

APTA Wisconsin Candidate Questions

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

I believe the role of a House of Delegates representative begins with actively listening to the concerns and perspectives of Wisconsin physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. It is important to create opportunities for members to share their ideas, discuss potential solutions, and feel that their voices are valued.

After gathering feedback, I would communicate those concerns to fellow Wisconsin Chapter delegates and work collaboratively to determine whether they should be advanced to the APTA House of Delegates for further discussion or action. Even if a concern does not gain widespread support, I believe it is important to follow up with the individual or group who raised the issue, so they know their input was heard and thoughtfully considered. Maintaining open communication encourages continued engagement and helps foster a culture where members feel comfortable participating in the future.

2. In your opinion, what are some of the most pressing issues facing the physical therapy profession today?

In my opinion, several significant issues are shaping the future of the physical therapy profession. Burnout among clinicians continues to affect job satisfaction, retention, and the quality of patient care. The rising cost of physical therapy education and the burden of student loan debt would be one of the most forefront into health of the overall profession.

Additionally, the profession must continue to adapt to advances in technology, including artificial intelligence while maintaining the high standards of patient-centered care that defines physical therapy. As healthcare continues to evolve, it is essential that our profession remains proactive in shaping its future rather than simply reacting to change.

3. Collaboration is key in representing a diverse constituency at the APTA House of Delegates. Can you describe a successful collaborative effort you have been a part of in the past and how you contributed to its success?

Collaboration has been a consistent part of my professional involvement within APTA Wisconsin. Through my participation on several chapter committees and my current role as Northwest District Chair, I have had the opportunity to work alongside physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, students, and chapter leaders to accomplish shared goals. These experiences have reinforced the importance of open communication, mutual respect, and finding common ground when addressing diverse perspectives.

Additionally, my education at the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point provided valuable leadership experiences. As a member of the program's inaugural DPT cohort, I helped organize fundraising initiatives, social events, and student engagement activities. These efforts required frequent collaboration with faculty, classmates, and outside organizations to ensure successful outcomes. Together, these experiences have strengthened my ability to work effectively within teams, communicate clearly, and contribute to meaningful organizational initiatives.