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Briefly describe why you are interested in being considered as a candidate for the Board of Directors.

I am interested in being a candidate for the Academic Consortium Board of Directors to help expand integrative medicine programs in departments or schools beyond primary care and oncology.

Summarize your involvement to date in the Academic Consortium.

My experience with the Academic Consortium dates back to the early 2000s when the University of Michigan became a member of the Consortium. In that time, I have served as the Co-chair of the Research Working Group from 2009 to 2012, member of the Steering Committee since 2016, member of several scientific review committees for the International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health, at-large board member for the last year, and founder and co-chair of the Clinical Practice Guideline Committee.

Please describe the experiences and expertise you bring that will be an asset to the Academic Consortium.

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Please describe your vision for the field and the role you believe the Academic Consortium must play to achieve the vision.

To date, integrative medicine has mainly been embedded in primary care departments, family medicine, internal medicine, etc. One reason for this strength in primary care is likely due to almost all integrative fellowships being located in primary care programs, and with very small exceptions open only to MDs and DOs. Integrative medicine fellowships have been critical for growing the number of integrative medicine providers, integrative medicine scholarship, and leaders in integrative medicine. My focus while on the board would be facilitating the development of innovative fellowships that focus on both non-MD and DO providers and or in departments other than primary care. My work as the course director of a national multidisciplinary integrative oncology training program and as the Co-director of the University of Michigan Integrative Medicine Interdepartmental Fellowship gives me experience in creating programs for and training diverse learners in integrative medicine. In addition, I would focus on creating a sustainable infrastructure for the creation of evidence-based integrative medicine

clinical guidelines. This effort would allow numerous Consortium members to become involved in translating the integrative medicine evidence base to the wider community (medical, public health, dentistry, nursing, general public, etc.), while also allowing for us to develop strong relationship with other professional societies through the creation of joint clinical guidelines. My experience as a co-chair on the SIO Clinical Practice Guideline Committee would allow me to bring the transparency, consistency, and fairness from SIO that has led to successful creation of their clinical guidelines.