

APTA Wisconsin Candidate Questions

Name and Credentials:

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Education:

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VICE PRESIDENT

1. Please describe previous leadership experiences that qualify you to serve as APTA Wisconsin Vice President.

I started my time on the Board of Directors by serving for 5 years as the Chair of the West Central District. I then moved from the district position to a Director position, during one of those years, I served at the At Large member of the EC Committee. I am currently the Secretary for APTA Wisconsin.

2. Please describe your overall leadership philosophy and associated skill set that qualifies you to serve as APTA Wisconsin Vice President.

I believe that leadership is a privilege. As a leader for APTA Wisconsin it is my job to listen to and interact with the PTs and PTAs of Wisconsin to gain understanding of the needs of members and to keep up to date with changes in healthcare. I believe in collaboration and that wonderful ideas and concepts come from challenging the status quo.

3. What do you believe are the most pressing concerns currently facing APTA Wisconsin and describe potential strategies to take on these challenges?

APTA Wisconsin is faced with the many challenges: changes in reimbursement, prior authorization challenges, declining membership numbers, and finding ways to effectively engage and communicate with PTs and PTAs of varying ages, experience levels, and areas of practice. As a Board of Directors, we are actively working to address all the mentioned areas with a robust membership committee headed by passionate leaders, our lobbyists continue to work hard on legislative issues to advance our profession, and our Reimbursement Specialist works tirelessly to advocate for our profession and support our membership.

4. Describe what APTA Wisconsin's role should be in advancing APTA's key initiatives and vision?

APTA Wisconsin has an important role in advancing APTA's vision of "Transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience." What resonates even stronger with me is the mission for APTA "Building a community that

advances the profession of physical therapy to improve the health of society.” It will take a village to continue to engage and advocate for this profession. We are in a crucial time in our profession to secure our position as an important member of the healthcare team both now and in the future.