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Candidate for Chief Delegate

I am seeking re-election for the position of Chief Delegate for APTANJ. Just over 1 year ago I was appointed to the position of Chief Delegate and in that time, I have embraced the challenges and whole-heartedly accepted the honor of representing New Jersey at the national level. I learned valuable lessons and gained experience in advocating for our profession, and in particular, the members of APTANJ, even when faced with adversity. I feel I am a strong candidate for the position as my 4 previous years as a delegate exposed me to the foundation and mission of APTA and APTANJ. I have the pleasure of being mentored by dozens of strong leaders in NJ who have imparted the history of the HOD and importance of the HOD motions on the profession. I appreciate the unique impact the HOD has and I feel my characteristics of being overly organized, committed, open-minded, and honest have laid the foundation of my Chief Delegate leadership skills.

The other role of the Chief Delegate is to serve on the Council of Directors (COD) for the APTANJ. In my first year, I have taken on the task of updating the component bylaws and standing rules. I accomplished this in a timely manner and sought feedback from various stakeholders to ensure inclusion. In addition, with support of the COD and task force members, have contributed to the formation of the Sheila Nicholson Professional Sponsorship program to ensure NJ continues to develop strong and engaged leaders. I seek re-election to continue these ventures and progress the leaders of our profession in NJ.

The members and delegates of NJ have forward-thinking ideas, and I look forward to having the opportunity to facilitate these ideas through the HOD procedures and into potential change in the Association. I would like to have the opportunity to continue to serve our association and I respectfully ask for your vote for Chief Delegate of the APTANJ.