanwich Club in 2014. After retiring from investment banking in NYC, she became an active volunteer in the Fairfield County paddle community. She is the leader of the Live Streaming team, running the broadcasts at most major tournaments with efficiency and a wide smile. Anne lives in Darien, CT, with her husband and three children.

Kristin Davin

Kristin joined the board in 2025, representing the South. She played in Chicago for many years; when offered a new job in Charlotte in 2017, her first step was to confirm the existence of platform courts before accepting. She recently wrote an article on the Charlotte paddle community for the APTA, including the idea of “paddle curious” events at the Olde Providence Club. Kristin loves traveling to tournaments around the country. She is a Professor of Education at UNC Charlotte and an enthusiastic fly-fisherwoman.



Mike Graham

Mike joined the board this year, bringing his experience from the Glen Ellyn Park District in Chicagoland. He has been on their platform tennis board in many capacities for the last 13 years. Professionally, Mike has over 40 years of experience in CFO roles, currently at Zekelman Industries. He and his wife, Christine, are the proud parents of Matthew and Adam.

Andrew Haines

Andrew was a founding member of the Maplewood paddle program (go Munis!), part of the New Jersey Men’s Platform Tennis Association, and sits on the NJMPTA board. In his third year on the APTA Board, he serves as a **co-Vice President**. Andrew’s expertise in fintech has been a great resource as he heads up the APTA Tech Committee and spearheads various techie projects for the sport. His proudest moment in paddle may be enticing his wife, Gail, to join the game.



Whit Harwood

This is Whit's second time serving on the APTA Board, focusing on Media & Content Strategy across all APTA accounts. He has spent over a decade in the media space, at ESPN, FOX, and NBC, primarily in strategy roles, working to build and scale new and existing platforms. Whit's family, the Bairds, has been involved in the game for 60+ years. He lives in New York City with his wife.

Josh Kritzler

In his second term on the APTA Board, Josh has been instrumental in connecting potential sponsors with the APTA. His career in tech, digital media, and data analytics businesses with sports and entertainment clients is a rather nifty fit. Josh plays in Wilmette, IL, in the prestigious Chicago Legends division, and coaches youth baseball. Most importantly, Josh is the dad of Miles, Lila, and Hudson and husband to Natalie.





Ben McKnight

Ben is, by far, the highest-ranked player on the APTA Board. He is a **co-Vice President** and a board rep for the Players Committee. He learned the game in Sewickley, PA; after a stint as a professional soccer player and moving to Chicago for work, Ben joined the CPTC league and has played for over 26 years for the Glen View Club. One highlight: winning the 2019 APTA Masters 45+ Nationals. He lives in Wilmette with his wife, Adriane, and two children.

Greg Morgan

Greg got his start in the racquet sports industry in New Jersey, where he learned the ins and outs of the game from the Broderick brothers and Patty Hogan. Now Director of Racquets at Glen Ridge Club in Summit, Greg is the co-chair for many of the largest tournaments, such as Team Nationals and Junior Nationals. This is his second term on the board, and he chairs the Juniors Committee. Fun fact: He is also a registered nurse. He resides in Madison with his wife Nora, and two children, Miles and Cornelia.



Barry Nectow

In his second year on the board, and now **Treasurer**, Barry's 25 years of experience in finance and over 15 years in public education administration are very welcome. He fell in love with the game in 2013, to the point that he spearheaded the creation of the Needham Platform Tennis Club in suburban Boston. Barry lives in Needham with his racquet-swinging wife, Deirdre, where they raised two racquet sports-loving children, Abigail and Charles.

Mandy Newell

As an Odenbach, Mandy grew up around the paddle courts in Rochester, New York. She worked in the printing business before taking over the paddle programs at her family's Shadow Lake Golf and Racquet Club. She joined the APTA Board four years ago, and now holds the **Secretary** position, and adds her expertise as Chair of the Rules Committee. Mandy also plays ice hockey, sails, skis, and drives a cool minivan to bus around her three kids (with her husband John) in Penfield.



John O'Bryan is in his second year on the board. He works as a civil engineer in Kansas City. John picked up the game in 2013 and soon began organizing tournaments, charity events, and leagues, and spearheaded the use of PTI in KC. He travels prolifically to tournaments, especially ones that award trophies for consolation reprieve and last-chance draws. He and his wife, Beth, and daughters, Sarah and Hallie, live in Westwood Hills, Kansas.

Sarah Padgitt

Sarah, a third-year board member, a **co-Vice President**, and chair of the Audit Committee, is a racquets lover—tennis, squash, and paddle. After graduating from Northwestern Law School, Sarah worked at a large Chicago law firm. She was overjoyed to discover the North Shore Working Women's Paddle Tennis League. Despite an intense dislike for cold weather, once she steps on a paddle court, she forgets the temperature and her mood instantly improves.





Leslie Parsons

Leslie grew up in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and worked as a lawyer before becoming a full-time mother to five children. She moved to the Chicago area about 25 years ago, immediately fell in love with platform tennis, and volunteered for every position in the women's league (NSWPTL). She is also the Midwest Tour Director. Off the court, she can often be found contemplating her garden.

Sue Pijawka

A lifelong athlete in Pennsylvania, Sue started playing platform tennis more than 20 years ago, drawn to the competition, physicality, and social aspect. A member of the MAPTA league, she has competed at every level, including 12 years on the Region III President's Cup (pre-2021) at Nationals. She loves growing things, both as a landscape designer and as the chair of the Leagues Committee. She lives in Berwyn with her husband Pete, a fellow paddle enthusiast, and her black lab puppy.



Derek Yost

Derek learned to play platform tennis from his dad, but had to wait many years before he could join the men's league in the Philadelphia area. He has been serving on the MAPTA board for over 15 years, was a key player on the 2025 Philly Nationals Committee, and is the Regional Umpire Captain for the tri-state area. He can often be found up in the chair at major tournaments.