



2018 Candidate Statements

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

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Candidate for Secretary Position: Thomas Caldwell



Current and past work experience:

Texas Health Resources, VP Sports Medicine (current); Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Associate Executive Director, Sports Medicine (2004-2018)

Licensure experience:

Ohio OT, PT, AT Licensure Board (9 years)

Federation experience pertinent to position:

Finance Committee (two terms), Nominating Committee, FSBPT Board of Directors

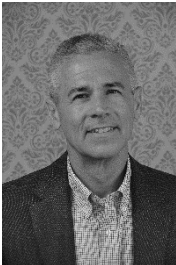
Candidate Statement

It is an honor to be nominated for a second term as Secretary, FSBPT Board of Directors. I believe, with each year on the board, one learns to be a more effective contributor. I hope to build on the collective success of the past three years and ensure that the board provides the requisite leadership and service to meet our mission of public protection.

Past recognitions from APTA (State Legislative Leadership Award) and FSBPT (Outstanding Service Award) are reflective of my commitment to the profession and the Federation. I have served on the Finance Committee (two terms), the Nominating Committee, the referral for profit task force and I am completing my first term on your BOD. This Federation experience coupled with my executive positions leading large, nationally recognized sports medicine and rehabilitation programs, along with previous local BOD experience with the YMCA and Arthritis Foundation, have prepared me well to continue to be a positive contributor on the FSBPT BOD.

Thank you for your kind consideration as I ask for your support. I would be excited to serve a second term as Secretary on the FSBPT Board.

Candidate for Secretary Position: Manuel A. (Tony) Domenech



Current and past work experience:

- Program Director, DPT Program (Jan 15 – Present) Associate Professor, University of St Augustine, 5401 La Crosse Ave, Austin, TX Jan 15 – Present
- Regional Dean of SOAHS (May 05 – Dec 14) Associate Professor/Assistant Program Director DPT Program Texas Tech University HSC ~ Odessa, TX, Jul 04 – Dec 14
- Physical Medicine Flight Commander over the Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Orthotic Elements, DGMC, 60 MDG/60 MSGS, Travis AFB, CA, Jul 01 – Jul 04
- Chief, Physical Therapy Element, WHMC, 959 MDOS/MMKPP, Lackland AFB, TX Apr 98 – Jul 01
- Assistant Chairman, PT Department, WHMC, 59 MDW, Lackland AFB, TX, Jan 97 - Apr 98
- Resident, Orthopedic PT Residency Program, Kaiser Permanente Med Care Program, Los Angeles, CA, Jan 96 – Dec 96
- Faculty, Assistant Professor, U.S. Army-Baylor 'University Graduate Program in Physical Therapy Academic Coordinator for Clinical Education, Depart Med Science, Academy of Health Sciences Fort Sam Houston, Jul 91 - Nov 95
- Intermediate Supervisor (Director), Physical Therapy Courses and CCAF Physical Therapy Assistant Program, 790 MSTW/MSE, Sheppard AFB TX, Aug 88 - Jul 91
- Chief, Physical Therapy Services USAF Hospital, Tinker AFB OK, Jun 82 - Aug 88
- Staff Physical Therapist, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA, Jan 81 - May 82
- Staff Physical Therapist, Mayo Clinic, Rochester MN, Dec 78 - Aug 80
- Staff Physical Therapist, St Francis Hospital, Tulsa OK, Jul 76 - Nov 78

Licensure experience—*primarily with the NPTE exam development as follows:*

- Exam Development Committee-PT, Federation of State Board of PT, 1 Jan 2009 to 31 Dec 2011 (3-year term) and Jan 2015 to Dec 2017 (3-year term; **Chair**, FY 2017)
- Item Writer Task Force-PT Member, FSBPT, 1 Jan 2012 to 31 Dec 2014 (3-year term)
- Item Writing and Test Development workshop for NPTE (22 contact hours). Sponsored by FSBPT, Alexandria, VA, 12-14 Mar 2010 (Composing test items for the NPTE)
- Host for the Regional Item Writing Workshop for NPTE (15.5 contact hours). Sponsored by FSBPT, Austin, TX, 31 Mar – 1 Apr 2017 (Coordinator for 6 item writers)

