

OAPA 2019 VP Platform Statement

More than a decade has passed since I began PA school and joined the OAPA. Having been a 4-time annual conference speaker, I've been lucky in my clinical practice to continue finding new and exciting career paths that only a PA can take advantage of. With an initial basis in medicine I have largely practiced in the surgical and procedural realms with a focus now in critical care medicine.

My clinical excitement and professional gratitude drive my continued involvement in the OAPA. As an outlet for Ohio's PAs to organize in supporting and promoting each other's accomplishments, we continue working together to remove barriers to providing care.

As a leader in the OAPA I have served as diversity committee chair, promoting inclusion, outreach and education. Encouraging diverse candidates to enter the profession, educating our providers on culturally relevant practice improvement, and providing initiatives for health outreach and philanthropy can help us all to elevate our practical skills and gain empowerment in our professional journey.

As an AAPA delegate, I have represented Ohio's PAs in discussing core practice issues, giving testimony among our leading policy makers and authoring resolutions aimed at shaping our profession's future.

As the OAPA's Vice President I aim to continue our efforts in diversity and policy arenas while working to update the OAPA's bylaws and policies to reflect national standards. I intend to assist the board on initiatives to improve membership engagement and encourage a culture of increased committee involvement across the organization.

Thank you,

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