



CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY AND CONSENT FORM

NAME: T-Michael Dougherty, PTA, MPA

CITY/TOWN OF RESIDENCE: Montgomery, AL

APTA MEMBERSHIP (years): 2005-2011; 2018-present

ALABAMA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP (years): 2005 – 2011, 2018 - Present

SECTION MEMBERSHIP: Previously Orthopedic, Education, and Public Policy

EDUCATION:

AS – Physical Therapist Assistant, 2006 – South University Montgomery

BS – Business Administration, 2012 – Auburn University Montgomery

MS – Public Administration, 2013 – Auburn University Montgomery

PREVIOUS BOARD EXPERIENCE:

Auburn University Montgomery Alumni Advisory Board – MPA Program (2014 – 2015)

Alabama Gerontological Society (2016 – 2018)

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College PTA Program Occupational Advisory Board Chair (2018 – Present)

PERTINENT EXPERIENCE: Employed by PT Solutions, LLC (2006 – 2011; 2014-2015) as a PTA in outpatient orthopedic clinics and acute care settings across central and southern Alabama. Served as Rehab Department Director at Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital in Phenix City, AL from 2007-2009. Employed as adjunct faculty member at South University Montgomery in both the PTA program and undergraduate healthcare management program from 2016 – 2018. Currently serve as the Program Director at the developing PTA program at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College on Greenville, AL. Currently licensed in Alabama (License number: PTA4924).

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

PTA Representative at Large

1. What do you perceive as the most important interpersonal skills that are needed by the Chapter PTA Representative at Large?

The PTA Representative at Large must possess the ability to communicate effectively with a diverse group of stakeholders in a variety of formats, must be able to actively and objectively listen to the needs of those stakeholders, and be able to accurately distill information into a succinct message to be conveyed through a variety of means to the Board and to fellow representatives and chapter members. The PTA Representative at Large must be both available and approachable, which requires verbal and nonverbal communication skill and the ability to make others feel at ease and comfortable in their presence, all of which facilitates communication flow and allows for a more fulsome sharing of ideas, complaints, suggestions, etc..

2. What methods of communication would you utilize to “feel the pulse” of PTA and SPTA Chapter Members?

As we live in an age that is dominated by digital communication in many forms, I would be remiss if I didn't utilize those methods as a primary method of communication, particularly with younger students and PTA's who are likely more comfortable communicating through social media platforms, texting, videoconferencing, etc. And while I am certainly comfortable with the use of all forms of technology and embrace it in my daily personal and professional life, no form of digital communication should ever replace in-person communication and conversation, and I think it is entirely possible to make use of both – digital and in-person communication, which would only maximize the reach of any individual intent upon communicating with large groups of diverse stakeholders.

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 APTA Alabama Meetings as requested. I agree to be responsive to electronic communications as part of conducting the business of APTA Alabama.

Signed: (electronic signatures accepted) : T-Michael Dougherty, PTA, MPA