

Academy of Hand & Upper Extremity Physical Therapy, APTA, Inc Elections 2019

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Voting will remain open until January 22; you must be an Academy member as of December 12 to be eligible to vote. The slate of candidates this year is as follows:

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Nominating Committee Member

____ Susan W Stralka, PT, DPT, MS

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Candidate Statement

Nominating Committee Member

Susan W Stralka, PT, DPT, MS

BIO: Susan W Stralka, PT, DPT, MS, is a licensed physical therapist with many years of experience treating both musculoskeletal and neurovascular consequences of injury. She graduated from University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) and earned a Master's Degree and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from there. She has a strong clinical background in treating neurogenic and musculoskeletal consequences of injury. Susan has presented nationally and internationally. In March 2013, Susan lectured in New Delhi, India, at the International Federation Society of Hand Therapist (IFSHT) and in September 2013 was the keynote speaker at the Brazilian Society of Hand Therapist in Goiania, Brazil. In 2013 and again in 2014, she spent time in Sweden evaluating and treating post op upper extremity nerve injuries working a long side of Dr Birgitta Rosen and many hand surgeons at the Department of Hand Surgery, Malmo Sweden. Susan recently spoke at the 38th annual ASHT meeting held in Denver in October 2015 and in October 2016 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the International Federation Society for Hand Therapist and Hand surgeons (IFSHT and IFSHS). Susan has written numerous articles and chapters on a wide variety of topics in the upper and lower extremity and pain management. Susan has received numerous honors throughout her career and recently in 2012 was the recipient of the Dorothy B Kaufmann Lectureship given by Philadelphia Hand Rehabilitation Foundation

and in 2016 was one of the recipients of the Honored Professors award at the Philadelphia Hand Symposia.

STATEMENT: The Academy of Hand and Upper Extremity for Physical Therapy has an important role in moving this section and profession forward. The Nominating Committee's main responsibility is to prepare a slate of candidates for office. This committee should identify individuals that have the competency and interest in supporting the section's strategic goals. As a long-time member of APTA, as well as the former Hand Section, I have grown to understand the support these candidate needs, especially with the emphasis on growth and leadership development. I would be honored to serve on the section's Nominating Committee.