Other experience pertinent to position (i.e., same position with another organization):

- Nomination Committee for APTA Orthopedic Section- Jun 94 - Feb 97 (Chair - Jun 96 - Feb 97)
- Nomination Committee for TPTA Chapter-Nov 2007-Oct 2009 (Chair – Nov 08 – Oct 09)

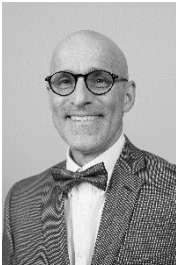
Candidate Statement

Over 41 years in the profession of physical therapy with approximately 20 years as a clinician and 20 plus years in higher education, I've had ample opportunities to serve multiple professional organizations in various capacities. Leadership experiences in the areas professional *community service* (i.e., Chairman of the Texas Consortium for Clinical Education, site visitor Team Leader for Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, Board member and Chair of the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties, Co-Chair of the FSBPT Examination Development Committee, TPTA Permian Basin District Delegate, Assistant Chief Delegate and TPTA Delegate-at-Large, and Orthopedic Specialty Council Maintenance of Competency Liaison); and *employment* (i.e., Director of

the USAF Physical Therapy Assistant Program, Director of Clinical Experiences for the U.S. Army-Baylor University Physical Therapy Program, Commander/Director of two of the largest USAF military PT clinics, and Texas Tech University for Health Sciences Regional Dean for School of Allied Health Odessa campus), have contributed to my professional growth as a team player and leader.

Professional attributes such as bearing responsibility, being diligent and discipline, displaying integrity and a high ethical standard, using strong interpersonal skills, and willingness to do whatever it takes to get the job done support my abilities to appropriately execute the duties of this office. Clearly, I realize that no one person can achieve much without the engagement of others. "Get and stay involved" is my motto. My philosophy is "the greatest good one can do for another is not just to share their riches but to reveal to them their own in order to accomplish great things". As one anonymous writer put it, "coming together is a beginning...keeping together is progress...working together is a success." I would be very honored to serve the Federation. As R. Tagore stated, "one cannot cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water." I am ready to move forward and engage to accomplish the goals and objectives of FSBPT.

Candidate for Treasurer Position: Ron Barbato, PT



Current and past work experience:

- Current - Corporate Director, Rehabilitation Services – Ephraim McDowell Health
- Licensed Physical Therapist – 39 years

Licensure experience:

- Served on the Kentucky State Board of Physical Therapy for 11 years – most recent tenure as Chairman
- Kentucky Physical Therapy Association – Secretary, Ethics Committee, Education Committee

Federation experience pertinent to position:

- Multi year voting Delegate
- Resolutions Committee
- FSBPT Director (current)
- Ethics Committee - FSBPT Board Liaison
- FARB FSBPT - Board Liaison

Other experience pertinent to position (i.e., same position with another organization):

- Treasurer/CFO Indian Hills Christian Church, an Independent Christian Church, with a budget of over a million dollars. I have held this position for over 20 years.
- Director, Rehabilitation and Cancer Care Services – Ephraim McDowell Health - a service with 80 rehabilitation employees and a budget of over 15 million dollars. I am responsible for budget development, business oversight and have ultimate accountability to ensure successful operations. I have held this position for over 37 years.
- Business Owner, FireFly Hill Farm LLC . Danville , Ky – responsible for budget development and management of finances to ensure successful operation of Sport Horse and Boarding operation. I have been in this position for over 20 years.

Candidate Statement

For the past two years, I have been honored to serve as a Director on the Federation Board of Directors and to serve each of you and your jurisdictions in that capacity. It has been a wonderful experience and one that has enabled me to more fully understand the financial oversight behind our successful organization.

In my role as Director, I have participated in Federation strategic planning and the budget process that coincides with that planning. I have been able to witness first-hand the energy and time commitment it takes to create and activate a successful financial plan, beginning with our CFO to the multiple volunteer teams that supply the input for the budget.

