

## Why I Want to Serve on the AANP Board

“ As I approach the end of my first term as a member of the Board of Directors for the AANP, I have taken time to reflect on what I have been able to contribute and learn over the course of the past two years.

Upon reflection, I have realized that there is much more that I wish to contribute, particularly now that I have had the opportunity to learn more fully what it means to be a member of the board. Additionally, the Naturopathic profession is in a unique moment in time for considerable growth. I wish to contribute my skills to the efforts of growing our profession and feel that one of the best ways to do so is to be in service on the board of directors.



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I have often mentioned my firm belief that naturopathic physicians are uniquely positioned to provide culturally informed and responsive healthcare to an increasingly diverse population. As practitioners we often encounter those that are dissatisfied with the care that they received, especially those that have membership in marginalized populations and with intersecting identities. This is an area in which I have over a decade of experience. I welcome the opportunity to share that experience and my expertise to expand further, the current efforts of the AANP in this area. My previous experience in this area includes serving as adjunct faculty, Co-Director for the Daniel K. Church Center for Social Justice and Diversity at Bastyr University. In these roles I organized community engagement opportunities and ongoing programming and training related to social justice, diversity, equity and inclusion for staff, faculty, and students. I have also provided consultation on these matters to non-profit organizations.

Having served on the AANP Board of Directors over the past two years and my involvement on the boards of the two other integrative health organizations, I understand fully the leadership and dedication that this type of service requires. I am excited by the possibility of being able to serve on the board for a second term and thank you for your consideration and appreciate your support. ”