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Nicole German
Executive Director
North Dakota Athletic Trainers Association



Dear Dr. German,

Please consider this a letter of interest for the Mid America Athletic Trainers Association District 5 Secretary opening.

I have been an Athletic Trainer for 25 years and my desire to give back to the profession that has given me so much continues to grow. I do not believe that I can ever give back even close to the vast amount that I have gained but would like to continue to try. I am so thankful for the people that I have connected with through MAATA. Going to the district meetings always feels like coming home. The discussions, the insights, and the arguments, all in the best interests of the district and the profession, is what propels us forward. Being able to allow all members to be part of the conversations is vital to our growth.

I have been on a variety of committees, both elected and appointed. I have been elected to leadership roles in the North Dakota Athletic Trainers' Association; Vice President and President. I just completed a 4-year term as an elected representative for Division I states (membership of 300 or less) on the National Athletic Trainers' Association State Association Advisory Committee. I am currently the chair of the Nominations Committee at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences. I also have been appointed to the North Dakota Board of Athletic Training. I have worked in a variety of different settings and with different populations in my career. I was in secondary school for 17 years and now in College/University setting for 6, plus 2 years as a graduate assistant. My background and experience have given me the ability to both lead and follow. I have been blessed to be able to learn from a variety of different people throughout my career and while serving on committees. It does not get any better than sitting in a room full of people with all the same goal: continued growth and development of the Athletic Training profession and its members.

I believe that I can make a valuable contribution to the Mid America Athletic Trainers Association District 5 as the secretary. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


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