As a result, I have gained a humble respect for the staff, and their tireless dedication to their work, and for the many volunteers that carry out our collective good work.

It is with that inspiration that I seek the office of treasurer. I have an affinity for numbers and have a keen business acumen, particularly in budget forecasting, and development. My skills in these areas have served me well in my role as CFO and business owner of several successful organizations. If I am fortunate to be elected as Treasurer, I will also continue to contribute to the Federation Board by using my abilities to foster a collaborative working atmosphere that promotes continued competency and regulatory standards for public protection.

I look forward to serving alongside of each of you

Candidate for Treasurer Position: Ruggiero (Ruggie) Canizares



Current and past work experience:

- Clinic Owner, E&R Health and Wellness dba Physical Therapy Services, Eugene, OR (2008 - present)
- Home Health Physical therapist, Sacred Heart Medical Center, Eugene, OR (2008 -present)
- Manager, Cottage Grove Community Hospital Rehabilitation and Wellness (09/03 - 3/08)
- Program Coordinator: PT Satellites, Out-patient Services, Sacred Heart Medical Center, Eugene, OR (10/94 - 03/97)
- Physical Therapist: Clinical practice in various settings - acute care hospital, nursing home contract work, and out-patient services (06/85 - 10/94)

Licensure Experience:

- Chairman, Oregon Physical Therapy Licensing Board – voted by the licensing board as Chairman (July 1, 2018 – present)
- Vice Chairman, Oregon Physical Therapy Licensing Board – voted by the licensing board as Vice- Chairman (April 11, 2014 – June 30, 2018)
- Licensing board member - State Governor nominated, State of Oregon appointed position (December 1, 2011 – April 10, 2014)

Federation Experience pertinent to the position:

Finance Committee:

Initial appointment 12/23/2014; re-appointed 01/08/2018

- Completed budget report and analysis for FSBPT
- Area of responsibility – Continuing Competence (2014, 2015); Administration and Exam Services (2016, 2017)

Other experience pertinent to position (i.e., same position with another organization):

- Treasurer – Troop 175, Boy Scout of America, Oregon Trail Council (2012-2015)
 - Created and developed Troop accounting ledger in both income and expense line items
- Primary author for *CGCH wellness center* business plan (January 8, 2008)
 - Feasibility study and strategic alternatives. Business plan includes: financial analysis, proposed complete budget ledger, Enterprise Data Warehouse data query, and literature research for business benchmarks
 - Capital Cost = \$1.5 million, Projected Operating Cost = \$136 k, Projected Net Revenue = \$375 k
- Budgetary responsibility as CGCH Rehabilitation Services Manager: Operating budget: \$370,000; Revenue: \$600,000
- Northwest Christian University (July 2007), School of Graduate Studies, School of Business and Management, Masters of Business Administration
Master's Thesis Research: "A Quantitative Analysis of Physical Therapy Trends"
GPA: 4.0
- MBA Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society
Northwest Christian University Chapter

Candidate Statement

It is an honor to be considered for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) Treasurer position. It has been both an exciting opportunity and great privilege to serve the Federation since 2014 as a Finance Committee member that entailed working with and being mentored by two CFOs and our current Treasurer.

Serving under the Finance Committee, my areas of responsibilities included Continuing Competence (2014, 2015) and Administration and Exam Services (2016, 2017). I have been recently re-appointed for another 3-year term on the Finance Committee. With my MBA background, knowledge base in general accounting principles, and four years experience with Finance Committee work, I will provide a broad and in-depth understanding and analysis of the inner-financial workings of FSBPT. If I am to be elected as FSBPT Treasurer, I believe that with a close working relationship with our CFO, will allow *continuity in accurate financial data analysis and relevant financial data reporting*. This collaboration will greatly assist in the FSBPT Board of Directors *effective strategic planning and the successful execution of the FSBPT's Mission and Vision*.

