

*Board-Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist*

I am running for Director of the AGPT because I have a passion for serving others. In 2014, I received the Volunteers in Action Community Service Award. I know how to work with others to move people forward. Over the past 10 years I have been a volunteer for the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS), initially serving as an item writer where I was named the 2015 ABPTS, Item Writer of the Year and then with the Geriatric Specialty Council and now as Chair of ABPTS. I have also served the APTA and the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy, volunteering as a State Advocate for Arkansas for three years. I have gladly given back to my home state and community as an elected official and as the Vice Chair of the Arkansas Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, advocating for aging adults. I have experience founding and managing a not-for-profit foundation. I have founded and managed a therapy contract company and I know that without bold leadership, challenges will continue to overwhelm our colleagues in geriatric clinical practice. As Director, I will never stop advocating for those willing to help our aging adults live their highest quality of life.