



## JENNIFER LESKO PT, DPT

### CANDIDATE FOR PPS TREASURER

JENNIFER LESKO PT, DPT, IS THE OWNER AND DIRECTOR OF THERAPEUTIC ASSOCIATES (TAI) WEST SEATTLE, TREATING A FULL CASELOAD. SHE SITS ON THE TAI BOARD WHICH HAS 83 PHYSICAL THERAPIST OWNED AND OPERATED CLINICS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. SHE SERVED ON THE APTA PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE AND WAS WASHINGTON CHIEF DELEGATE FOR 9 YEARS. SHE IS A CURRENT DELEGATE AND IS ACTIVE LEGISLATIVELY. SHE HAS BEEN A PPS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER SINCE 2014.



### CANDIDATE STATEMENT

***I want to thank the Nominating Committee for slating me to run for PPS Treasurer. In my 19-year career, I have been honored to serve my profession in many capacities at the state and national levels. I started my volunteerism on the state legislative committee and have engaged in many legislative and regulatory fights as a leader in the Physical Therapy Association of Washington (PTWA). I have served on APTA task forces, the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, and at the House of Delegates. I have worked with physical therapists from all over the country with a wide range of backgrounds and talents to collaborate on creative and strategic ways to move the physical therapy profession forward. I understand the needs of the private practitioner, as an owner and a front line treating therapist carrying a full caseload. I believe these skills and perspectives would be of value on the PPS board.***

***I have served on the PPS Finance Committee for 4 years, which has prepared me for the role of Treasurer. It has been an enriching experience and I have learned a lot from the leadership and my fellow committee members. During my tenure, I have been active in promoting and rewarding our members with grants for grassroots efforts to combat payment, regulatory, and practice issues unique to private practice owners. As one of the primary goals of the PPS strategic plan, advocacy has allowed private practitioners to be present in the healthcare arena and foster collaboration with key stakeholders on payment, regulatory and business issues. These fights for appropriate payment, practicing at the highest level of our license, as well as achieving and maintaining the position as the musculoskeletal movement provider of choice are ever present. PPS is in a position to support members and the profession in multiple ways. As Treasurer, I will continue to be fiscally responsible with your money, yet be very thoughtful when it is necessary to spend for the good of our members and private***



***practice physical therapy. As a member of the Executive Committee on the Board, I will also work with my Board colleagues to be creative in furthering the special needs of the private practitioner in the physical therapy profession today and for the future.***

***In addition to advocacy, the PPS strategic plan includes developing and delivering resources to promote business excellence and facilitate a community for members to engage and connect. It is the Board's responsibility to achieve these goals set by the strategic plan. As the Treasurer, I will help facilitate the discussion on how our members' funds would most appropriately be used in advocacy, education, and connection to optimize the members' individual operational excellence.***

***I am very proud to have worked my entire career for Therapeutic Associates, first as a staff therapist, then a clinic director, to a shareholder, and Director on the Board. I feel very lucky to be part of a company with a commitment to professional leadership, continued learning and association involvement. I look forward to continuing my leadership in serving you as Treasurer of PPS. Thank you for your support and I ask for your vote.***