I served as an alternate delegate for the State of Oregon in 2014, 2016, and 2017, and an Oregon voting delegate in 2015. I have actively participated in yearly FSBPT meetings and conferences since 2013 and developed working relationships with FSBPT staff, FSBPT delegates, committee members, and various stakeholders. I practice Robert Greenleaf's servant leadership model and I see myself as an inherent team player. I have owned a private practice since 2008, worked as a Department Lead and Manager for a critical care hospital (1995-2008), and have been an active volunteer leader in the community for the Boy Scouts of America and local school athletics. The combination of my Finance Committee work, community leadership services, and active involvement with FSBPT has prepared me to be a viable candidate and effective leader for the FSBPT Treasurer's position.

I thank the Nominating Committee for considering me for the Treasurer position. I truly appreciate your support and consideration of my candidacy for the FSBPT Treasurer position and I look forward to discuss any questions or topics with members in Reston, Virginia.

Candidate for Director #1 Position: Arkena L. Dailey, PT, DPT



Current and past work experience:

- **Experts in Therapy, LLC** 2016 – Current
Expert Witness/Independent contractor
- **Old Dominion University, Norfolk VA** 11/2014 - Current
Adjunct Professor
- **Bon Secours In Motion Physical Therapy, Newport News VA** 05/2016 - Current
Past Clinical Coordinator / Current Independent Contractor
- **Schneider Regional Medical Center, St Thomas, USVI** 05/2015 - 4/2016
Physical Therapist, Independent Contractor
- **Centra Healthcare, Farmville VA** 01/2015- 4/2015
Physical Therapist, Independent Contractor
- **Riverside Health System, Newport News, VA** 10/2009 - 1/2015
Senior Physical Therapist
- **Excel Professional Home Health, Norfolk, VA** 7/2008 – 12/2009
Physical Therapist, Independent Contractor
- **Dominion Physical therapy Associates Inc., Newport News, VA** 5/2006 - 7/2008
Clinical Director
- **Coliseum Park Nursing Home, Hampton, VA** 5/2004 - 4/2006
Senior Physical Therapist, Genesis Healthcare Services
- **Hope in Home Care, Newport News, VA** 5/2005 - 6/2006
Home Health Physical Therapist
- **Riverside Rehabilitation Institute, Newport New, VA** 2/2003 - 5/2005
Staff Physical Therapist

Licensure Experience:

Virginia Board of Physical Therapy, Vice President 2nd term 2015 – Current

Additional Community Service Involvement:

Federation State Board of Physical Therapy, 2017-Current
Appointed to Education Committee

NAACP

Member, Hampton Branch NAACP 2007 - 2010

NPHC, INC.

National Pan Hellenic Council, Inc. of Peninsula (17 Active chapters with members each with 50 to 150 members.)

President 2009 - 20014

Vice President 2005 – 2009

* Both Leadership roles required me to appoint and or recommend selected officers and committee chairs. Conducting Non profit business with this large group of members certainly requires social and organizational skills.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 1995 - Current

Member, Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter > 120 members 1999 - 2014

Membership Chair 2007- 2009

- Position of Membership chair required my assistance and consult towards recommending candidates for the Nominating committee as well as engaging with all members of the organization.
- Team Captain for Relay for life 2006-2008

YWCA

Member, YWCA-Virginia Peninsula Chapter 2010 – 2013

The Links, Incorporated 2017- Current
Active member of Membership Committee, International Trends and Services, and Social Committee

CARATS, Incorporated 2017- Current
Active Member of Nomination Committee

Federation experience pertinent to position:

Education Committee, member 2016 - Current
Worked with past Chair Connie Clarkston from Missouri and current Chair Debbie Kubota from Hawaii

Candidate Statement

Great Leaders Don't set out to be a leader...They set out to make a difference. It's never about the role--always about the goal. --Unknown author

