

2022 Candidate Statement – Candidate for Director



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Question: What is your vision for the future of APTA, and what knowledge, skills, and abilities do you possess to help us achieve that vision?

Response:

My vision is a Board of Directors that promotes transformational leadership and shared governance throughout the APTA. An APTA that moves us forward with clear direction, measurable goals, and strategic planning that will impact our future. A board that shares governance effectively and efficiently with the House of Delegates and components, along with strong communication and collaboration with staff. An APTA that sustains focus on moving the profession forward while gaining healthcare market share. Managed change led by the Board and component champions creating a culture in which stakeholder communities engage and leverage members' time and talents to transform society.

Why not dream big and manage change with the urgency, acuity, and agility needed to make impactful steps towards our vision? Why not have a future where we document for quality of care, not to chase payment? We have solid scientific evidence that direct access to PT by individual consumers reduces healthcare costs. We are ready to expand our value proposition into organizations through Direct to Employer Services. We need additional strategies and tactics to advocate for even greater autonomy in decision making within our scope of practice in all settings and to order appropriate diagnostic tests and imaging that optimize patient care. APTA communities collaborating with APTA leadership and staff will provide the infrastructure for seamless, well-defined use of available resources to achieve a shared vision. With a shared vision, engaged members can be crowdsourced to produce sustaining work on high impact initiatives locally and nationally. This grassroots mobilization can also propel membership growth. Furthermore, our collective ingenuity can devise more flexible and economically accessible pathways to PT and PTA careers to improve diversity and inclusion within the profession. I believe my knowledge, skills, and abilities on the Board of Directors can move this vision forward.

As an administrator in public and private universities, a hospital system, and a consultant for physical therapy practices, I have a history of innovation, program development for greater market share, policy and procedure development for efficiency and effectiveness, and applying data analytics to work practice to meet desired key performance indicators. Most importantly, I am committed to advancing the practice of physical therapy while holding true to values and ethical behaviors directly aligned with the core values of our profession. My employment and engagement in professional service affords me a breadth and depth of knowledge and experience in resolving contemporary professional issues, implementing evidence-based practice, and reorienting payment policy that would contribute to advancing our profession. I believe I can bring focus and energy toward desired outcomes, realizing our vision, and positioning the profession for continued growth into the next century.

If elected I will make every effort to exceed the expectations of members in fulfilling the fiduciary, strategic, and generative roles of Director. Beyond the knowledge and skills gleaned from my curriculum vitae, my strongest ability is applying sound problem solving and decision making in real-time. I've honed this ability through years of administrative experience, leading teams, and conflict management. As a leader, I have overseen operations at all levels of administration in organizations and institutions. I am efficient and effective in use of resources, addressing legal and financial issues, developing and managing large budgets, creating and

implementing successful strategic plans and programs, and motivating others to focus on priorities for continuously moving toward desired outcomes. I have proven competency in serving on teams in multiple roles. In producing generative discussion, I will also contribute by asking clarifying questions, identifying the need for more information, validating information, recognizing opportunities, challenging assumptions, and bringing innovative solutions to the table.

Through years of practice as a PT and leadership roles within and outside the profession, I have reached an optimal point in my career to commit my time and talent to the APTA. This is a pivotal time in the APTA with adoption of bylaw revisions and a new strategic plan awaiting implementation. In addition, a new executive committee leadership and workload-challenged administrative staff would benefit from strong support and insight from experienced leaders. I am confident that I can be instrumental in helping to move the APTA and its agenda forward through service on the Board of Directors. In closing, I am ready to serve the APTA and hopeful that each delegate will cast one of their votes for me as Director.

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