

Why I Want to Serve on the AANP Board

“ I adore this profession, its past and its potential. We are poised to enter a Golden Age of healthcare consumption when the need for prevention, wellness, and vitality is recognized and sought after at unprecedented levels.

Naturopathic doctors can meet these needs in a way that is unique to our profession simply by doing what we do best. A unified national leadership team is essential to ensure our seat at the table and our voice in the conversation. For close to a decade, I have actively participated in the effort to move the needle within and for our profession.

I have attended every DCFLI and AANP Convention, engaged in committees and task forces, and proudly represented naturopathic doctors in outside professional communities. I have worked in a federally-recognized Primary Care Home in a state with a well- developed state association, broad scope of practice, and insurance coverage. I have also worked in a pre-licensed state, navigating the nuances of being unregulated and supporting a small-but-mighty state association with licensure efforts.

As a past president of the Naturopathic Medical Student Association, I have had the opportunity previously to sit on the AANP Board of Directors and actively participate in vision creation, discussions, and decision making. As a physician, I want to return to the board to support our diverse profession as we strategically map out our future. I'll bring with me a diversity of experience that represents the spectrum of our membership and outside-the-box, goal oriented thinking. It would be an honor to represent you on the AANP Board of Directors and I ask for your support as we all do our part for our incredible profession. ”



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