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### Position Statement

I have been a member of my state and national professional association since graduating from OT school in 1990. In addition to being a member I have taken an active role by presenting on numerous topics at my State Conferences and serving as a board member at the district and state level including as a Past President of my State Association. A few years ago, I was asked to submit my name for consideration as the Texas Representative to the AOTA Representative Assembly. After campaigning for the position two years in a row, unfortunately, there were not enough votes to be formally elected, and I have been appointed for both years. In those years, I have served as an active member of the Representative Assembly by participating in both online and in-person meetings to assist with the establishment of professional standards and policies. I have also promoted the benefits of professional membership to OT/OTA students and fellow practitioners. I strongly believe that professional membership is essential to one's professional growth and development. Many clinicians do not understand the value of national and state professional associations. If elected, I will continue to promote the benefits of membership including advocacy for the profession, networking, continuous learning, and career advancement. In addition, I will work to bring forward issues affecting OT practitioners across the state and be a conduit to communicate how all OT practitioners can impact change.