



# Candidate Statement

*Once you have completed and submitted the Consent-to-Serve Form, please complete this Candidate Statement Form and submit it as a Word document so we can use it to build the election slate information.*

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## Involvement in the American Academy of Sports Physical Therapy & American Physical Therapy Association:

I have been a member of APTA and AASPT since 2001, with my initial involvement focused on supporting the yearly SPTS fundraising gala at Combine Section Meeting. Specifically, I was responsible for securing silent auction items. In 2008, Allen Hardin and I co-founded the College and Professional PT SIG. We Co-Chaired that SIG for several years actively recruiting members and developing educational platforms for national meetings

## Professional Experience

I currently serve as the Director of Sport Physical Therapy and Performance at Primus Sports Therapy in Oklahoma City, overseeing outpatient physical therapy for high school, college and professional athletes. In addition to physical therapy services, I have developed performance programming for several PGA, LIV, Korn Ferry, and Champions tour golfers. Prior to my current role, I spent 20 years at Oklahoma State University as the Director of Athletic Training and Rehabilitation for all intercollegiate sports, with direct athletic training responsibilities for the football and golf programs. My passion for involvement in the APTA, particularly the AASPT, began in 1999 when I joined the Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine in New Orleans as a staff physical therapist under Tab Blackburn. Tab instilled in me the importance of actively engaging the sports section, which has remained a cornerstone of my professional career. I have authored several publications and have presented at both regional and national conferences. Additionally, I have maintained professional memberships in APTA, NATA and AASPT. I hold a B.S. degree in Athletic Training from Minnesota State-Mankato(1990), a Masters in Education in Sports Medicine/Athletic Training from Temple University(1993) and a Masters in Physical Therapy from the University of Sciences in Philadelphia(1997).

## Service to Your Community:

N/A

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With over three decades of experience in sports physical therapy, athletic training, and performance programming, I bring a well-rounded skill set and leadership background that align with the mission of AASPT. My experience includes leadership & program development. As Director, in both the outpatient physical therapy and athletic training settings, I have had years of leading staff, support staff and athletes. I have also developed specialized performance programs for PGA, LIV, Korn Ferry, and Champions Tour golfers. I have been committed to professional development, I have been an active member of the APTA, AASPT, and NATA since the early stages of my career. My initial involvement began in 1999 at Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine under the mentorship of Tab Blackburn, who emphasized the importance of professional engagement. I have contributed to the field through publications and have lectured at regional and national conferences, reinforcing my commitment to advancing sports physical therapy education and practice.

My future vision of AASPT is one of a consensus builder, collaborator, and active listener. I believe AASPT must continue to evolve while maintaining a strong foundation of inclusivity and professional growth. My vision includes:

1. Representing & Advocating for All Members, ensuring that the voices of all members not just select individuals or groups are heard and valued in decision-making processes.
2. Aligning with the Executive Vision, Supporting the strategic direction set by elected leadership while fostering unity and engagement among current members.
3. Expanding Education & Mentorship, strengthening mentorship programs and continuing education opportunities to develop future leaders in sports physical therapy.
4. Enhancing Collaboration, encouraging interdisciplinary partnerships between physical therapists, athletic trainers, and strength coaches to optimize athlete care.
5. Advancing Research & Innovation, supporting evidence-based practice and emerging technologies to improve rehabilitation and performance outcomes.
6. Advocacy & Professional Growth, promoting the role of sports physical therapists in the broader healthcare landscape to enhance recognition and opportunities within the profession.



I am committed to fostering collaboration, driving meaningful progress, and ensuring that all members feel represented and supported. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to AASPT's continued success.

### Candidate Video

Can produce up to a 3-minute candidate statement with AASPT's video outlets to post through the official AASPT channels.

*Return this form in Word, along with a speaker photo (headshot, high-resolution, jpg or tif format) and your curriculum vitae to the Nominating Committee Chair.*