

Bio and Candidate Statement: Due January 26, 2018

Nominees must submit a completed bio and candidate statement by the above deadline to be considered a candidate and placed on the ballot for election.

1. Please provide a brief bio of not more than 200 words.

Mary M. Rodgers, PT, PhD, FAPTA, is Professor Emeritus at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science. She joined the Maryland faculty in 1994 and served as department chair for 15 years. She earned her BSPT and MS from the University of North Carolina, and her PhD in Biomechanics/Exercise Science from The Pennsylvania State University. She has served in multiple leadership roles for the APTA Research and Education Sections (including chairing the Academic Administrators Special Interest Group), as well as the APTA Board of Directors Advisory Panel on Research. A Catherine Worthingham Fellow since 2009, Dr. Rodgers served as RIPPT chair for the past two years and currently is a member of the RIPPT Executive Board. She also serves on the Editorial Board for the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation journal and is Director of the Pilot and Exploratory Studies Core for the Maryland Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center. Dr. Rodgers has held a number of research and education advisory positions including serving as Senior Advisor for the National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) of the National Institutes of Health for the past eight years.

2. CANDIDATE STATEMENT: Please respond to the following question with no more than 200 words: Briefly describe your qualifications for the position you are seeking and the pressing issues or initiatives that you believe RIPPT should address, and how these issues are consistent with the ACAPT strategic plan.

As Chair of RIPPT, I helped to develop RIPPT guidelines for membership and facilitated work to advance the mission of RIPPT and ACAPT. While we have made progress, there is still much work to be done by individuals who are passionate and committed. Issues that need to be addressed by RIPPT include website access/updating, availability of resources for members, the PT faculty shortage, resources for PhD training, promotion of the benefits of a career as a researcher in academic PT, and expansion of pathways to the development of researchers. My experience and leadership in APTA, academic PT and research will enable me to serve the Nominating Committee well by securing strong candidates for RIPPT offices who are passionate about the importance of research in advancing the PT profession.

Please return this completed document to the attention of the RIPPT nominating committee chair by fax to (804) 828-8111 or email as an attachment to msshall@vcu.edu