

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Education:

- Marquette University - BS in Athletic Training, Doctorate in Physical Therapy
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- Regis University - Orthopedic Manual Physical Therapy Fellowship Program

1. How would you identify and mentor new leaders within the WPTA?

I think that a barrier to participation within any organization is that often people don't see themselves as leaders. Many people, myself included, are more comfortable considering new roles once our own mentors or colleagues reach out and urge us to get more involved and seek out new positions. I have been lucky enough to have several people in my life who have encouraged me and I try to pass that along to others. Our role as members of the nominating committee is to use our local and statewide connections to reach out to a varied and diverse group of members. This includes those who have demonstrated leadership skills in the past, as well as those who perhaps haven't realized that they have skills we need to have a strong chapter that reflects our membership. We need to be able to explain the importance of the APTA-WI, the many potential ways of getting involved, and assist potential candidates in learning more about the positions by connecting them with others who have served in these roles.

2. What skills and experiences qualify you to serve on the Nominating Committee?

Since beginning my career as a physical therapist, I have had some really wonderful opportunities to make connections within our profession. I graduated from Marquette University's Doctorate in Physical Therapy program and continue to have friends and colleagues that are alumni or have other connections to the program. I currently teach orthopedics at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and work with the DPT students and faculty throughout their orthopedic curriculum. In the last few years, I have also served as a lab instructor at both Marquette University and Carroll University, which has allowed me to meet additional future leaders of our profession, as well as faculty members in each program. I also have worked as a clinician in both hospital and private practice settings and have been an active participant of the Southeast District Executive Board.

Each of these experiences has exposed me to potential leaders in different areas of our profession. During the last few years on the APTA-Wisconsin Nominating Committee, I have been able to reach out to connections from various areas and support participation and involvement at both the district and state-level via other positions. As I have gained more experience serving at the state level, I am excited to continue to encourage others to play a role in supporting and advancing our profession.