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Hello, colleagues — It is a genuine honor to stand for election as AABIP Secretary-Treasurer. I currently serve on the AABIP Board of Directors and chair AABIP Research Committee, roles that have deepened my respect for this community's talent, ambition, and sense of purpose.

My passion for Interventional Pulmonology has guided my journey as Director of IP, Bronchoscopy, and Pleural Disease services at UC San Diego. There, I established our IP fellowship and led the development of integrated programs—robotic bronchoscopy, incidental lung nodule pathways, and pleural disease care—in partnership with radiology, thoracic surgery, oncology, and allied health. Alongside national collaborators, I participated in multicenter trials such as VERITAS, CONFIRM, and ON-SITE, aiming to generate rigorous evidence that translates directly into safer, more effective care.

One of my greatest joys is mentorship. I have had the privilege of guiding trainees and junior faculty who are now building IP programs across the U.S. and abroad. In every setting, I believe in leadership by example: listening first, acting transparently, and giving credit generously.

If entrusted as Secretary-Treasurer, I will commit my time, energy, and financial stewardship to AABIP's mission: making a positive difference in patient care through innovation, education, and research. I will strive for clarity, fiscal responsibility, and member engagement. Above all, I will serve as a resource and partner—helping ensure that every member's voice can contribute to our shared progress. Thank you for your consideration and trust.