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I am running for the south central region representative of the executive committee. Every day, I have the privilege to work with talented clinicians and see how their work changes the lives of their patients. I want to give back to the profession to improve the environments and expand the skill sets of our talented clinicians so they can have an even greater impact on their patients' lives.

In 1999, I earned a Bachelor's of Science in Kinesiology/ Athletic Training option from the Pennsylvania State University. In 2001, I earned a Master's of Science in Special Education - Rehabilitation Science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. I have been an NATA member for 16 years and a member of PATS for 5 years while working in Pennsylvania. During this time, I worked for QuinTech Health services in a variety of settings and then the Perkiomen School in Pennsburg. In 2006, I went to the University of South Carolina where I was able to practice and teach in the athletic training program while pursuing a Ph.D. in Physical Education- Athletic Training. I have served on the governance committee of the state association of Massachusetts while teaching at Salem State University. While living in MA, I began taking students and volunteering as medical volunteers for the Boston Marathon. Currently, I serve as the Department Chair for the Athletic Training Program at Lebanon Valley College. I am serving on the IRB, faculty search committees and the college diversity committee. On the national level, I have served as a program reviewer for the NATA annual meeting. I have presented and published on youth sport safety, large event coverage and clinical education. Locally, I am serving on the advisory committee for the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center. I have previously served as a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Christian Education Committee of our church.

As young clinician, I worked for a dynamic leader who exposed me to the importance of giving back to my profession. If elected, I would like start a network to collect patient outcome data so we can improve patient care and continue to demonstrate our value to our employers and other healthcare providers. The healthcare system is evolving rapidly and there is great opportunity for athletic trainers to play a larger role. PATS has been on the forefront of moving athletic training forward through advocating for changes to legislation as well as public health initiatives. Since returning to Pennsylvania, I have an even greater appreciation for the work that PATS is doing and I am excited to serve our profession.

I could not do what I do without the love and support of my wife and our two great daughters. I enjoy doing anything outside especially fishing with my daughters. On Saturdays in the fall I try to catch the Nittany Lions and the Gamecocks. It is great to be back in Pennsylvania reconnecting with family, friends and colleagues.