



## NCPTA CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FORM

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E-mail form as an attachment to [nomcom@ncpt.org](mailto:nomcom@ncpt.org)

Deadline: August 13, 2018

**CANDIDATE NAME:** Brett MacLennan PT, DPT, MS, OCS

**NCPTA Position:** Scholarship and Loan Committee

**Previous NCPTA/APTA Involvement and Relevant Experiences:**

I have been a member of the APTA since 2010. I lived in Massachusetts up until 2017 while living in Massachusetts I was an active participant in the APTA. I have participated in the following roles while in Massachusetts:

- Assisted with the development of the Massachusetts student special interest group
- Acted as the liaison for the Massachusetts student special interest to MGH Institute of Health Professions (2012-2013)
- Student representative on the Massachusetts Assembly of Representatives (2012-2013)
- Member of the Massachusetts Assembly of Representatives (2016-2017)

While in North Carolina I have had the opportunity to participate in the legislative day this past May, and I hope to be elected to this position to further my involvement in the NCPTA.

**Reason(s) for Pursuing This Position (100 words or less):**

As an assistant professor of physical therapy at Wingate University I often hear concerns from students about the cost of their education. In addition, as someone who had to take out student loans to pay for their physical therapy education and is now looking at 20+ years of repaying these loans I appreciate the concern over cost. I feel this committee is in the unique position to help individuals, who otherwise may not have been able to afford attending physical therapy school, fulfill their dream of becoming a physical therapist by assisting with the financial burden.

**What Contributions to the Position Will You Make (200 words or less):**

If elected my hope is to assist in raising greater awareness among both students and universities about the different scholarship and loan programs available to assist in funding PT and PTA student's education. Unfortunately many students simply are not aware of these scholarship and loan opportunities provided by the NCPTA and therefore are not taking advantage of them. The additional benefit of raising greater awareness of these opportunities is it will also encourage students to explore the NCPTA and the APTA more in depth and provide them with yet another reason to become lifelong members and support their associations.

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Thank you for your interest.

NCPTA Nominating Committee