

VICE PRESIDENT

Name: Sarah Stineman

Credentials: PT, DPT

Board Certified Orthopedic Therapist
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1. What experiences would you bring to the position of VP that make you a strong candidate for this position?

My friends and colleagues know me as someone who is driven to serve the physical therapy profession. Even as a student, I looked for ways to be involved, to make change, and to include others. I believe in listening, collaboration, and hard work. I do not shy away from a challenge and bring passion and enthusiasm to all that I do. These characteristics make me a strong candidate for the Vice President position. I will listen to our members to ensure we continue to move our profession forward and meet the needs of physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, students, and patients in Wisconsin.

My previous experience on the Board of Directors and on the Federal Legislative Committee has given me an understanding of the challenges our Association faces. It has also given me a drive to make improvements. Over the past five years I had the opportunity to serve as Director for APTA-Wisconsin. I have learned the history of APTA-Wisconsin. I have been involved in membership initiatives and worked to increase involvement in our Association. I assisted with the development of our Student Group and saw the group grow into our Student SIG. I believe it is through involvement and collaboration with all members- including those with longstanding tenure and students- that we can all grow personally, professionally, and as an Association. I believe through this combined voice our profession will continue to grow and thrive.

Through my work on the Federal Legislative Committee, I have developed an understanding of how legislative and regulatory rules can affect our profession. I have fought for improved reimbursement and better access for patients. I have brought a strong voice to our Legislature regarding the benefits of physical therapy. Through this work I have also learned to listen, adapt, and change course when necessary. These skills will help me when assisting the President as the spokesperson for our Association.

I am passionate about moving the physical therapy profession forward and providing the best care possible for the patients of Wisconsin. I would be honored to serve and represent you as the Vice President of APTA-Wisconsin.

2. What are the most pressing concerns facing APTA Wisconsin at this point in time?

The past year and a half has been challenging in so many ways, both for the physical therapy profession and our patients. We have struggled professionally to provide care, been concerned about reimbursement, and wondered what the next year would look like. But this has also been a year of growth and transformation. I have been truly inspired by our profession over the past year and a half. In our jobs regardless of role and duties, we seek to transform society. We have found innovative ways to provide care, used telehealth to serve our patients outside of the clinical walls, and fought for several legislative wins.

If elected as the Vice President for APTA-Wisconsin, I will listen to our members' needs and concerns to ensure we are truly serving the Association members. However, I believe we should remain strong on the legislative front. We should continue to work toward fair reimbursement for the work that we do and fight to reduce administrative burden. Most importantly, we should continue to fight for improved access to care for our patients - seeking to reduce delays in care and provide alternative care models when needed. If elected as Vice President for APTA-Wisconsin, I would work with our President and legislative team to achieve these goals.

I sincerely thank you for your consideration.