

APTA Wisconsin Candidate Questions

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CHIEF DELEGATE

1. Describe lessons you have learned while previously serving as an APTA WI delegate that will help you be a successful Chief Delegate.

I have now been a Chief Delegate for 3 years and a Delegate for several years prior. The House has become a familiar place to me and I have made many new friends and colleagues. I have seen the House evolve over the years and make many changes. I have also seen the same policies and positions revised several times over, and have debated key documents which guide the Association and the profession. The House can be both a rewarding and a frustrating body to work within. Most importantly, I have learned the process of the House of Delegates intimately and how to best represent Wisconsin members.

2. Describe a successful collaborative effort you have been a part of in the past involving the development of or supporting an RC?

Wisconsin was involved in an RC which intended to challenge the requirement that 50% of faculty in PT programs hold a PhD or other terminal academic degree. Although this motion did not pass the year it was presented, it has come up again since in other forms and discussions. Often a motion may not be successful the first time it is presented, but often this is just the beginning of building an idea or momentum for the same kind or similar changes down the road.

3. Describe how you best stay informed about current practices and professional issues in physical therapy and the HOD.

First and foremost is the role of the Chief Delegate in the APTA- Wisconsin Board of Directors. Listening to and seeking input from the board and committee chairs is essential to staying informed and engaged. Second is town halls that the delegation began last year, where any Wisconsin member can provide input on the year's motions. This has been an invaluable addition to the work of the delegation as it provides us with the most direct feedback possible on the work of the House. Finally, presentations at the Hot Topics issues forum during conferences also provide a direct connection with members and to get their input on the issues they are facing in their practice settings.

4. As a representative of APTA Wisconsin Chapter at the APTA House of Delegates, how would you ensure that the voices and concerns of members from your state are heard and considered in decision-making processes?

Continued intentional and scheduled time to directly talk with members through avenues such as virtual town halls, Hot Topics issues forums, and by attending conferences and board meetings where direct conversations can be had. My plan is to expand the virtual town hall format in next year's house cycle to include a meeting during the motion development phase. This will give another opportunity for members to bring forward their concerns and directly influence which motions are being brought forward to the House.