

Name: Secili DeStefano
Candidate for: VPTA Delegate

District: Northern

Professional Education

2006 – 2007, Marymount University - Transitional Doctorate in Physical Therapy
1998 – 2001, Marymount University - Master of Science in Physical Therapy

Present and Past Employment

May 2010-Present, Bodies in Motion Physical Therapy - Reston, Virginia
Jan. 2003-April 2010, Physiotherapy Associates - Sterling, Virginia
May 2001- Jan. 2003, INOVA Rehabilitation - Centreville, Virginia

VPTA Activity

2009-2010, VPTA Delegate
2008-2010, Chair, VPTA Northern District
2000-2010, Attendee, VPTA Annual Retreat
2010, Attendee, Legislative Day
2007-2008, Chair, VPTA Northern District
2007, Recipient, VPTA representative for APTA Emerging Leader Award
2006-2007, Director, VPTA Northern District
2006, Pilot, Shenandoah University Job Fair fundraiser for the VPTA Student Relations Committee
2001-2003; 2005-2006, Chair and Auction Captain, VPTA Northern District Ways and Means Committee
2005-2007, Member, VPTA Non-Dues Revenue Taskforce
2004, Founder, VPTA Student Special Interest Group
2002-2006, Chair, VPTA Student Relations Committee
2003-2004, Member, VPTA Payer Relations Committee
2000-2007, Attendee, VPTA Annual Conference and Exposition
1999, 2000, Chief Delegate, VPTA Annual Student Conclave
1999, Charles Harker Memorial Fund Intern, Government Affairs and Women's Initiative
Departments
1998-Present, Member, VPTA

APTA Activity

2007, Panelist, APTA Annual Conference and Exposition, *Why Mentoring: A Members Mentoring Members Professional Issues Forum*
1999-Present, Member, several APTA Sections
2001, Selected Attendee, APTA Component Leadership Seminar
1999, 2001, Attendee, APTA Federal Government Affairs Forum
2000, 2001, Attendee, APTA Combined Sections Meeting
2000-2001, Director, APTA Student Assembly Component
2000, Presenter, APTA National Student Conclave
2000, Usher, APTA House of Delegates
1999, 2001, Key Contact, APTA Federal Government Affairs Forum
2000, First Annual Recipient, APTA Outstanding Student Liaison Award
1998-Present, Member, APTA

Personal Statement Follows

I am very excited to be a candidate to represent you as a Delegate to the APTA House of Delegates (HOD). In order to meet the rapidly changing healthcare topography, your leaders need to represent constituent views across our varied practice settings and clinical expertise, as well as, have broad progressive leadership experience. I bring this experience and the relationships I have made during these experiences to this position. My leadership experience began 11 years ago with my service at the national level to APTA as a student leader. Since then, I have developed my VPTA experience through my service as a committee chair, district director and chair, Delegate and active member of various committees and task forces. I have also traveled overseas, assessed and learned from what our profession is doing abroad. With these local, state, national and international experiences, I believe I can continue to successfully serve you as a Delegate.

I have always respected the position of Delegate as one of the most paramount responsibilities of our Chapter. However, after getting the humble opportunity to serve you as a Delegate for the last two years, I have gained even greater knowledge and understanding. During these years at the HOD, I collaborated with many of you to collect your valuable opinions, regarding important issues effecting your practices, Code of Ethics, PTA voting rights, physical therapy business relationships, legislative initiatives, and community and charity practices (e.g., pro bono care). I carefully considered and discussed these and many other issues facing our profession with you, and then I actively represented you at the HOD. Thank you to those who provided questions, concerns and comments regarding these important issues. If I am elected, please keep your valuable input coming, so I can continue to serve you.

