

## **DELEGATE**

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### 1. What skills and experiences qualify you to serve as a Chapter Delegate?

I had the privilege of being elected as an alternate Delegate this past year for the first time. This opportunity gave me valuable insight into the roles and responsibilities required of Chapter Delegate. Additionally, I have been a member of the APTA/WPTA for the past 9 years - frequently attending both state and national level conferences. Furthermore, my leadership roles as a class officer throughout physical therapy school and leader within my organization functioning as a current private practice clinic director (4 years), are both examples of my ability to function as a leader within our profession. Lastly, I feel I have a diverse clinical background, having worked in multiple settings including various outpatient clinics, inpatient hospital systems, and various industrial sites; collectively these experiences allow me the ability to relate to a large portion of our profession.

### 2. How do you envision the role of a WPTA Delegate?

I envision the role of a WPTA Delegate as an essential position that is required to move our profession forward. My role as an alternate Delegate this past year allowed me to see the scope of my ability to impact change in our profession, and I would be honored to hold the position and represent both our state and the profession nationally again. Personally, I view this role as an exciting professional growth and learning opportunity, to build on what I learned last year, in order to assist in directly shaping the future of our profession.

### 3. Are there particular issues facing the profession currently that will require leadership by WPTA Delegates?

I view progression in our profession as a continuum, and therefore always think there are areas that can be improved upon. Specifically, some of the primary issues I currently feel exist are worsening payer reimbursement models, lack of regulated payer authorization processes, increasing physical therapy education costs, and lack of public knowledge of physical therapy's role in the "healthcare logarithm".