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Statement:

First, my heartfelt appreciation to all the ND's who are AANP members!

I am as excited about our medicine and our profession as ever. I feel fortunate for being a part of the formation and function of our amazing AANP team which for 35 years has added greatly to my life's meaning and purpose. When I graduated from NCNM/NUNM (1980) we had only 5 states that were licensing ND's. We have had many significant prior successes and we must continue to re-focus and adjust to the many current challenges. I hope to contribute my experience to the AANP board process to continue to enhance the practice opportunities of new graduates and mature practices and to help state associations improve their effectiveness.

Central to our AANP mission is to continue to improve the economic and professional opportunities of our members.

One of the AANP structural issues is the House of Delegates. I hope to be a part of rethinking its purpose and process to optimize its contribution.

As a current board member of the Institute of Natural medicine, AANP's 501C3 sister organization, we want to build on our success and grow our coordinated efforts to raise the funds to license more states and to educate the public about our medicine.

Federally we have several big challenges. At the top of the list is protecting members from censorship by the FTC, improve insurance coverage for our services by recognition by the Medicare apparatus and advocating for continuing access to compounded medications.

Globally, I believe there is opportunity for AANP to expand its limited work to expand our profession via the AANP Global Health committee and the good work of the World Naturopathic Federation. There is much to be done.

Dr Mike