

**Lori Bartleson, PT, DPT**

Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Pediatric Physical Therapy

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**Candidate Statement:**

I am a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Pediatric Physical Therapy with 28 years of experience. Currently, I work as the lead therapist for the Medical University of South Carolina's outpatient pediatric rehabilitation clinic. I am also an adjunct instructor for pediatric content in the DPT program at MUSC and serve as the MUSC PT Pediatric Residency Coordinator. My experience is working with children ages 0-21 in a variety of settings including early intervention, school-based, and outpatient. Locally, I served as the Lowcountry District Co-Chair, on the Board of Directors, and on the Nominating Committee for the APTA South Carolina Chapter. Nationally, I served as the APTA Academy of Pediatrics South Carolina State Representative and as the Adolescents and Adults with Diverse Abilities Special Interest Group Chair. I am an APTA certified clinical instructor and have been teaching and mentoring DPT students for 20 years. I have presented at local, state, and national conferences. I have co-authored published research in pediatric physical therapy.

With these experiences clinically, in leadership, and volunteering to serve and support this profession, I am an ideal candidate to serve on the APTA Academy of Pediatrics Nominating Committee. Throughout my career, I have been involved with the APTA not only to increase my knowledge and expertise, but to also increase my networking and support with pediatric therapists from across the country. This has facilitated relationships with many long time and new members of the APTA Academy of Pediatrics. My vision is to assist our organization to have leaders from diverse backgrounds and experiences, including recruiting new members and those who have not considered serving in leadership roles to help bring in new ideas and culture, as well as support for our current leaders to continue to serve the members of the APTA Academy of Pediatrics.

**Service to the APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy**

- As a committee or Special Interest Group chair: AADA SIG chair 6 years (2 terms)
- As a member of a committee, task force, or work group: Peds AC committee member (5 years)
- Safe Student Lifting & Transfers in the School Setting (work group created fact sheet and presented at CSM)
- Any other positions in APTA Pediatrics: South Carolina State Representative (now called SPAL) (6 years)

**Service to the American Physical Therapy Association**

- APTA SC Chapter Lowcountry District Co-chair (4 years)
- APTA SC Chapter Board of Directors (4 years)
- APTA SC Chapter Nominating Committee (3 years)

**Service to Your Community**

- Physical Therapy Representative on the Medical University of South Carolina College of Health Professions Alumni Council (7 years)
- President of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Health Professions Alumni Council (2 years)
- President of the Medical University of South Carolina Joint Alumni Board (1 year)
- Sunshine Therapy Clinic complimentary interdisciplinary pediatric therapy clinic (1 year)