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Candidate for Vice-President



Lead by example. Be the first one to sign up and volunteer. I believe one quality of a great leader is working right alongside the members at the grassroots level. An example of this is a blast email went out to all NJ members asking them to show their support of a dry needling bill by contacting NJ senators, reaching out to their colleagues to contact legislators and if they can show up at the State House Annex in Trenton at the Senate Commerce Committee hearing of S431 on a Thursday afternoon in February. My expectation of our NJ chapter leadership is that our elected leaders answered this call to action. I rearranged my patient schedule to make sure I was present at the committee hearing to support APTANJ, our profession, members, non-members, colleagues, peers, and patients. I am not trained in dry needling; however, this does not mean this topic is less important to me. Tomorrow a technique or tool you are trained/certified in could be on the chopping block. You would want support from your fellow members, colleagues, and peers. It has been said before by many of our leaders in APTA – “Stronger Together”.

I have been an APTANJ member since Fall 2004. I try to stay as active as I can over the years. As a student, I was instrumental in reinstating the NJ Student Assembly. I was Chair of the APTANJ Student Assembly from Spring 2005-Spring 2006. I have been asked to be a member of several APTANJ committees/task forces – Electronic Task Force, Chair of Membership Committee, and Programming Committee. I am the current chair of the Programming Committee. I live in Central District area of our chapter and have served as vice-chair and chair. Since 2007, I have served as a delegate for our chapter. Last year, I served as your federal affairs liaison. Through these various roles at the chapter level, I have learned how to work with a diverse group of different personalities and varying opinions.

I see mentoring as an important role for the vice-president. Mentoring new leaders in our chapter and developing/fostering future leaders by working with the nominating committee. I have experience with mentoring in my work role at Fox Rehabilitation. I am a clinical instructor for students, mentor for new graduates, and a mentor in our geriatric residency program.

I am asking for your vote for vice-president. I will put in the hard work and be there right alongside you when you need me the most. Together we will “Transform society”.