



CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY AND CONSENT FORM

NAME: Dominique Forté

CITY/TOWN OF RESIDENCE: Birmingham, AL

APTA MEMBERSHIP: 626497

ALABAMA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP: Yes

SECTION MEMBERSHIP: (please list) Education, Neurology, Orthopaedics, Sports

EDUCATION:

University of Alabama at Birmingham - Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
University of Alabama at Birmingham - Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science
Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy
APTA Credential Clinical Instructor

PREVIOUS BOARD EXPERIENCE: Current ALAPTA Secretary

PERTINENT EXPERIENCE:

Clinic Director at Results Physiotherapy (Homewood, AL); UAB School of Health Professions Junior Advisory Board President; Early Professionals Special Interest Group Chair; APTA Student Assembly Community Outreach Co-Chair; ALAPTA Publications and Communications Committee Member; ALAPTA Membership Committee Member; APTA Section Member: Education, Neurology, Orthopaedics, Sports

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

Secretary

1. What experiences and qualities make you a strong candidate for the Secretary position?

I currently serve as the Chapter Secretary. During my term, I have maintained an accurate log of chapter activities, which is often used for reflection when questions/concerns arise. In this role, I also serve as the liaison for the membership committee. I have worked alongside the membership chair to identify ways to increase membership within the state. Together, we identified that a majority of students do not maintain their membership post-graduation. As a result, I have worked with PTs and PTAs to establish an Early Professionals Special Interest Group. This group affords our clinicians an opportunity to serve at the start of their careers. It also allows support for our Early Professionals (mentoring, career consultation, etc).


2. The Chapter is a member-driven organization. How do you feel the communication is between the membership and the Board and vice versa? How could it be improved (if necessary)?

I believe the communication between the membership and Board has improved, but it could continue to improve. To help, I would schedule monthly meetings with the Membership Chair. In doing so, we would focus on the retention of our PT and PTA students as they transition into Early Professionals. After review of the 2018 year, our retention was low, at 46.58%. As a result, we would devote greater time to scheduled meetings with the Student and Early Professional Special Interest groups, to inquire of their needs. All of the information would be given to the Board to improve their knowledge of chapter activities and to better support our committees.

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)

 PT, DPT