Arkena L. Dailey, PT, DPT, CIMT, FMT

Dr. Arkena Dailey is an extremely accomplished physical therapist that has worked within several different therapy settings and serves as an expert witness. Dr. Dailey prides herself on delivering quality medical care to her clients while upholding excellent work ethics. She also serves as an assistant adjunct professor for Old Dominion University, and serves as the Vice president on the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy. Attending FSBPT annual meetings and serving on the Education Committee has been very rewarding, and has allowed her to become familiar with new and seasoned organizational members. In addition to her professional achievements, she has volunteered in various leadership roles for which she has been recognized and awarded for her outstanding service. She has developed Policy and procedures, budgets, and arranged community events with local elected officials. Dr. Dailey is a person who is known for motivating and encouraging excellence from colleagues and students, making her opinion highly sought after and her judgment well trusted and respected.

Dr. Dailey received her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, a graduate degree from Hampton University, and a B.S. degree in Biology from Longwood University. Each of these universities allowed her to develop her passion for leadership and service. During her time at Longwood University, she joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and held the office of President, Reporter, Judicial board member, and financial secretary. She was also a collegiate Field Hockey player. She has received numerous awards throughout her academic, athletic, and professional careers. Some of these awards include: Best of the Best in Philanthropy Award, Clinical Excellence Award, The Heritage Who's Who Award, and the Metropolitan Who's Who Award, and Sister of the Year. During her Presidency of the NPHC of Peninsula, the council was awarded the 2012 City of Newport News Human Rights Awards for outstanding community outreach. These involvements and accolades are included to show the years of commitment towards serving the community and working amongst others in large and small groups to accomplish goals.

Dr. Dailey is a Past President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. of Peninsula (NPHC); non profit organization, where she served a 4-year term as President and a 4-year term as Vice President. Under her leadership, the NPHC of Peninsula increased in partnerships and membership, allowing for increased participation in community service projects, and fundraising events. Her other talents include public speaking, educating the public on health and wellness, and motivating others to perform above and beyond expectations. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, hiking, and horseback riding and traveling. She spends quality time with her family and precious dogs Lacey and Roxy. When you meet Dr. Dailey, you will see that she is truly a pleasure to be around and she possess the professionalism, character, and talents necessary to add to this organization.

Candidate for Director #1 Position: Ellen Donald



Current and Past Work Experience:

- Assistant Professor, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL (1996 to Present)
- Department Chair, Physical Therapy and Human Performance, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL (1996 to 2007)
- Assistant Dean of College of Health Professions, and Director of the School of Community Health and Biomedical Sciences, Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft Myers, FL (2001 – 2003)
- Contract Pediatric Physical Therapist, Fort Myers, FL (2012 to Present)
- Director of Clinical Education and Instructor, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY (1993-1996)
- Staff Physical therapist, Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY (1990-1993)
- Staff Physical Therapist, Language Development Program, Tonawanda, NY (1989-1990)
- Contract Physical Therapist, Long-Term Care facilities and home care, MA, NY (1988-1990)
- Clinical Manager of Rehabilitation, VNA of Greater Salem, Salem, MA (1987-1988)
- Staff Physical Therapist, Beverly Hospital, Beverly, MA (1985-1987)

Licensure Experience:

- Member, Florida Board of Physical Therapy – January 2017 to Present
- Experience as licensed physical therapist in three states during my 33-year career (MA, NY, FL)
- Advised hundreds of students in the licensure process during my 24-year teaching career
- Experienced in Foreign Educated candidates for licensure through FCCPT Quality Review Committee (2014-present) and FCCPT Bridge Program Task Force (2017-present)

Federation Experience:

- Member and Committee Chair, Item Bank Review Committee (6 years)
- Finance Committee (4th year – current member)
- Item Writer for NPTE, Jurisprudence Exams, JAM (multiple years)
- Item Bank Clean Up meeting participant (multiple years)
- Exam Committee Leadership Meetings (3 years)
- Leadership Issues Forum participant (multiple years)
- NPTE Summit participant 2011
- Annual Meeting as participant and delegate (multiple years)

Other Experience pertinent to position:

