

## **Yasser Salem PT, PhD, MS, NCS, PCS**

### **BIO**

I am a Professor of Physical Therapy. I am a board certified Pediatric Clinical Specialist (PCS) and a board-certified Neurology Certified Clinical Specialist (NCS). I have been actively engaged in service and leadership in several national and international organizations. I have served as an elected board of director for national organizations several times including three elected terms for the Academy of Aquatic Physical Therapy. I am currently serving as a board of director for the National Interprofessional Education Consortium (NIPEC). I have served as a member, director, and/or chair of programs, committees, and task forces for numerous national and international organizations including the World Confederation of Physical Therapy (WCPT), APTA, Academy of Aquatic Physical Therapy, Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy, American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE), (CAPTE), American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAP), the International Myositis Assessment and Clinical Studies group (IMACS) and FSBPT. I have been serving as an editor, associate editor, editorial board member, and manuscript reviewer of numerous journals, and an abstract reviewer, and conference organizer for prestigious regional, national and international scientific meetings.

### **Nomination Statement**

I have served as the Director of Research for the Academy of Aquatic Physical Therapy. I have numerous publications and presentations in the area of aquatic therapy. My involvement in this area has afforded me the opportunity to obtain knowledge of the trends, needs and current research in the area of education in aquatic physical therapy.

Given the complex and dynamic health care environment, it is important that research in and about aquatic physical therapy continues to evolve and advance. My vision for the Director of Research of the Academy of Aquatic PT is for the Academy to be a primary resource for clinicians and provide tools for assisting membership to achieve excellence in aquatic therapy. I recognize the importance for the Aquatic Section to collaborate with stakeholders to achieve this vision, while the academy maintains its autonomy, identity, and values. I see the role of the section as crucial to the success of defining and achieving excellence in aquatic therapy. One of my goals for the section is to promote research in the area of aquatic physical therapy. I will work diligently to support activities of the APTA related to research in the area of aquatic therapy; increase research in aquatic therapy to advance evidence-based practice; network with other APTA Sections/Academies, as appropriate.