

Candidate's Name: **Steven Liaos**

Office Nominated For: Treasurer



Professional Bio: Address your qualifications or expertise (previous Association service or volunteer activities, as well as practice-related expertise.)

Steve Liaos has been an active member of the APTA for over 20 years. In Nevada, Steve has previously served as the Federal Key Contact, as a member of the Reimbursement Committee, and as a member of the Early Career Task Force. Prior to moving to Nevada, Steve was an active member of the APTA in California for 11 years. Steve has spent the majority of his career in the area of Outpatient Orthopaedics. He has assumed a variety of leadership roles including multi-clinic manager of all clinics in the state of Nevada for a large national physical therapy provider. Steve completed a Post-Professional Residency in Orthopaedics and Fellowship in Manual Therapy. He is

ABPTS certified in Orthopaedics and Sports, and is a Fellow with the AAOMPT. Steve is currently an Assistant Professor at Touro University Nevada's entry-level Physical Therapy program, and serves as the Musculoskeletal Curriculum Coordinator.

Describe what you feel is the most important issue facing Nevada PT professionals.

I feel the most important issue facing Nevada PT professionals is the attempt by other professionals to define what a PT is qualified to perform. We have seen the attempts by chiropractors to eliminate our ability to use mobilization/manipulation as an intervention, and I anticipate we will begin to see an increased effort by the acupuncturists to eliminate our ability to use dry needling. Our profession needs the strength of our numbers to combat these attacks on our practice, and any other profession that may attempt to define what we can do. We need to provide our own definition of what interventions we are qualified to perform.

How can the Chapter Board of Directors best serve Chapter members?

By educating them as to what are the current issues that affecting the PT profession, giving them the opportunity to share what they feel is important, and finally by listening to their input and insuring them that their voice has been heard.