

Board of Directors (Secretary) - Candidate Bio and Statements – 2025

The information below was provided by each candidate in response to a request to provide a brief bio and statement of interest and qualifications for the position.

Name: Beth Moody Jones PT, DPT, MS, EdD

Title: Professor & Division Chief

Position: BOARD - Secretary

Brief Bio	Candidate Statement
<p>I have been a PT for almost 42 years and a member of the APTA since I was a student at the University of Vermont. I am currently the Division Chief and Professor at University of New Mexico, a small diverse program with about 15 faculty and approximately 90 students in our three-year program. My research during my recent acquisition of my EdD (leadership) was a case study looking at qualitative and quantitative data for student success in our highly diverse student body. As the flagship university, we reflect the diversity of our state with close to 50% URM and representation from most of our rural underserved communities. Our inclusivity and holistic approach to our curriculum, with multiple points of support, positively serves the people of New Mexico through our students' successful graduation and passing of the NPTE. In addition to directing the program, I also teach gross anatomy. I have 27 years' experience as an academician, DCE and faculty member, at three Universities. I have successfully held my specialization in Orthopedics for three consecutive terms.</p>	<p>I ask for your support to continue to serve as Secretary of the board of directors of ACAPT. I was appointed to the role of Secretary to fill a vacancy that occurred after the election last year. I have enjoyed learning this position over the past year and feel that I can continue to offer more in this role. I have a long list of volunteer positions with APTA, having served in multiple roles in my 42 years of APTA membership. I was “that” student that created and started the Student APTA club, creating the first board liaison position in Vermont. I served on the Academy of Orthopaedics Board of Directors for 6 years as the Education Chair with a previous 3 years as the Vice Chair. During my tenure, I helped oversee the substantial growth of CSM from 2004-2013. At University of New Mexico, I was the Education Program Director from 2014 – 2018, in charge of curriculum administration and testing prior to my current Division Chief position (2018-present). I am organized and tend to see big pictures of things. I am a champion of strategic vision, results-focus and a problem solver. I tend to be future oriented, connecting vision with story, aligning people and resources. I would be honored to continue to serve Academic physical therapy in the role of secretary and humbly ask for your vote.</p>

Name: Frank Tudini PT, DSc, OCS-Emeritus, FAAOMPT

Title: Professor

Position: BOARD - Secretary

Brief Bio	Candidate Statement
<p>Dr. Frank Tudini received a Master of Science in Physical Therapy in 2000 and post-graduate doctorate in 2005. He was recognized as a Board-Certified Orthopedic Specialist by the APTA in 2012 and has been a Fellow in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists since 2014. Dr. Tudini has been a core faculty member in DPT programs since 2015, most recently at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where he was just promoted to full Professor. He has many leadership responsibilities at the University including Chairing both the Curriculum Coordination and Promotion and Tenure Committees. He was also the Chair of the Research Section of the Tennessee Chapter of the APTA until recently and has been currently active with national service for the APTA Awards Committee and is the Chair of ACAPT's Institute of Teaching and Learning. He also still maintains regular PT practice in two local PT clinics while teaching.</p>	<p>My specific qualifications for the office of Board Secretary relate mainly to the shared vision I have with ACAPT. Namely to help create a culture of excellence to improve societal health. I have dedicated my life to improving the quality of life of patients and helping to develop the next generation of PTs into caring and competent clinicians. I actively treat patients and am also involved with the pro bono clinic at UTC. I teach Professionalism and Communication within the DPT program which speaks to topics such as inclusion. As for inquiry, I am a member of the Research Committee at the University and was until recently the Chair of the Research Section of the Tennessee Chapter of the APTA. Most notably, however, is that 2 years ago I was elected to Chair ACAPT's Institute of Teaching and Learning. Our Institute was comprised of 3 separate task forces which have been very productive over the last year making significant contributions to help guide physical therapy programs across the country in the areas of social determinants of health, ensuring student success, and simulation. I believe the success we have had showcases my leadership abilities. The professionalism and collegiality I have consistently demonstrated within ACAPT and my volunteer positions in the APTA, will help me to become an effective and valued board member.</p>