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I am honored and humbled to be nominated for the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers Society (PATS) Treasurer position. This position affords the opportunity to work in collaboration with the other PATS officers and contribute to the continued success and advancement of the state organization. Throughout my career as a certified athletic trainer I have obtained a wide range of experience in several levels of clinical athletic training, both direct hire and outreach working in high schools, clinics and the college settings. Combining these experiences with my positions as an educator have allowed me to better understand the current landscape of successes and pitfalls of athletic training at various levels. Each position has confronted me with new obstacles and challenges in which my leadership qualities were challenged in different ways. I have been faced with numerous opportunities to provide leadership working in a multitude of situations; one-on-one, small group, large group, classrooms and professional settings and successfully utilized facilitative leadership which is focused on the people involved in a task or group. In this, quality and results of the group drives the process of developing and supporting a culture within an environment that facilitates goal achievement. I hope that I can continue this in the PATS and empower individuals and groups to reach goals beyond their expectations. I feel that my positive attitude, passion for the profession, driven personality and ability to motivate others can lead to success. Additionally, I feel that modeling the desired qualities and actions for success will encourage others to participate and ensure the advancement of a society. These are just some of traits I intend to display if elected to the PATS Treasurer position.

The treasurer position is imperative in the continued structural success and also the future development and evolution of the PATS. I have had the privilege to serve in the role of treasurer for multiple organizations throughout my career and currently serve as the treasurer for the Allegheny Rugby Union, comprised of 9 Men's club teams, 5 women's club teams and 14 college women's teams. I understand and am well versed in the importance of meticulous efforts in order to assure the smooth operations and success of daily tasks, while projecting and planning for the future.

I am confident that I can make an immediate impact toward the continued success and growth of the PATS. If elected to this position, I will work diligently enhance the connections and relationships between the PATS and District 2, as well as the national organizational levels. This increased interaction and strong working relationship will guarantee mutual success of all organizations, individuals, and the National Athletic Trainers Association as a collective. I will work to increase engagement of members in both traditional and emerging settings throughout the state. Too often professionals in one setting are stakeholders in a particular issue and members of other settings disengage or are not included in decision making processes. Increased engagement will allow the state to create a unified front in supporting the initiatives in the best interest for the entire profession in both short term and for the distant future. Increased engagement will also assure success of enhancing the education and awareness of the general public. If elected I will work with the other PATS officers and committees in enhancing contacts and accessibility of the officers to its members and the general public. As reflected in the A.T.L.A.S. (Athletic Training Locations and Services) Project, there are still a number of areas throughout the state that lack adequate access to certified athletic trainers in public secondary schools. I feel that advancing existing initiatives and establishing new ideas and avenues could enhance awareness of the need for certified athletic trainers, create job opportunities, and ultimately improve athlete safety in these previously deficient areas. The PATS treasurer position is more than simply a position that manages financial assets and liabilities, it is predicated in serving as an advocate for athletic training profession and athletic trainers as health care providers. If elected I assure you I will approach this opportunity with excitement and passion, and dedicate my efforts to the needs and opinions of the PATS in order to best serve the profession and its members.