



CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY AND CONSENT FORM

NAME: Jerome Higgs, PT, DPT, PHD, Cert. DN

CITY/TOWN OF RESIDENCE: Jackson

APTA MEMBERSHIP (years): 6 years

ALABAMA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP (years): 6 Years

SECTION MEMBERSHIP: None

EDUCATION:

DPT Doctorate of Physical Therapy University of Alabama at Birmingham Dept of Physical Therapy, Birmingham, Alabama US	01/2014 – 12/2016
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PhD Cellular and Molecular Pathology University of Alabama at Birmingham Dept of Pathology, Birmingham, Alabama US	08/2008 – 12/2013
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B.S Biology Chemistry minor (Magna Cum Laude) Voorhees College Denmark, South Carolina US	08/2004 - 05/2008
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PREVIOUS BOARD EXPERIENCE:

Currently Serving as Membership Chair

PERTINENT EXPERIENCE:

Served as Secretary of Alabama Early Profession Special Interest Group
Currently Serving as Membership Chair

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

Nominating Committee Member

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

I have had the privilege of serving in leadership roles in various capacities, some mentioned above, and understand the importance of taking on charges and implementing policies to reach a common goal. I understand that an important part of being a leader is being able to sometimes follow the lead of others that may be more experienced than myself; all while maintaining my moral compass and dignity. Through these various experiences, I embrace the importance of difference of opinion and I appreciate and try to respect the constructive/critical thinking of others. I believe in being a team player and doing my part to ensure that the team successfully overcome obstacles. I am also steadfast in belief in the uplifting of my fellow man. Finally, being in the position of Membership Chair, I have some experience not only working with the board but also have had the privilege of working with PT/PTA/Students of this chapter and I see what it takes to ensure that the chapter works in the best interest of the profession and the citizens it serves.

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

The attributes I value in a candidate are ingenuity, authenticity, visionary, and relatability as these traits can not only foster the goals of the organization but can also help propel the organization into the future as we strive to better the

profession and the community it serves. The candidate should be forward thinking, audacious, and willing to carry out the duties that fall within the realm of the position being sought after.

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) Jerome Higgs PT, DPT, PhD, Cert. DN _____