

Statement to Voting Membership
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AANP Board of Directors Candidate

Hello my beautiful naturopathic medical colleagues. I am running for another term on the Board of Directors and would be honored to have your trust and vote. Having spent the last 1 ½ yrs getting my feet wet representing all of you while co-chairing the global health committee, I am more focused than ever on hunkering down to unify our profession and direct my attention towards advocacy & legislative issues.

I feel very passionate about being able to work on behalf of all people to spread awareness about what naturopathic medicine is and how we can change our current healthcare paradigm. I am dedicated to:

1. Unifying our profession
2. Doing legislative work
3. Advancing our scope to match our training
4. Creating an environment for our profession to not only survive but THRIVE
5. Building lifelong relationships in our community in order to foster friendships and strong healthcare partnerships.

I am a “newbie” doctor, having just graduated from Bastyr University in California in 2019; however, I entered healthcare in 1992 as a U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman/EMT, later challenging the California Vocational Nursing Board for my license which I’ve maintained for nearly 26 years. Currently, I am a 1st year Institute for Natural Medicine (INM) sponsored resident at an integrative urgent & primary care practice in Encinitas, CA where I am creating a “living apothecary” garden while doing patient care in person & by telehealth.

I am humbled to be amongst a profession of brilliant minds and gentle souls. I remind myself how fortunate I am to be able to do what moves me with the people who inspire me. I am surrounded by greatness. Wow, I love us!

I will work fiercely to protect and advance our profession. I bring compassion and confidence with constructive thoughts for effective momentum. I would appreciate your support and vote as well as your camaraderie. Help me lead us! We have work to do and I would be honored to help get it done.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,
Ginger