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Candidate Statement

I am confident my knowledge, skills, and abilities are well aligned with the roles and responsibilities of Secretary. As chief delegate, I serve on our chapter board of directors and executive committee where we take collective responsibility for fiscal stewardship, advocacy initiatives, and cultivation of member engagement. I provide liaison support to specific board committees, including the Ethics Committee and the Practice and Research Committee. I am actively engaged in development and implementation of our Chapter Strategic Plans. I provide mentorship to new and experienced delegates and successfully organize and prepare our large delegation. I am responsible for review and revision of our Chapter bylaws and provide parliamentary support to members bringing motions before our board. I have also served on the Reference Committee and gained insight into the role of secretary as a House Officer and APTA board member.

In my current role as academic dean, I oversee a multitude of professional academic programs and clinics with a budget of ~\$20 million. I enjoy identifying and solving challenges that may get in the way of progress. I have demonstrated skill in leading a group to a consensus. Communication and collaboration are central to our success. I am a perpetual learner that believes organizations are best when they are learning and adapting to the complex environments that surround us.

As we seek to transform the society in which we live, learn, work, and play, we must strive to be inclusive and close the equity gaps in access to care, wellness, and engagement. We are pediatric movement experts and that vision for lifelong meaningful participation permeates all we do and how we approach many vexing problems in society. We have important contributions to make, and I see our Academy and our profession leaning into that challenge every day.

Service to the APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy

- As a Board member:
 - Education Committee Chairperson (2006-2008)
- As a member of a committee, task force, or work group:
 - Education Committee (2004-2008)
 - Communications Committee (2002-2005)
 - Governmental Affairs Committee (2001-2003)

Service to the American Physical Therapy Association

- American Physical Therapy Association Reference Committee House of Delegates (2017-2020)
- Chief Delegate for Pennsylvania; Board of Directors (2012-2017; 2021-present)
- Pediatric Specialty Council, ABPTS (2012-2017; chair 2014-2017)
- Pennsylvania Delegate – House of Delegates (2007-2012)
- Southeastern District Pennsylvania Chapter APTA Vice-chair Southeastern District PPTA (2005-2012)
- Student Liaison for Southeastern District PPTA (2002-2005)
- Specialty Academy of Content Experts Pediatric Specialty Council (2002-2004)
- Webmaster for Southeastern District PPTA webpage (1997-2002)

Service to Your Community

Academic/Higher Education Volunteer Service

- Middle States Commission on Higher Education Peer Reviewer (2021-present)
- Pennsylvania Center for Health Careers Leadership Council (2007-2012)
- Widener Partnership Charter School
 - Board of Trustees (2006-2016)
 - President (2018-2022)
 - Vice President (2012-2015)
 - Instructional Resource Team (2006-2013; chair 2010-2012)
 - CEO/Principal Search Committee (2006, 2010, chair 2013)
- Quest (hippotherapy program for children with disabilities) Member - Advisory Board, Research Consultant (2002-2013)
- Special Needs Gymnastics Consultant Macey's Academy of Gymnastics (1999-2002)

Clinical/Pro Bono Service

- Kid's Night – Supervision of student physical therapists providing pediatric therapy services – Chester Community Physical Therapy Clinic (2010-2016)
- Pediatric Foot Clinic – Joint project of Widener's Institute for Physical Therapy Education and Delaware County Intermediate Unit Early Intervention Programs (1999-2015)
- MLK Mobility Clinics – MLK Day of Service (January of each year) (2003-2016)
- Shoes 4 Kids – Coordinate collection of new shoes and socks for community outreach at yearly Annual Conference, APTA (2010-2017)

Community Service

- FirstTech Challenge NJ Robotics (mentor, judge 2022-present)