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I am deeply honored to be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology. I thank the Board and general body for considering my application.

I have been working as an Interventional Pulmonologist at the Portland VA in Oregon and serve as faculty at Oregon Health & Science University since I graduated from fellowship in 2016. I gain tremendous personal and professional satisfaction with the routine clinical practice of Interventional Pulmonology in my sphere of influence at the VA. Yet, I share the vision of AABIP in that the practice of Interventional Pulmonology is most valuable when it can enhance the care of many. This goal has motivated me to partake in and contribute to the work of AABIP in any capacity needed to advance its mission.

I have tried to focus my efforts in AABIP and for our field in three different domains. Firstly, the growth and future of our field depends on mentoring and educating students of this discipline. I have immensely benefited from the attention and guidance of my mentors. So, in addition to enhancing the curriculum for trainees at my institution, I have committed my efforts to the “student”. I have taught diverse learners at the AABIP Fellow boot camp, ATS resident bootcamp, the AABIP Board review course and other workshops and conferences. Through this process, I have learned much about teaching and working together with different groups of people. Secondly, I set an intention to work with AABIP on the annual conference. In my opinion, the AABIP annual conference provides a cohesive and singular platform for the dissemination of evidence, discussion of ideas and creation of a collaborative educational experience for the membership and all interested in our field. I believe that the success of this conference is fundamental to the progress of IP and to build closer relationships with each other. Since its inception, I have consistently served on the Scientific Committee as a subcommittee chair, developing content, speaking and moderating at the conference. When the pandemic forced us to adapt the conference to a hybrid format, I worked with a small team of like-minded members to perform an analysis of virtual platforms and present the results to the current Board of Directors. Finally, I continue to contribute academically through collaborative studies, writing reviews and book chapters, creation of a local biorepository and serving as an ad hoc reviewer for several journals.

On reflecting upon what I would offer to the board and membership, I would put the needs of AABIP first and concentrate on hearing the voices and opinions of the general body. If elected, I would work tirelessly on the demands of the hour during my tenure to build towards our vision for the future. I would like to emphasize that I consider it a great privilege to be an active member of AABIP. I have been given many opportunities, seen the fruit of collaborative efforts and reaped the reward of contributing to the progress of IP. As our community grows, I see my role as a servant leader so that each member has the same opportunities and our field prospers with new ideas and energy.