

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 the use of simulation in physical therapist education, direct access to physical therapy, and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation with 34 peer-reviewed publications. 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 19 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 is currently serving his first term as MPTA President, 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 serving a second term as MPTA President because I would like to continue the execution of the many initiatives that are helping the MPTA serve our members, the profession, and ultimately our patients. Over the past 12 years of serving on the MPTA Board of Directors, I have witnessed the power of harnessing the collective expertise of the membership and its volunteer leaders. The knowledge and insight I have gained from current and former Board members has equipped me to effectively tackle the ongoing scope of practice and payment issues that confront our great profession. It would be an honor to continue to lead a group of professionals who are moving forward and who are united their desire to transform society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.