

In 1989 I was a student in Kelley Fleming's COMT program at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Upon graduation, I went to work with Earl Crouch, M.D. It is there that I was fortunate to work with Kate Snyder, CO. After working with Kate for a few years, I realized I would not be fulfilled unless I became an orthoptist. I will forever be grateful to Kelley for starting an orthoptic program especially for me. Kelley trained 2 orthoptists before ending the program.

Through the years I felt I owed Kelley, and the orthoptic profession, more for allowing me to fulfill my dream. In the early 2000's I worked on the AACO's public relations committee. I was a satellite training center for Lisa Rovick's student for 9 months and I trained a foreign orthoptist who is taking her boards this year. Although these small contributions matter, I still felt I needed to do more.

I am very interested in the JCAHPO representative position. It is time for me to do more!! I love our profession and would like to see it grow and evolve. I believe my 21 years as an orthoptist has given me the experience to represent our group with passion and experience.

Thank you,

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