

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?
 2. In your opinion, what are some of the most pressing issues facing the physical therapy profession today?
 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?
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- 1) I would engage with the other Delegates during open forums with Chapter members, actively seek out members' opinions during discussions about the issues facing the HOD, laying the pros and cons of each item as I understand it while soliciting their interpretations of those judgements.
 - 2) Payments for services continue to be tighter and tighter between private insurers, worker's-comp insurers and Medicare/Medicaid, so it is important to be advocating for tools to ensure that Chapter members can remain solvent while providing the care that our patients expect and rely upon from our constituent members. Additionally, I feel that a significant threat to our profession is the insidious creep of increasing need for more and more documentation of services which hampers the delivery of care and encourages professionals young and old to leave the profession.
 - 3) Up until the end of May, I served as a Certified Lymphedema Therapist (CLT) within a home-health agency associated with a large regional medical group. Over the past 2 years, a group of 10 lymphedema therapists, led by a wound nurse, developed policies and procedures for delivery of care, standardization of DME procurement and efficient means of communication to ensure that Wisconsin CLTs had a program of care that could eventually be scaled into other states within that same medical group. As a member of this group, I reviewed systems and processes and then worked with the team to make sure that these policies would be workable for field clinicians while adhering to best practices and documentation standards.