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Dr. Mathis is the Inpatient Rehab Coordinator for UP Rehab Services at Dickinson County Healthcare System in Iron Mountain, practicing in both the acute care and outpatient settings. He has been an APTA member since 1998. He currently serves as APTA Michigan Vice President, DEI Co-Chair, and Health and Wellness Task Force Chair. He also has been an active member of the Communications, Conference, Finance, and Payment committees. Previous roles include Chapter Treasurer, MPT-PAC Chair, Upper Peninsula District Chair, and Delegate. He has served the APTA MI Board of Directors since 2009. He has presented numerous times at the district and chapter level with topics including ethics, advocacy, acute care, and manual therapy. He also serves as Treasurer for APTA Acute Care and has been an active member of the Academy of Prevention and Health Promotion Therapies.

Why I want to serve APTA Michigan:

Service to our profession has been, and continues to be, an important part of my life. I have felt called to serve in many roles over the years with heartfelt passion to make a difference and be a positive influence for my colleagues. I am a DO-er. When I see an area that could be addressed, I'm not afraid to jump in and help. I joined the Michigan chapter over a decade ago because direct access to PT was not an option for Michigan residents, as it was in my home state of Wisconsin, and I wanted to help. Over time, I have found myself drawn to contributing in a number of different avenues. Serving on the Board of Directors for the past twelve years I have gained valuable knowledge about the numerous interdependent components that make our chapter great. I have now been asked to continue my service in running for Chapter President. This is not something that I take lightly. I feel honored to be considered and know there are big shoes to fill. If elected, I will serve with a spirit of humility, collaboration, and a healthy dose of humor. I greatly value the connections that I have made with my board and committee colleagues and will work hard to promote synergy within the board. I strongly believe that all voices have value and can bring unique and innovative perspectives to the table. Through a collective effort, we can continue to promote changes within Michigan to help advance our vision: "Transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience." I want to be a part of this effort and to hope to make a difference as your next APTA Michigan President.