- APTA member since 1981
- Clinical and academic leadership positions have enabled me to develop and manage budgets, develop strategic plans, lead accreditation/assessment process, hire and mentor faculty/staff.
- Doctoral work in the area of test construction/assessment has provided me a strong foundation for understanding the complexities of licensure/certification testing and credentialing processes.
- Long-standing history of service and volunteerism in professional and community organizations

Candidate Statement

It would be an honor to serve on the Board of Directors for the FSBPT. My varied experiences with the FSBPT over the last 19 years has provided me tremendous insight to the various functions of the organization. The consistent

excellence that members of the Board, staff members, and committee volunteers demonstrate is what keeps my desire high to continue to work with the Federation. My existing professional relationships with members of the Board of Directors, Federation staff, members of regulatory boards, and committee volunteers, allow me to serve as a Director who will hear the important issues and the needs that exist in the regulatory environment.

My leadership experiences have taught me the importance of including important stakeholders in decision making, and not be frozen in tradition. I have found that change and growth is an essential element in today's world; but the history and mission of an organization must always help advise that change. My experiences in establishing and reviewing policies and procedures, participating in the hiring process, managing budgets and facilities, and strategic planning prepare me well for the task of the Board. My active engagement in PT education and clinical practice allows me to see the current challenges that exist in the field of physical therapy. My doctoral work in measurement and test construction provides me a unique perspective and understanding of regulatory assessment. As a member of the Board of Physical Therapy in Florida, I have quickly become involved in rule writing, public hearings and disciplinary actions. There are many challenges facing regulatory boards in today's society, and the FSBPT Board must remain connected to member boards for support and mutual information sharing.

My career has been filled with experiences in which I have shown integrity, balanced multiple tasks, and rose to the expectations quickly. I believe in honest, straightforward communication and making decisions through consensus. Leadership is an act of service to the constituents that an organization serves. Consistent with the mission of the Federation, I look forward to an opportunity to contribute to public protection through service and leadership on the Board of Directors.

Candidate for Nominating Committee Member Position: Jade J. Bender-Burnett PT DPT NCS



Current and past work experience:

Neuro PT: Nov 2012 to present

At Neuro PT, a neurologic outpatient physical therapy clinic, I provide physical therapy services, manage insurance verification, authorization, and submission for private and government funded insurance, and submit billing for physical therapy services rendered. I currently see clients at Neuro PT approximately 8 hours/week.

Marymount University: Jan 2012 to present

Since 2012 I have served as an adjunct faculty member and lab instructor at Marymount University in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Courses I have taught include: Clinical Applications of Physical Therapy Management of Patients in Acute Care, Clinical Applications of Physical Therapy Management of Patients with Neurological Disorders, Evaluation and Management of Patients with Neurological Disorders, Clinical Neuroscience, and Clinical Applications of Physical Therapy Management of the Older Adult. My responsibilities include: facilitating group discussions of problem-based, patient-centered cases; emphasizing clinical relevance, evaluating student performance via written and verbal feedback at midterm and final, instructing and evaluating students in examination and evaluation of patients with neurological disorders, acute care diagnoses, and the aging population as well justification of intervention and evidence-based practice via hands on laboratory skills including patient demonstrations and discussions.

Virginia Hospital Center (VHC): April 2012 to present

Over the past six years I have served as an admissions liaison and PRN physical therapist at the acute care units and acute rehabilitation unit of Virginia Hospital Center where I have provided physical therapy services in addition to consultative services for staff development. As an admissions liaison, I was responsible for completing pre-admission screens and presenting cases to the medical director for approval, managing authorizations and admissions to inpatient rehabilitation, and marketing the inpatient rehabilitation program to prospective patients and families in addition to case managers at referring facilities. I continue to provide physical therapy services and consultation as a prn physical therapist on the acute rehabilitation unit.

