

Personal Statement

The Association of Physicians of Pakistani-Descent of North America was created as an educational and charitable organization. Its primary focus is to educate and assist members of the Pakistani community in North America. Our organization took root in 1977, and has a long history of cooperation and camaraderie between Pakistani physicians, and physicians of other communities and beliefs. APPNA was established to uphold the ethical and moral values we were taught as physicians and Pakistanis, and apply the teachings of our motherland to our adopted communities. This concept is the bedrock of APPNA and its greatest driving factor; it is the reason that a group of almost three thousand successful physicians give back to communities across this great nation every year.

I have been a proud member of APPNA since my residency in 1992. I have watched this organization flourish and expand to satisfy the needs of its members and assist them in their roles as providers. In return, these members have worked tirelessly to support this Association, and work to make it better and more encompassing. APPNA has undergone many growing pains over the years, and its members strive to make the Association accessible to all. Throughout our history, we have been privileged with strong leaders receptive to the needs of the members.

My vision for the next Board of Trustees is to build a Board willing to oversee and steer this Association back to its founding principles and mission. It should dedicate itself to positively expanding our Association. It should keep the Association fiscally responsible, keep it independent, and remain impartial to its politics. The Board of Trustees must remain free from nepotism and partisan politics, and it must stay true to the concepts of cooperation and camaraderie so it can properly serve the Association and its members.

As a member of APPNA, former President of Jinnah-Sindh Medical University Alumni Association, and former President of APPNA-New York Chapter, I believe the duty of the Board is to remain focused on the health and destiny of the Association. If elected to the Board of Trustees, I would pursue my tenure with same principles we were founded on. I want APPNA to focus on its members, drive us to self-sufficiency, dedicate us to improve the medical education of our members, and improve the social situation of Pakistani-Americans in North America.

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