

## **Susan Ann Talley, PT, DPT**

### **Bio:**

Dr. Talley is the Interim Director and the Associate Director of Professional Education for the Physical Therapy Department at the University of Michigan-Flint. Prior to UM-Flint she was on the faculty at the Physical Therapy Program at Wayne State University for over 30 years. During that time she served as the Academic Program Director (10 years) and as the Director of Clinical Education for 14 years. Dr. Talley has practiced physical therapy services in a wide variety of setting including outpatient pediatrics, inpatient and outpatient neurology, acute care including cardiac rehab, and palliative care. She has presented her research at regional and national professional conferences with focuses on the scholarship of teaching and learning as well as the relationship between physical performance, falls and balance in children and older adults. She has been a member of the MPTA for over 40 years and has served the Eastern District and the MPTA in a wide variety of positions (both elected and volunteer) for 35 of those years. Most recently she has served as the Chair of the MPTA Legislative Committee following 4 years as MPTA President and Speaker of the Membership the previous 4 years. Dr. Talley is also a current trustee on the MPT-PAC.

### **Candidate Statement:**

It is an honor and privilege to be slated as a candidate to represent you as a delegate to the APTA House of Delegates. The HOD is the decision making body of our professional association... to be entrusted to help shape the direction of our profession is an important responsibility. I have been a delegate these past four years by virtue of my role as President. As president I have been able to continue to grow and develop in my understanding of the many issues impacting our practice and profession and I hope to utilize that understanding in representing you, your practice and your profession well. It is important to raise the difficult questions, to challenge assumptions, to keep an open mind and to offer ideas and actions to help us navigate the many opportunities and challenges we have as physical therapists. I look forward to continue to do this. I hope that you will elect me to continue to represent you in the House of Delegates for the next 2 years.