

Personal Statement

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I became a member of APPNA in 2004 when I was still a resident in Internal Medicine. I have served the Association in numerous capacities since 2004, culminating in 2017 when I served as the Secretary and Executive Committee member. Cornerstones of my service in our Association have been professionalism, being trustworthy and principled.

In my opinion, one of the pressing issues of our times are fragmentation and disenfranchisement of our membership. We need senior leadership to come forward and heal the divide. Great introspection is required and teamwork should be emphasized. Every member should feel that the organization belongs to him or her. I intend to play a positive role in this regard.

I will work closely with the Executive Committee and Council, to assist them in fulfilling the charter of APPNA which states and I quote, "uphold ethical and moral values, engage in social and professional activities, support educational and intellectual pursuits, upgrade medical care and thus glorify our Association".

The role of the Board of Trustees is clearly demarcated in the constitution, I intend to follow our charter and the constitution in letter and in spirit.