

Candidate Profile

Cathy Konkler, PT

President-Elect (2020-2021)

Granville, OH



Education:

- BS Physical Therapy 1980
- The Ohio State University

Certifications:

- NA

Current Practice

- Private practice outpatient treating women and men with pelvic floor dysfunction, voiding dysfunctions and pelvic pain

Professional Awards and Contributions

- I present annual women's health material at the University of Findlay, Mt. Union, and Ohio University Physical Therapy programs, and the Bradford School Physical Therapist Assistant program

Previous Involvement in SoWH:

- Nominating Committee 1980's
- Director of Communications 2002 - 2005
- Treasurer 2005 - 2012
- Chair, Educational Review Committee 2012 - 2014

Previous Involvement in the APTA or State Chapter or other Sections:

- APTA member since 1978. Section on Women's Health member since 1984. Private Practice Section member since 1990

PERSONAL STATEMENT: Please address the following questions in 300 words or less: 1. What is your personal vision? 2. How would you lead the Section? Where do you feel the Section is going?

In SoWH leadership, my personal vision is to be transparent, honest, and trustworthy in communications and interactions with Section members. The Section is the strong organization it is now because of the work of those who came before us. I want to honor those contributions by continuing that visionary leadership of the Section.

The Section is stronger when all generations of members are represented by the leadership. Currently no one on the Board of Directors is a long-term Section member. My over 30 years of experience as a private practice owner and member of the Section bring strengths in leadership, people management, and financial management. As a previous Treasurer of the Section for 7 years, I have strong experience managing the finances of a non-profit organization, and a history of past fiscally sound decision making. As a previous Director of Communications, I am familiar with the public relations aspect of the Section as well. My highest priority as a leader of the Section is to balance our mission and growth with our financial situation and continue strong leadership into the future. Board actions and decisions should be transparent to all members. All Board decisions should be made only after evaluating their current and future fiscal impact.

The Section is at the forefront of education and advocacy for women's and pelvic health issues. We have made significant gains in terms of our respect within the greater organization. I feel the Section leadership can

continue to improve relationships with the members, the APTA, and our international colleagues. It is my hope that I can contribute to that growth.