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Having been intimately involved with Advanced Diagnostic Bronchoscopy and Interventional Pulmonary for more than 15 years of my professional career, I find the opportunity to be an Executive Board member for the AABIP both humbling and rewarding. I have always been interested and involved in organization, leadership, and education to advance the field of IP. This includes the privilege of currently serving on the AABIP Board of Directors, Chairing the Scientific Organizing Committee for both the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hybrid AABIP conferences, serving on the Editorial Board for the JOBIP, contributing to the Knowledge Assessment Tool (AABIP-KAT) Writing Taskforce, as well as the Certification Examination Review & Validation Committee (CAQ). Additionally, over the years I have actively taken on various leadership roles in our sister societies including Chairing the Membership Committee and the Leadership Development Program Steering Committee for the ACCP. Also, I am proud to be a founding member of the Women in Interventional Pulmonology (WIIP) Society. I have learned about effective leadership from great mentors, current board members, formal educational programs, as well as working with my colleagues while serving on various committees.

At the Cleveland Clinic, I am currently the Director for the Pulmonary/CCM fellow's education and procedural training in bronchoscopy and will be taking on the responsibility of the IP Fellowship Director this upcoming academic year. This has included writing and maintaining a bronchoscopy curriculum, organizing fellows boot camp and didactic lectures, incorporating simulation into bronchoscopy training, as well as determining competencies for our fellows. In addition, I have been involved in numerous educational seminars throughout the world and actively contribute to teaching in the Bronchoscopy Simulation Center for the ACCP. Learning to be a bronchoscopy educator gave me the necessary tools to plan, implement, and expand our flagship Annual Hybrid AABIP conference. My goal was to put together a diverse and inclusive educational experience for all attendees. Taking these skills to the next level, my vision for the AABIP is for advocacy, enhancing membership experience, constant innovation, and excellence in education for physicians as well as advanced practice nurses and physician assistants, RT's, and nursing staff.

Over the years, the AABIP leadership has taken steps to move beyond being an organization of highly specialized IP and Advanced Diagnostic Bronchoscopists and evolved to promote a culture of research, education, and inclusion. I have seen these initiatives grow over the years and am quite excited in the advancement. However, there is still work to be done. As we formally become a subspecialty of the ABIM and become an ACGME certified fellowship, we need to continue quality research initiatives with opportunities in both basic science and clinical research to publish high-quality data and patient-centered outcomes. We need to implement data collection and quality metrics to help guide both hospitals and physicians to incorporate new technologies. We need to continue building guidelines to optimize patient care. And finally, as an organization we need to serve as mentors and models for our colleagues and fellows. I am committed to advancing all of these initiatives.

I understand the efforts required in order to grow this organization as a servant leader through my work on the AABIP Committees I currently sit on. I can promise you my dedication and time will be unmatched in making the goals of this organization a reality. I assure you that I have the experience, time, enthusiasm, and dedication necessary to make a difference. Thank you for considering me for the Secretary/Treasurer position as your AABIP representative.