

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?*

As a delegate, I will seek out the concerns from our Chapter members both during the planned town hall meetings as well as seeking a discussion at the District level by contacting them as motions are published and brought forward. Additionally, I will reach out to those in my workplace and adjacent workplaces to solicit opinions from my peers in our field.

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

Our current payment model presents an increasing strain on our profession as CMS and private insurers reimbursement fails to keep pace with inflation and current costs of care and staffing. The Association needs to ensure that high-quality students have an affordable pathway into our field, even as the federal government rolls back subsidized loan programs.

The struggle to quantify the role of the Physical Therapist Assistant is significant as this role can be an affordable entry into the profession. Low attendance, scarcity of programs as well as low PTA reimbursement makes this pathway challenging. Additionally, we as an Association, must define a clear role for utilization of our PTA members to promote greater retention within the PTA community.

- 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?*

As the newest member of our Lymphedema team, and as a PT in an otherwise OT department, I have sought out ways to ensure a smooth transition. One way has been to ensure that our marketing represents both PT and OT disciplines, as our OTs have decades of experience as CLTs. While I look for new avenues of exposure for our team,

I leverage my colleagues' knowledge, ensuring accurate information and equitable representation. By putting our differences clearly on the table, consulting with all stakeholders prior to publishing, I have worked to ensure our group's success within our healthcare system.