Medstar National Rehabilitation Hospital (MNRH): June 2006-to present

At Medstar National Rehabilitation Hospital I provided physical therapy services with emphasis on neurologic disorders including Brain Injury, Stroke, Spinal Cord Injury, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease. Additionally, I coordinated observation opportunities for volunteers and prospective students, and served as chair for the Falls Prevention Performance Improvement team in which I assisted in developing a system wide Medstar Falls Prevention policy initiative and education program. After serving as a staff physical therapist for four years, I became a resource therapist for the brain injury and stroke programs before ultimately becoming a Senior therapist on the spinal cord program, managing three staff physical therapists in addition to carrying a full time patient case load. Additional duties as a Senior Therapist included: providing leadership in accordance with the organizational plan for strategic development, supervising, supporting and guiding professional and clinical development of staff therapists, developing and providing input for departmental policies and procedures and operations, and evaluating and providing written and verbal feedback on staff therapist annual performance. I continue to provide physical therapy services at Medstar National Rehabilitation Hospital as a PRN physical therapist.

Mosby's Skills: Elsevier Publishing: July 2014 to Dec 2017

I have served as an author and editor of clinical skill templates related to physical therapy practice for publication in the online Mosby's Skills tool; a collection of over 1,300 online skills used by healthcare staff in various clinical settings.

Licensure experience:

I currently possess physical therapy licenses in the District of Columbia and Virginia and have maintained physical therapy licensure in the District of Columbia since 2006 and in Virginia since 2012.

Federation experience pertinent to position:

I joined the PT Exam Development Committee in January 2014 and served for two years before being asked to serve as Co-Chair. I have now served as Co-Chair of the PT Exam Development Committee since Jan 2016 and will continue serving this committee through Dec 2019.

Other experience pertinent to position (i.e., same position with another organization):

From October 2013-2015, I served on the board of the DC Chapter of the APTA as the Continuing Education chair.

Candidate Statement

When I was approached by Tom Ryan regarding my possible interest in serving on the board of directors of the Federation of the State Boards of Physical Therapy or on the nominating committee, it was an immediate yes on my part given my extremely positive experiences with FSBPT over the last three years. Thus far, my role has been limited to the physical therapy exam development committee where I have eagerly served as a member and chair of the committee. As Chair of the committee I have had the pleasure of attending annual conferences and leadership issues forum and have greatly appreciated these experiences as they have broadened my scope of physical therapy as it relates to public protection and the healthcare profession as a public service entity. Given the opportunity to serve the public and the profession by serving on the nominating committee is a great honor and I am happy to assist in anyway the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy sees fit given my experiences and skill set.

Candidate for Nominating Committee Member Position: Sherri Paru



Current and past work experience:

Since 2002 I have served as the Clinical Advisor and Investigator for the Oregon Physical Therapist Licensing Board. I graduated from Ithaca College in 1991 with a BS in Physical Therapy. After graduation, my physical therapy practice focused primarily on Spinal Cord Injury rehabilitation. I worked at 2 world renowned SCI centers in the US (Kessler in New Jersey and TIRR in Texas). I also was a traveling PT for 2 years working in multiple settings and states. I moved to Portland, OR in 2000.

Licensure experience:

Due to my traveling assignments, I have held PT licenses in 10 states, but since 2002, I have only maintained an Oregon PT license in good standing.

Federation experience pertinent to position:

I currently serve on the FSBPT Education Committee and I am a ProCert reviewer. I have served as an NPTE Item Writer and I also served as the content expert in the development of the Oregon JAM. I have presented several lectures at the annual meeting on the topics of ethics and professional boundaries.

Candidate Statement

My early experience as a traveling physical therapist opened my eyes to the diversity in the licensure process, continuing education requirements and statutes and rules across the US. In my unique career as both clinical advisor and investigator, I communicate on a regular basis with investigators in other states as well as with licensees and complainants as I deal with a wide range of clinical questions and disciplinary issues. I am also active in rule writing and legislation in my home state of Oregon.

I feel that I am very capable of taking on the role of Nominating Committee Member. I have been involved in many aspects of the FSBPT, from being an item writer to serving on the Education Committee and I am excited to participate at a higher level especially during a time of some much change and excitement with the upcoming PT Compact.

Thank you for considering me for the role of Nominating Committee Member.