Election Biosketch

Office: PCAPNA Treasurer

Term: \_\_Two years \_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Christine Fechter

Brief Background:

I currently work at Dedicated Senior Medical Center providing preventative primary care for the senior population. I have been a nurse for 17 years and a Nurse Practitioner for 6 years. In addition to my nursing background, I also have a degree in Geriatrics. I am originally from Naples and moved to Lakeland to work at LRH.

Experience:

 I have also worked in Home Health, Private care, LTC and ALF settings, outpatient Physical

therapy and Primary care office setting. I have been working in the healthcare field

in some capacity for about 24 years now.

My experience in the workforce has helped me gain an importance seeking out and

taking the initiative to learn new things and stay on top of current projects. It has

also enabled me to continue learning and gaining knowledge in updated standards

and expectations of my career. Having this base will provide study and application

skills that an undergraduate young adult would not yet have.

Qualifications:

Very organized, and have been functioning as the active treasurer for the last 2 years.

Statement of Interest:

I believe that by holding an office position it will give me invaluable experience. My

hope is by being a more active member of PCAPNA I can help make an impact on my

local community of Advanced Practice Nurses. I can only hope that by gaining this

role I can make a positive impact on my fellow APNs and our wonderful group and

organization.

Vision for future in respect to NP Practice and PCAPNA:

Optimizing our existing primary care capacity by removing barriers by allowing NPs

full independent practice. This would allow increased access in underserved rural

and urban areas to provide primary care. I would like to see more active student

involvement in PCAPNA as they are the future APNs in our local community. Active

participation and involvement, to me, reinforces how important our role in

Healthcare and our community is.