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Dear Members of AOCPMR,

It is with great honor and sincere humility that I submit my candidacy for the presidency of the AOCPMR. Over the years, this organization has been central to my professional identity, and I have had the privilege of serving AOCPMR as a dedicated member, lecturer, and former conference chair. One of my most meaningful contributions was chairing a highly successful annual conference—an experience that reinforced the power of collaboration and excellence within our specialty.

Osteopathic medical education and the promotion of osteopathic manipulative treatment have been foundational to my career. For more than three decades, I have served in progressive leadership roles that have shaped my approach to service, advocacy, and organizational stewardship. These roles include serving as the first Chair of PM&R at NSU-COM, Associate PM&R Residency Director at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Chief of PM&R at the Miami VA Medical Center, Chairman of the Board at Hollywood Medical Center, and lead author of the *Manipulation, Massage, and Traction* chapter in the current edition of *Braddom's Textbook of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. For the past 13 years, I have served as Chief of PM&R at Baptist Health South Florida.

These experiences have shaped me into a resilient, collaborative leader—one who leads by example, listens carefully, values diverse perspectives, and remains open to innovation. AOCPMR is a community of like-minded physicians united by a shared commitment to advancing osteopathic PM&R, educating our members, and investing in the next generation through student and resident engagement. The mission, vision, and values of this organization closely align with my own guiding principles and daily practice as an osteopathic physiatrist.

Serving as president of AOCPMR would represent the culmination of my professional journey and a deeply meaningful opportunity to give back to an organization that has helped define my career. I am committed to supporting our members, strengthening osteopathic identity within PM&R, and ensuring that AOCPMR continues to thrive and lead in education, advocacy, and mentorship.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,



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