

Michael J. Shoemaker PT, DPT, PhD, GCS

Candidate Bio:

Dr. Shoemaker is an Associate of Professor of Physical Therapy at Grand Valley State University. His research is focused on cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, the use of simulation in physical therapist education, and health policy. He currently practices in the acute care and cardiothoracic critical care setting at the Spectrum Health Meijer Heart Center in addition to managing several pro bono community clients. His clinical practice over the past 21 years has been focused on cardiopulmonary and geriatric rehabilitation across multiple practice settings including acute care, long-term acute care, long-term care, subacute care and outpatient care. He has been an APTA member since 1996. Dr. Shoemaker served as APTA Michigan President for 4 years, and previously served as the MPTA's Vice President for 4 years, Legislative Director for 6 years, MPTA Delegate, and MPTA Legislative Chair.

Candidate Statement:

I am interested in continuing to serve APTA Michigan as a delegate because I believe my experiences with component leadership, clinical practice, and professional graduate education position me to be able to help guide APTA policies, positions, and activities in a way that move our profession forward. The issues we face as we work to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic while we simultaneously address various payment and legislative policy issues, student debt, diversity and inclusion, requires a Michigan delegation with a broad range of experience and leadership skills. I believe I can uniquely contribute to the Michigan delegation and the efforts of the House of Delegates.