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Candidate for Vice President



TOP 5 PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Peer recognition: ASHT 2008 Nathalie Barr Lectureship and American Association for Hand Surgery (AAHS) 2003 Clinician/Teacher of the Year Award.
2. Recipient of the 2003 Vargus International Hand Therapist Teaching Fellowship (AAHS) to Chinle, Arizona (Navajo Nation).
3. Editorial board member for *Journal of Hand Therapy* (presently Assistant Editor, Clinical Commentaries); *Hand* (Journal of AAHS) and *Techniques in Hand and Upper Extremity Surgery*.
4. Service to ASHT: Research Division Director (2009 and 2010), Board-Member-at-Large (2007 and 2008), and Scientific Session Chair for two combined meetings of ASHT/ASSH (2000 and 2009).
5. Developer, editor, and contributing author of a textbook, *Modalities for Therapeutic Intervention*, that pioneered integration of clinical-decision making principles with application techniques.

SUMMARY OF YOUR BACKGROUND AND SKILLS YOU BRING TO THE POSITION

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as ASHT Vice-President for 2011. My experience and ability to devote the necessary time to the job lead me to put my "hand(s) in the ring".

I have been a PT since 1973, and a CHT since 1992, with experiences including clinical practice in inpatient/outpatient care, faculty appointments, research, journal reviewing and editorial responsibilities, outreach volunteerism to underserved areas, service as an elected officer in professional organizations, and consulting for industry. I am in private practice so I have an acute awareness of the challenges of providing quality care while maintaining productivity.

I am able to assess current trends in practice, research, and education. This will help me to lead efforts in professional development, advocacy and lifelong learning for others. Many of my former students, both at Hahnemann University (entry-level PT) and at Rocky Mountain University of the Health Professions (OTD specialty track for CHTs), are leaders in practice, research and volunteerism.

I founded the Hand Therapy Think Tank, a study group devoted to promoting and advancing hand therapy. My outreach work has included three medical missions with Guatemala Healing Hands Foundation and one at Chinle, AZ (Navajo Nation). I have collaborated in clinical practice and teaching with therapists and surgeons nationally and internationally.

My 2008 Nathalie Barr Lectureship plaque reads: "to the consummate warrior in the scientific field of hand therapy, for your tireless effort to advance the knowledge base of the profession through your research, teaching and clinical practice."

THE 5 KEY ISSUES FACING THE PROFESSION OF HAND THERAPY INCLUDE

1. Enabling clients/patients affordable access to a hand therapist as the provider of choice for hand rehabilitation;
2. Providing the most effective and efficient evidence-based care in the face of potential regulatory mandates, limited resources, and limited time.
3. Implementing a plan for career-long learning and professional development.
4. Continuing the professional privilege and right of the hand therapist as the provider of choice for custom orthotic devices.
5. Establishing fair and equitable remuneration for hand therapy services.