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I am in the final year of two terms on the AANP Board as a regular member and was a non-voting, ex-officio member while president of the Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges (AANMC) from 2010-2014. I graduated from NCNM (now NUNM) in 1978 and became licensed in Oregon. In 1979 I began work at NCNM, at first part time and later full time, that included classroom teaching, clinical supervision, private patients at the school clinic and eventually a transition into primarily administrative duties, a process spread over 23 years. Administrative positions included Department Chair, Associate Dean of Academics, Academic Dean, Chief Academic Officer and Interim President. From 2004 until 2011 I was the Dean of the College of Naturopathic Medicine at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut followed by President of the Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine in Vancouver, BC. Recent activities, in addition to membership on the AANP Board, have included part-time practice and being a team member/team chair for accreditation site visits for the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

My administrative duties during these years included representing the various schools on the boards of the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME-3 years as President), the Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges (AANMC-4 years as President), and five years as the ex-officio representative (non-voting) of the AANMC on the AANP Board of Directors. For the past 14 years I have also conducted accreditation site visits for the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine as well as the CNME. I have participated several times in the DC Federal Legislative Initiative of the AANP and have testified on behalf of licensure efforts in various states. I regularly attend the AANP Convention and, until recently discontinued, the Northwest Naturopathic Physicians Convention. It has been my honor to participate in the “Naturopathic Gathering” sponsored by the students of the schools to promote connection with naturopathic philosophy and the elders of the profession.