

## Why I Want to Serve on the AANP Board

I sincerely hope that I can continue to serve as a Member of AANP Board of Directors for a second term, as I am thoroughly enjoying the collaborative teamwork with colleagues, and participating in this significant era of evolution in our profession.



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As Chair of the State and Federal Affairs Committee during my current term as Member, I have most recently been involved in our federal advocacy efforts by helping to develop the legislative “Asks” for DC FLI. We are already receiving lots of positive

feedback from FLI attendees regarding the proficiency of the weekend training that facilitated the approximately 240 legislative office visits, with some Legislators already responding by co-sponsoring the bills we were representing!

Now that we have some traction from the positive momentum we have created, I would like to be positioned to continue moving us forward in the national limelight, and your vote will allow me to do that.

Part of that effort within the SFA Committee has been in the careful and calculated decision-making process for the distribution of grant money for pre-licensed States seeking licensure. The communication with AANP Staff & the Executive Director to understand the particular concerns and needs for each State in this process has been very eye-opening, and has provided me with the background and experience necessary to continue leading the Committee in this important work in the event that I am able to serve another term on the Board.

Chairing the SFA Committee also continues to fuel my passion for excellence in our profession, especially now, as the Committee is actively developing minimum standards for language in licensure efforts for both pre- and post-licensed States. If I am re-elected, I will work to assure that we accomplish this task in hopes of manifesting strong licensing laws, improved scopes of practice, and title protection to achieve our goal to license all 50 States by 2025.

My background includes several years as Adjunct Faculty at NCNM in the late 1990’s, then full-time Faculty in the mid-2000’s, when I served as Faculty Senate Representative to NCNM Board of Directors. Those experiences gave me a much broader perspective on Naturopathic education, and the issues faced by administration on campus that I have been able to utilize during my tenure on the AANP Board.

I also served as Faculty Representative for the NCNM LGBTQ student group, which was formed in an effort to enhance diversity and inclusion on campus. I continue to benefit from that experience, as I am now heavily involved with the AANP D+I Committee, for which I have been asked to present the results of last year’s member survey to Deans of ND schools, in order to educate and enlighten them as to the need for positive social change in our academic and clinical educational settings. If I can retain my seat on the Board, the impact of my presentations may prove to be even greater. ”