

2026 NSSIG Candidates For Office

PRESIDENT (1 candidate)

Anna Walter

I'm a third-year student who loves hiking, running, and soaking up the outdoors, and yes, I proudly attempt the dances I see on Dancing With the Stars. I'm driven and hardworking, but I never miss the joy in life's little moments. I'm also deeply motivated by helping others grow stronger, and that passion shapes who I am and the kind of impact I hope to make as a Physical Therapist.

I'm passionate about caring for people as whole individuals and bring my full effort, heart, and energy into everything I do. I love building genuine connections and making friends everywhere I go. I thrive when I'm busy, but I always make space for what matters most. I believe this role would allow me to pour my energy into something meaningful, as serving the PT profession is something I am very passionate about, and I'm eager to dedicate my full effort to it.

VICE CHAIR (1 candidate)

Brianna Johnson

I'm an upcoming third-year DPT student at Creighton University who naturally gravitates toward leadership, likely a product of my Type A, oldest-sister energy, which might also explain my aggressively color-coded planner. When I'm not nose-deep in MSK, you can usually find me outdoors recharging in my hammock or on the lake. I'm motivated, organized, and dedicated to supporting our profession and future patients and would love the chance to bring that momentum and initiative to the VP role.

I am driven to advance our profession at the city and state level by advocating for physical therapy's essential role in today's healthcare system. My desire to serve in this role stems from my passion for our profession, the underrepresentation that physical therapy faces, and the motivation to step into a platform where I can make a meaningful change. As VP, I will amplify student voices, promote patient-centered care, and support efforts that strengthen our future practice environment.

TREASURER (1 candidate)

Seanna Patterson

I am currently a student at WashU's DPT program, but I have lived in Nebraska my entire life. My experiences working in the physical therapy field in Nebraska has given me a passion to improve patient and therapist relationships.

I am very organized and detail-oriented. I am good at keeping track of information in an organized manner, and I have experience as member of my program's Student Government. I have excellent communication skills and conduct myself in a professional manner, as per my clinical experience preceptor and faculty members.

SECRETARY (2 candidates)

Aidan Gantenbein

I am currently a second-year doctoral student in physical therapy at Creighton University. I enjoy volunteering in the community and advocating for the promotion of the oncology field, specifically in physical therapy. I am interested in Geriatrics, Oncology, and Pediatrics as fields of practice upon completing my physical therapy degree. In my free time, I enjoy being outdoors, cooking, and learning Spanish to broaden my cultural understandings and improve my abilities as a physical therapist.

I believe I would be a good fit for this position, as I am detail-oriented, proactive, and have experience recording minutes as an SGA senator. From this experience, I also understand the importance of adequately documenting the committee's actions and ensuring that they follow all procedures outlined in the bylaws. Lastly, I would ensure proper sharing of the Google Drive associated with the committee and sending our emails with ample time for responses.

Josie Brown

I earned my BS in exercise science and MS in human science with biomechanics focus at Southern Illinois University, where volunteering in the cancer rehab lab sparked my passion for PT. My interests include school-based PT, TBI, rural health, and cancer rehab. At Creighton, I engage in Healthy Habits, journal clubs, research, DSA volunteering, and serve as the 2027 service chair. I enjoy being involved with a variety of groups to surround myself with those of varying perspectives.

I would be a good fit for the secretary role because I am organized and thorough with note taking. My attention to detail has helped me succeed in the classroom and would be a helpful skill for someone who performs secretarial roles. Further, I enjoy serving on leadership within our class and problem solving with my future colleagues. This experience would be beneficial

for this role as I collaboratively work with other PT students to serve the Creighton PT class of 2027.