

Candidate Information

Chief Delegate

Caroline Gwaltney, PT, DPT, CWS

Dr. Gwaltney is an Assistant Professor and Regional Clinical Coordinator in the Houghton Satellite of the Central Michigan University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. In addition, she maintains a clinical role with Aspirus Health, where she had previously held an administrative role. Caroline has over 23 years of clinical experience in a variety of settings, including outpatient, acute care, home health, and skilled nursing facilities. She is a board-certified wound specialist through the American Board of Wound Management. Caroline has diligently studied physical therapy rules, regulations, and documentation requirements, and she has assisted the several legal agencies as an advocate for ethical physical therapy practice. She has served as Chair of the Upper Peninsula district and as a delegate in the APTA Michigan delegation to the House for the last 4 years. She is a Parkinson Wellness Recovery (PWR!) certified therapist and supervises a student-run, group exercise class for people with Parkinson's disease. Caroline is actively engaged in clinical research, partnering with faculty in the Biomedical Engineering and Kinesiology/Integrated Physiology departments of Michigan Technological. She lives with her husband and two daughters in the beautiful Upper Peninsula, a place she loves to call home.

Candidate Statement:

It is an honor to be nominated for the position of Chief Delegate, and I hope to bring my passion and enthusiasm for our profession to this position. I consider it a privilege to educate and mentor our future physical therapists in my career as an educator. For the past 4 years, I have served and engaged as a delegate in the APTA Michigan, a position I have fully enjoyed. I have a strong interest in understanding the rules and regulations which guide our profession, and I have spent a great deal of my career educating myself and others in this area. I am passionate about our profession, ensuring we evolve and position ourselves as providers of choice who are compensated appropriately for what we do. As we look ahead to the next 100 years, it's clear we have a bright future, but it will take effort and engagement of APTA members to ensure we protect our scope of practice and receive proper reimbursement for our services. I am eager to continue to serve with our Michigan Delegation, and I look forward to collaborating with other chief delegates throughout the region and nation on behalf of our APTA Michigan members. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.