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American Geriatrics Society
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Dear Dr. Linnebur,

It is with great pleasure and esteem that the Board of Directors of the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) writes to recommend our colleague, Kathy Kemle, MS, PA-C, DFAAPA, for a seat on the board of the American Geriatrics Society (AGS).

Those of us who have been involved with AAPA for most of our careers have crossed paths with Kathy in many professional contexts, which points to exactly why she would be a great asset to AGS. We are certain the depth and breadth of Kathy's leadership experience would well serve AGS, its members, and patients.

If you have had a chance to read her curriculum vitae, you no doubt noticed the frequency of the words "director," "president," "chair," and "board member," all of which point to her passion and commitment to healthcare and the patients we serve. It also bears notice that she has served in leadership positions in many types of organizations—not just those of her own PA profession—including the American Academy of Home Care Physicians, Georgia Rural Health Association, VistaCare Hospice, and many other organizations related to geriatrics, long term care, and palliative medicine.

With respect to our own organization, Kathy's contributions of time and talent are immeasurable. She has presented countless continuing medical education topics at national and state meetings, served as a content expert on AAPA oral and mental health programs, was a charter officer of the PA specialty society in geriatrics, has held every office in the Georgia Association of PAs, has been a delegate to the AAPA House of Delegates many times, and has chaired and served on countless AAPA committees. Further, in her tenure as AAPA's appointed liaison to AGS, Kathy served on the AGS Partnership to Expand America's Geriatrics Healthcare Workforce and ushered the resulting competencies through AAPA endorsement. Kathy never hesitates to step forward and say, "I will," and, she completes the promised task or charge without fail.

It is professionals like Kathy—an AAPA Distinguished Fellow—who have laid the groundwork for the success of the PA profession. Her skills as an advocate—her intelligence, diligence, approachability, depth of knowledge, sense of humor, and willingness to collaborate—would no doubt serve AGS, as well.

We almost forgot to mention that Kathy received AAPA's highest honor in 2008 when she was named "Outstanding PA of the Year" for her exemplary service to the PA profession and the community.

Your members would not go wrong in casting a vote for Kathy Kemle in your upcoming election. We thank you for considering our endorsement and wish AGS all the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mittman", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David E. Mittman, PA, DFAAPA
President and Chair of the Board