

**Peggy Belmont****Northern District**

**Education:** George Washington University, Master of Education (Infant Education), 1988; University of Alabama, Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy, 1968.

**Present/Past Employment:**

Consultant PT, 2008 - Present; Program Specialist (Director, PT/OT Program), Fairfax County Public Schools, 1998 - 2008; School-based PT, Fairfax County Public Schools, 1983-98; Staff PT, Baptist Medical Center, Montgomery, Alabama, 1982-83; Staff PT, Montgomery County Board of Mental Retardation, Dayton, Ohio, 1972-77; Staff PT, Richard Cardinal Cushing Rehabilitation Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1969-70; Staff PT, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, 1968-69.

**VPTA Activity:** Appointed by the Governor to the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy (2006 – 2010); Past-VPTA Vice-President and member of the VPTA Executive Committee; VPTA Delegate to APTA HOD (9 years); Director, Northern District; VPTA Board of Directors; VPTA Technology Committee (6 years); Chair, VPTA Communications Committee; Secretary, Northern District; Chair, Student Relations, Northern District; Vice-President VPTA Pediatric Special Interest Group.

**APTA Activity:** Active member for 42 years – Alabama, Massachusetts, Ohio, Florida, and Virginia Chapters; Pediatric Section member.

**Statement:** I am dedicated to Virginia Physical Therapists and to being a thoughtful and visionary representative for them during the next year. Preparation for the House of Delegates now demands a full year of study and analysis of issues that impact the practice of physical therapy. Having been a delegate to the National House of Delegates for the past nine years, I understand the process of governing of the APTA and I am committed to thoroughly preparing for the House and being a strong representative for Virginia therapists. I will continue to pursue our goal for professional self-determination and protection of our profession from challenges to limit the scope of our practice. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is now a reality. I am excited and willing to be a vigilant observer and advocate for Virginia physical therapists and physical therapist assistants as physical therapy services are positioned within the new health care regulatory structure. With a strong focus on successful autonomous practitioners of physical therapy, I will strive to guide discussion and debate toward the implementation of Vision 2020 and toward new actions and visions for 2030. As a member of the Virginia PT Board, I continue to identify and respond to the needs of therapists and our Virginia clients. I want to help bring more physical therapists into the VPTA from all work settings to make sure all therapists are heard and represented. Having the opportunity to serve another year as an HOD delegate representing Virginia would be a great honor for me, and I will commit my best efforts at preparing and supporting VPTA members' needs at the state and national level.

Tom Bohanon, PT, DPT, OCS

I Graduated from The University of the Sciences in Philadelphia in 2001 with a Masters in Physical Therapy and earned a DPT at Virginia Commonwealth University in May of 2008. In 2004, I became a Board Certified Orthopedic Specialist and completed a 10 month Long Term Manual Therapy Course. I worked in Out Patient Orthopedics with a focus on Manual therapy, treatment of Spinal disorders and Sports Medicine for 9 years. I worked for HealthSouth upon graduation in 2001 and held various management roles that included managing as many as 9 clinics. In 2006 I opened my own outpatient clinic, InMotion Physical Therapy in Richmond, VA. As an active member of the VPTA and APTA I have attended CSM every year since 2000, APTA Annual conference and House of Delegates since 2008, the VPTA Annual conference since 2007, and The Advocacy Academy in 2007. I am current chair of the VPTA Private Practice Special Interest Group, VPTA Media Spokesperson, and helped with getting legislation passed for Term Protection. I am a member of the Orthopedic and Private Practice sections of the APTA. I spend my spare time with my family, fishing, and playing my guitar.

Personal Statement:

I ask for the honor of being elected to the position of Delegate to serve the membership of Virginia and continue to stay directly involved with decisions being made at the national level that affect my profession and the practice of Physical Therapy in Virginia. My previous experience as a Delegate, clinician, Manager and owner, and Chair of the Private Practice SIG give me the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively and appropriately serve Virginia as a Delegate to the American Physical Therapy Association.