

My name is Joe Spagnolo. I have been practicing physical therapy in the state of VA for 24 years. I am partner in Rehab Associates and VP in charge of Recruiting and Retention. I grew up in Lynchburg, VA. After attending the University of Virginia, I did get a Master's degree in PT from VCU/MCV. I did get my DPT through the University of St Augustine as well as a manual therapy certification. In addition, I am currently an orthopedic certified specialist through the APTA. I believe that a strong APTA VA is imperative to the viability of our profession in Virginia. It is our voice and fosters our ability to practice as we do now. There are many challenges facing the profession of physical therapy. Persistent legislative regulation changes, reimbursement cuts, and working towards furthering autonomy in our profession are a few. The APTA VA helps us fight these battles, protecting our profession and our patients. I feel that it is my responsibility to be actively involved with APTA VA. Thus, I am seeking re-election to the APTA VA secretary position. I have served past 2 years in this capacity and 4 years prior to that as chair of the nominating committee. I am looking forward to the opportunity to continue to serve if re-elected .