

DELEGATE

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

I have been a practicing clinician for 20 years, in academic instruction for 12 years, and have served as a research mentor for researchers for 10 years. I have a specific interest to train the next generation of clinicians and researchers. Since 2019, I have served as the Chair of the Academic Standards Committee at Marquette University which has provided new insights into the challenges of the training experience for students. In this role, I have supported students through use of an innovative coaching platform that I co-developed as part of my research efforts. I Direct the Behavior, Engagement, and Health Technology Assessment (BEhTA) Lab at Marquette University. A large part of my research experience focuses on how new technology can be implemented in clinical practice, clinical training, in health promotion and assessing the value of these interventions. These practices reflect how I like to support the creation of change; I build partnerships and build consensus because change is more lasting when all stakeholders are involved. My research also requires that I consider diverse consequences and to think about how an action may have cascading costs and effects. My research has long been about providing evidence to support the policy making process, now I would like to use these skills as a Delegate to be more directly involved in policy making.

2. How do you envision the role of an APTA Wisconsin Delegate?

- APTA Wisconsin Delegates are voting delegates in the House of Delegates. This is a crucial responsibility for the wellbeing of our profession. The role of an APTA Wisconsin Delegate is to be informed of APTA Standards, Policies, Positions, and Guidelines and APTA bylaws. Delegates must stay informed of current practice and professional issues to determine the need for new standards, policies, positions, or guidance. APTA Wisconsin Delegate represents Wisconsin on a national scale and reports back on policies to Wisconsin PTs through conference presentations.

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

I believe APTA Wisconsin Delegates can take a leadership role in how physical therapists are to integrate behavioral science into practice. There is a lot of space between using strategic training to “up-skill” in our conversational style to support patient partnership and requiring additional formal training in practices like cognitive behavioral therapy. We can support the development of clear language addressing the gap between current practice and where the evidence supports the use of behavioral strategies and look to support changes that will be easiest to implement. In addition, the Wisconsin Chapter has been looking to address how insurers may be impeding care through reimbursement practices including passing legislation to receive funding for group physical therapy under the Medical Assistance program. I believe we can use our expertise to support efforts to reduce the “tax” of burdensome prior authorization requirements.