

March 2023 President's Message

Hi everyone! As I mentioned during my first President's Message Video, you can look for a new one to come out the first Tuesday of every month.

Thank you to everyone who attended PT Day on the Hill on Valentine's Day. We had 196 attendants and it was so fun to be back in person! The main topic we discussed this year was the PT Compact. We have a lot of support for this bill with the max of 5 authors in the Senate and 30 authors in the House. We are hoping to get a hearing by May 22nd when the session ends, but aren't sure if this is feasible yet with it being a budget year in MN.

The other big event that happened this past month was CSM in San Diego. This was a great opportunity for me to meet all of the other chapter presidents and learn about what they're doing. I also had the chance to sit in on part of the APTA Board of Directors meeting and took notes on how they do it in the big leagues. The Loons Gathering was a huge success, so thank you to everyone who attended! We had about 220 people show up for food, drinks, networking, and catching up with old friends. Sara Bryan, our interim Association Director, sat on a panel about strategic planning and shared the thorough process APTA MN went through for creating our strategic plan this cycle.

After the data collection process, strategic planning retreat, and meetings with each committee, the APTA MN Board of Directors had a meeting on 2/28 to review and finalize the plan. We have published the APTA MN 2023-2025 Strategic Plan on the website and included the APTA National Strategic Plan which we modeled ours after. We also have a more detailed internal document outlining the strategies and tactics needed to make our plan happen.

I know it's getting dangerously close to graduation time for students, so if you're searching for a job, be sure to attend EPSIG's event "How to Land a Job" on Thursday March 9th.

The APTA MN Annual Conference is coming up. It will be at the University of St. Thomas Law School on Saturday April 15th. Registration is officially open! Pricing includes up to 6 CEUs, option to attend an ethics course to fulfill the 2 CEUs of ethics you need for licensure, a parking voucher, light breakfast, lunch, and beverages and hors d'oeuvres during the social hour after. Part of our strategic plan is dedication to the value of membership so we did our best to keep the conference cost low.

The Committee Feature this month is the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, more commonly referred to as the DEI Committee. They are committed to continuously and actively promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice within APTA MN, physical therapy education, clinical practice and research, and the communities we serve. One of the DEI Committee's largest initiatives this year has been to get APTA MN to join the PT Moves Me Campaign! MN now has 3 PT Moves Me Chapter Ambassadors who will be working on student recruitment and community engagement. The DEI co-chairs are Patrick Webster, Elizabeth Ramos Young, and Briana Partee.

Please share this with your colleagues so we can all be on the same page!

Links to Dive Deeper:

PT Compact Bill in the House: [H. F. 729](#)

PT Compact Bill in the Senate: [S.F. No. 1322](#)

[APTA MN Strategic Plan](#)

Register [here](#) for EPSIG's "How to Land a Job" Panel!

Register [here](#) for the APTA MN Annual Conference!

Would you like to know more about the DEI Committee? Are you interested in volunteering your time? If you have a comment, question, or would like to volunteer, **please fill out the contact form**. A co-chair will be in touch with you soon.

Find more resources on personal and institutional anti-racism work on our **Anti-racism Resources page**. We encourage our members to engage in dialogue, share experiences and find connections in our **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Forum**.

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