



CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY AND CONSENT FORM

NAME: Chris Ireland

CITY/TOWN OF RESIDENCE: Montgomery (Pike Rd) Alabama

APTA MEMBERSHIP: Yes; #427431

ALABAMA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP: Yes

SECTION MEMBERSHIP: (please list)
Orthopedic

EDUCATION:

Samford University- 2006 Exercise Science, Medical College of Georgia DPT 2009

PREVIOUS BOARD EXPERIENCE:

None

PERTINENT EXPERIENCE:

Prior to transitioning into Education I was a Senior Clinic Director in AL for PT Solutions, managing 5 entities and >30 employees. This was both a leadership/management role as well as a clinical role in which I also treated patients full time within the outpatient setting. I have been in a leadership/management role since 2011.

PLEASE PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FOR YOUR POSITION (500 WORDS OR LESS):

President

1. What do you perceive as the most important interpersonal skills that are needed by the President of the AL Chapter, APTA?
2. What do you perceive as the greatest challenge facing the profession in Alabama at this time and how can the Chapter help?

Chief Delegate and Delegate

1. What do you perceive as the most important interpersonal skills that are needed by the Chapter Chief Delegate or Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates?
2. What methods of communication would you utilize to "feel the pulse" of Chapter Members on relevant motions that are put before the House of Delegates, so that you can decide whether to support them?

PT Representative at Large

1. What do you perceive as the most important interpersonal skills that are needed by the Chapter PT Representative at Large?
2. What methods of communication would you utilize to "feel the pulse" of PT and SPT Chapter Members?

PTA Representative at Large

3. What do you perceive as the most important interpersonal skills that are needed by the Chapter PTA Representative at Large?
4. What methods of communication would you utilize to "feel the pulse" of PTA and SPTA Chapter Members?

Nominating Committee Member

1. What skills and experience do you have to enable you to serve on the Chapter Nominating Committee?
 2. Please describe what attributes you value in a candidate.
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Consent to Serve Statement:

I acknowledge the duties of the above position have been provided to me and I agree to serve in the position should I be slated and then elected. I am willing and able to attend all ALAPTA Meetings as requested. I agree to be responsive to electronic communications as part of conducting the business of ALAPTA.

Signed: (electronic signatures accepted) __Chris Ireland_6/11/18__

1. What skills and experience do you have to enable you to serve on the Chapter Nominating Committee?

For the past 8 years, prior to moving into teaching, I was employed by PT Solutions and had the opportunity to grow within the company both from a management as well as leadership perspective. My management duties included running day-to-day operations of various settings including outpatient, acute, in-patient, swing bed and home health. With this role I was also in charge of recruitment, vetting and hiring of staff and therapists. And through this experience I was able to develop a skill set in being able to objectively assess candidates for our open positions and make a determination if they were a good fit for our company. In addition to management, I was invested in to grow as a leader as well. My role allowed me to mentor staff and new therapists but in the clinical as well as business aspects of clinical operations. I frequently engaged and worked alongside senior leadership within the company, including the CEO, COO and CFO, which helped to further develop my skills in the aforementioned roles.

2. Please describe what attributes you value in a candidate.

-Good Communicator- as ALAPTA is the governing body and voice for AL PT's, I believe that in all the elected roles for ALAPTA it is critical to have good communicators who are able to connect with its constituents and are willing to verbalize and share the vision that ALAPTA has for our profession.

-Visionary- we need people with ideas! Healthcare is an ever-changing market and I think PT's are on the cusp of moving toward primary musculoskeletal practitioners who have direct access. We need elected officials within the ALAPTA who have ideas and a vision on how to move our profession forward.

-Team Player- I don't believe that everyone needs to be of the same opinion, but I do feel that when a collective decision is made, and a direction is set, then we should all be on board with that vision. I believe our officials should challenge each other and have healthy debate, which to me indicates people are passionate about what they believe, but at the end of the day, we're should be on the same team and as the governing body, the ALAPTA, should be projected as one voice, and one vision.