

**Candidate Name:** Rachel Chatmas (formerly Claussen)

**Nomination Position:** Secretary

**Degrees Earned & Certifications:**

B.S. in Kinesiology with a Concentration in Exercise Science at the University of Maine  
Doctor of Physical Therapy at the University of New England  
APTA Board-Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist  
LSVT BIG certified

**EXPERIENCE:**

**Clinical/Research/Teaching:**

May 2019 -January 2020: Full-time Physical Therapist at Bath Iron Works (contract held by Greater Brunswick Physical Therapy)  
January 2020 – July 2021: Full-time Physical Therapist at Coastal Rehab  
July 2021- March 2024: Full-time Physical Therapist at Maine Veterans’ Homes Scarborough  
January 2023-April 2023: Clinical Instructor for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Year UNE DPT Student

**Current Employment:**

Full-time Physical Therapist at MaineHealth Maine Medical Center Portland  
Per Diem Physical Therapist at Maine Veterans’ Homes Scarborough

**Professional Contributions:**

None

**Professional Awards:**

None

**APTA Service History:**

None, I have been just a member for 7 years

**Please explain how your experience and expertise could be utilized in the nomination position applied for to further the objectives of the Chapter:**

I have 5 years of clinical experience and am looking to become more involved in the PT profession at the State level. I am detail-oriented, a good communicator, have great typing skills, and am an excellent listener. For these reasons, I feel that I would be a great fit for the Secretary position and would be able to help assist the Chapter with its objectives.

**Explain your perceptions regarding the direction the Chapter should take in the future and how your goals for the nominated position will affect this change:**

My hope is that the Maine APTA can continue and build upon its engagement with Maine PTs, PTAs, and students. My goal is to support the Maine Chapter Board of Directors by being present at all meetings, sending out the minutes in a timely manner, and providing support as needed on various projects. Specifically, I would assist as needed with the bylaw updates that were made by the current Board of Directors as they have not yet been approved. Additionally, I would like to be able to support the



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updates to the Chapter's Policies and Procedure Manual that the Vice President will be taking on following the approval of the bylaw changes.

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