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Candidate Statement

I have enjoyed my role as MPTA Shorelines Editor engaging with board leadership, districts, academic programs, students and the general membership to highlight the innovation and growth of our profession in Michigan. I would like to continue my contribution to the organization and to all of you as Speaker of the Membership.

Michigan PTs and our PTA partners have gained momentum in clinical specialization, direct access services, innovation of care delivery in unique niche markets, private pay, private practice, and value versus volume models in healthcare organizations. We have exciting opportunities to expand practice in new treatment areas including telehealth, dry needling, wellness and more. As Speaker of the Membership, I would like to enhance the sharing of practices across our state and elicit and promote your ideas and agenda items at our annual meeting to continue the advancement of our practice to meet our patient/client needs.

Bio

I have enjoyed a 31 year career in physical therapy across two great states....California and PURE MICHIGAN. I have a diverse background in physical therapy leadership at the local and state organization levels in California. I have held the elected district chair-elect and chair position for Long Beach/Southbay, elected treasurer, elected district representative, invited California PT Association Chapter Finance Taskforce, and invited California Hospital Association Post Acute Care Board position. I have enjoyed gathering and disseminating information through these various roles and believe these experiences have nurtured my networking skills and genuine pride in the value of our professional skills and talents. I would like to use these experiences to continue to serve you in the role of Speaker of Membership.

I am currently an acute care therapy supervisor in a large healthcare organization in SE Michigan. I am a caregiver for my mom, a devoted dog-mom and life-long outdoor adventurer. This role would allow me to continue to balance my work, life and professional passions.