My background includes serving as a clinician and patient advocate for a variety of patient populations, including orthopedics, sports, chronic pain, women's health and pediatrics. I have served as regional CCCE, clinical instructor and adjunct faculty. In addition to my clinical and teaching expertise, I strive to promote prevention, health and wellness in our local communities, through involvement in service activities. For example, I regularly volunteer at area high schools, contribute articles to local magazines, speak at and participate in community events, and serve on philanthropic boards.

It was truly an honor to serve you as a Delegate the past two years, and I have a sincere interest, dedication and enthusiasm in continuing to effectively represent you at the 2011 HOD. Although 2009 was my first year to serve you as a Delegate, I believe that in the future, our delegation can make a difference in our profession by my bringing your perspectives to the forefront. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

John Echternach Valley District

Education: West Chester Univ., BS Health Education, 1953; Univ. of Pennsylvania Cert. In Physical Therapy, 1954; Univ. of Maryland, MS in Anatomy 1965; College of William and Mary, Higher Education/Administration, EdD, 1976, tDPT, MGH-IHP 2003.

Present/Past Employment: Staff PT, Herman Kiefer Hosp, Detroit MI, 1954; Staff PT, USPHS Outpatient Clinic, NY, 1955-56; Staff PT, USPHS Hospital, Baltimore, MD 1956-61; Deputy Chief, PT Dept, USPHS Outpatient Clinic, NY, 1961-66; Chief, PT Dept, USPHS Hospital, Norfolk, 1966-78; Staff Chief, PT and OT Services, USPHS, Div. of Hosp. And Clinics, 1973-78; Director, Program in PT, Old Dominion Univ. (ODU) 1978-92; Chairman, School of Community Health Professions and PT, ODU 1983-92, 1994-97; Professor and Eminent Scholar, ODU, 1983-2006) Present-Professor and Eminent Scholar Emeritus, ODU, Adjunct faculty Nova Southeastern Univ.

VPTA Activity:

Chairman, Publications Committee (1968 - 1970); Chief Delegate (1981 - 1983), Delegate (1984-1988, 1990-1999); (2003-09) Chairman, Research Committee (1981 - 1986) (1986 - 1990); Member, Chapter Executive Committee (1981 - 1986, 1992 - 1996); Vice President (1992 - 1996); Chairman, Legislative Committee (1980 - 1985); Member, Board of Directors (1988 - 1992)(2002-2006), Chairman, ethics committee, student relations committee, Valley District (2007-present)

APTA Activity:

Manuscript Reviewer for: Physical Therapy, Journal of American Physical Therapy Association, Journal of Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy. On Site Evaluator, accreditation program of the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education, CAPTE (1975 – Present- Team Leader);

Section on Research-(Nominating Committee, Chair 1996-98, Strategic planning Committee 2001-2), Section on Education (Member of Ad Hoc Committee on Accreditation - May 1984); (Member, Special Interest Group - Directors of Physical Therapy Programs), Section on Clinical Electrophysiology and wound care (member), Member, Committee on Research, Chairman (1979 - 1980) Member, Task Force on Measurement Standards Member, Task Force on Research Documents, Member, Advisory Panel on Resource Center for Research and Learning(1994-96),Member and chair Catherine Worthingham Fellows selection committee(2003-2006)

Statement: My reason for seeking this position is that having been a delegate several times in the past, I feel I understand the mechanisms and workings of the House of Delegates. The House of Delegates is involved in year round governance more and more, and the APTA is involved in a study of governance structure. I feel that I have sufficient background to bring to these issues a measured response to the discussion of these topics. I feel that my past experience in academic and clinical settings, as well as my continued activity on behalf of the profession qualifies me for this position. The VPTA's current priorities are very much in line with what I think are the appropriate priorities for the profession to pursue. Continued improvement of direct access is an important step in the continuing development of the profession of physical therapy within the state of Virginia. It's obvious that we still have continuing work to do in terms of increasing access to patients who would benefit from un- encumbered access to our services. I feel that I am well suited to be involved in the chapter's activities during this time of transition of the profession. I support the APTA's vision and mission statement.