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**Candidate Statement**

APTA and APTA Pediatrics have been a significant part of my career since the start. I began active participation in our national association as a student and new professional. Now I'm looking forward to continuing my journey. It would be an honor to give back to the organization in the form of secretary. Since 2018, I have had various roles that require documentation of meetings and collaborating with peers across the country. I am also the secretary on the board of directors of a local adaptive sports organization, Eagle Mount Billings. This has given me the opportunity to refine my documentation and organization of meetings and other resources. My previous experience as the communications chair also gave me the opportunity to juggle working with multiple groups at one time. This will be important when acting as liaison and relaying the significant work our DEI group and awards committee is completing. Being your secretary for the next 3 years would help me learn from some of our top leaders while contributing to the future of APTA Pediatrics. I want APTA Pediatrics to be a voice. I hope that in creating a strong leadership team, we can promote change within the healthcare field to address everyday challenges for our patients, families, and clinicians.

**Service to the APTA Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy**

- As a Board member: N/A
- As a committee or Special Interest Group chair:
  - Communications Chair for SNP SIG (2018-2023)
- As a member of a committee, task force, or work group:
  - SNP Podcast committee member (2018-2023)
  - Member of Leadership Development Task Force (2022-2023)
  - Member of Social Media Committee (2022-2023)
  - COVID-19 Task force (2020)

**Service to the American Physical Therapy Association**

- Centennial Scholar sponsored by APTA Pediatrics (January-December 2021)
- Core Ambassador to APTA North Dakota (2017-2018)
- North Dakota Student Special Interest Group Co-founder (2017-2018)

**Service to Your Community**

- Secretary to Eagle Mount Billings an adaptive sports non-profit (2022-Present)