



CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY AND CONSENT FORM

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CITY/TOWN OF RESIDENCE: Birmingham, AL

APTA MEMBERSHIP: 200572

ALABAMA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP: yes.

SECTION MEMBERSHIP: (please list) Education, Neurology

EDUCATION:

Doctor of Health Science
University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN
Focus in Adult Neurology and Education
December 2010

Master of Health Science
University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN
Focus in Adult Neurology and Education
May 2004

Bachelor of Science
Bradley University, Peoria, IL
Physical Therapy
August 1997

PREVIOUS BOARD EXPERIENCE:

Education committee member, Alabama Chapter
APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor Workgroup
APTA Board of Directors Task Force on Professionalism

PERTINENT EXPERIENCE:

During high school, I worked as a secretary. I have volunteered for professional organizations and served as an active team member on multiple committees in my positions of employment. These experiences have further improved my communication and organizational skills.

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

Vice President

1. What do you perceive as the most important interpersonal skills that are needed by the Vice 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?

Secretary

1. What experiences and qualities make you a strong candidate for the Secretary position? I believe I bring the following strengths: organization, communication, and comfort with technology/typing.
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 the Board is currently inconsistent. For example: this week is the APTA House of Delegates (HOD); however, I have heard nothing from the Board about the motions being discussed to be able to provide my input as a member of the chapter. On the opposite end of the spectrum, the Board did an outstanding job ensuring that I was well versed and updated on with information regarding the PT Day on the Hill and movement regarding our direct access bills. Other options in provide members additional opportunities to share thoughts and get engaged with the Chapter could be creating an aspect of the website for asynchronous discussions between members and the Board as well as synchronous virtual conversations using technology to connect members throughout the state.

Treasurer

1. What experiences have prepared you to serve as Chapter Treasurer?
2. What do you think the Chapter's budget priorities should be?

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?

PTA Caucus Representative

1. What do you perceive as the most important interpersonal skills that are needed by the Chapter PTA Caucus Representative?
2. What methods of communication would you utilize to "feel the pulse" of PTA 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.

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)


