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Biographical Statement:

I have been actively engaged in social work education for thirty-five years, starting as an undergraduate educator and currently as founding dean of our school of social work. Under my leadership, our school has grown from 50 BSW to 600 BSW, MSW and DSW students, 6 to 59 full and part-time faculty, 1 to 5 programs offering 5 professional development institutes.

I have had the privilege to serve as chair, women's interest group, IASSW; president, vice-president and treasurer, National Association of Dean and Directors of Schools of Social Work; conference chair, Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors; chair, practice research network, National Association of Social Workers; and secretary and president, National Association of Social Workers, Minnesota Chapter.

Currently I serve as chair of the board, Council on Social Work Education; president, International Consortium for Social Development; co-chair international task force, National Association of Dean and Directors of Schools of Social Work; and chair, Catholic Deans Collaborative.

I believe in creating and sustaining partnerships, active engagement, service and the importance of strong professional associations for social work education and practice. I contribute my success to my colleagues who have provided these opportunities for me to serve our profession.

Vision for IASSW:

It was a privilege to serve on the Board of IASSW as a Member at Large for two years and on the Women's Interest Group. I am honored to accept this nomination for the position of secretary to continue my service. I value the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from every region of the globe to further the mission of IASSW.

The mission of IASSW speaks to what keeps me engaged and passionate about my work. I believe all social work educators must develop and promote excellence in social work education, research and scholarship globally in order to enhance human well-being. We must create and maintain a dynamic community of educators and students, if we are to have dynamic programs and provide effective service. We must collaborate and partner if our profession and our professional organizations are to remain strong and vibrant. We cannot fulfill our mission or meet our goals acting alone. As social workers, we are facing challenges from many directions and we need to practice inclusiveness, affirm our diversity, respectfully challenge our detractors, and work for the common good. It is our responsibility as social work educators to develop and sustain standards that will enhance social work education

and professional social work practice worldwide. We must serve our profession through excellence in teaching, research, scholarship and service.

I believe it's IASSW's role to promote the development of social work education throughout the world, to encourage international partnerships, collaborations and exchanges of expertise and information, to provide support and a forum for sharing research and scholarship and promote human rights, social and economic justice and social development. I will work to foster collaboration between IASSW and its sister organizations worldwide. Those of you who I have worked with know I am not a good spectator. I like to be actively involved and contribute.

I will bring to this position as secretary my willingness to listen; passion for social work education, excellence and global issues; respect for diversity and affirmation of difference; ability to find opportunities in problems, manage conflict and empower colleagues; and commitment to collaboration, partnership and social justice.