

Candidate's Name: **Beren Shah**

Office Nominated For: Vice President



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

I have been an active member in the Nevada PT community since moving here in 2011. My involvement started as a regular student member and has since developed through my positions as the Chair of the Student SIG, 2 years representing the NVAPTA as a delegate at the national House of Delegates and the last 2 years as the Vice President of the NVAPTA. In the last 6 years I have been involved locally with monthly meetings, the strategic planning of the association, growth of the SSIG, creation of the monthly healthcare networking night as well as continued collaboration with the Nevada PT Board to improve the state of physical therapy in Nevada. Nationally, I have had the great pleasure of working alongside past and current leaders in conjunction with the APTA to discuss national physical therapy

initiatives with Nevada's congressional Senators and Representatives.

I have several years of experience in numerous subsets of physical therapy including outpatient orthopedics, acute care, wound care and sports rehabilitation. I believe my exposure to a variety of settings gives me a unique perspective that helps keep all stakeholders in mind when working to improve the way physical therapy is delivered and perceived in Nevada.

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

I think the most glaring issue facing Nevada PT professionals is the lack of a unified goal and purpose including a lack of collaboration between the Association and the Board, the lack of adherence to unified best practice standards, and the general isolation of most PT professionals and businesses working towards short sighted, self serving goals. It is my firm belief that a unified PT profession in Nevada will have little trouble accomplishing what our predecessors have been fighting for for several decades.

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

I believe to be truly effective the board of directors will need to continue to modernize and update the guiding principles of Nevada PT practice in coordination with the NV PT Board, improving public perception of the profession, and improving the dissemination of information to the PT professionals to create a more engaged and informed population of practitioners for the advancement of our profession and improved protection of our patient populations.