

PRESIDENT

Position: Executive Board Member, Section on Women's Health.
Elected to Office by membership vote.

Term: 3 years – 2 terms

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

- 1. Serve as the official leader and public spokesperson for the Section.**
 - a. Respond to compliments, complaints, concerns, and questions from SOWH members, the SOWH BOD, APTA members, APTA BOD and Staff, chapter and sections presidents and executive personnel.
 - b. Provide direct accountability to the Section membership.
 - c. Facilitate the realization of the Section's Mission, Vision and Values through its activities.
 - e. Participate in annual budget call with APTA staff and Treasurer.
 - d. Assist in development of the Strategic Plan.
 - e. Participate in Section Presidents' Meetings at both the Combined Section's Meeting (CSM) and Annual Conference.
 - f. Serve as Section Delegate for the APTA House of Delegates.
 - g. Serve as the Section's representative at the annual APTA National Student Conclave.
 - h. Complete a weekly phone call with the SOWH Executive Officer at APTA headquarters weekly and communicate frequently by email.
 - i. Participate in the Section Presidents' email group including preparation of RCs for House of Delegates and consideration of common issues/concerns.

- 2. Preside over meetings**
 - o Board meetings and formal business meetings with the membership.
 - o 2-3 full board conference calls per year (each may last up to 2 hours)
 - o 3-4 Executive Officers calls per year (each may last up to 2 hours)

- 3. Attend Meetings:**
 - o Combined Sections Meeting - 5 days
 - o Annual Conference (and Presidents' meetings) 7-8 days
 - o House of Delegates including all house sessions, candidate interviews, caucus sessions, coffees, etc.
 - o Component Leadership Seminar (every other year) 2 days
 - o National PT/PTA Student Conclave: Represent Section at the booth and/or presentations to students.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Big Chunks of time to plan for CSM and retreat – 10+hours/meeting
- Monthly or every other month: conference call with either Executive Board or entire BOD: 1-2 hours each.
- Daily: Minimum of 1-2 hours
 - Handle emails/phone requests (responding to members, Board members, APTA directives etc).
 - Thinking and planning time to attend to accomplishing the strategic planning and associated action items
 - Follow-up on the items discussed at meetings/phone conferences.

SO DO I HAVE THE RIGHT ATTRIBUTES FOR THE JOB?

- Ability to and interest in *communication* with APTA Board of Directors and Staff, Section and non-section members, chapter and other Section personnel, students and the women's health community
- *Public Speaking* Skills are helpful
- *Good email/internet skills*
- Visionary (see where the future needs to go)
- Able to *lead and mentor*
- *Negotiator*: Important with section and at the national level
- Ability to *multitask*: keeping all balls in the air is sometimes challenging.
- An interest in *Politics and political strategies* is helpful!

SO WHY SHOULD I DO THIS?

- Because you have the opportunity to serve the membership
- Because you have the opportunity to make a difference in the realm of Women's Health
- Opportunity to work with incredibly bright and motivated women who truly care about the health and well-being of women.
- While one voice can make a difference, the partnerships within the Section and the opportunity to work with our National leaders can really make a difference.

MATERIAL BENEFITS:

- (1) Free tuition to Pre-conference at CSM, but you don't get to use it because you'll be in the Section Presidents' Meeting all day.
- (2) Travel and per diem paid for Summer Retreat, House of Delegates, Annual Conference.
- (3) Travel and per diem paid for National Student Conclave

