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Dear Colleagues:

My name is Mark Powers, and I am a candidate seeking election to the office of APA Statewide Secretary.

I have been a member of APA for close to 28 years and since 2007 I have been active in the APA Leadership at both the chapter level as well as statewide. My experiences include being on the APA bargaining team for multiple collective bargaining agreements (CBA) along with successor memorandum of agreements (MOA) as well as several Covid-19 related MOAs.

As Secretary, currently, it is important to maintain accurate information from both the monthly APA Executive Board meetings, the Annual APA Membership meeting, as well as all of the meetings (and there are a lot) that take place during collective bargaining. Having been a Registrar for my entire professional career, I take the accuracy of information to heart. I believe that in order to move forward as a Union, we need to know the history of what we have done.

I feel that in this role of Statewide Secretary that I can best support both the APA Leadership and the overall Membership of the Union in our efforts to be heard both collectively and individually by Management - the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (BHE) and the State University Council of Presidents (CoP) - regarding all working conditions at our respective campuses. Working conditions include salaries, benefits, work schedule, physical space, standards of productivity & performance, the ability to submit grievances, and job security. Without a strong union, we would likely not have any of these.

I ask for your vote in the upcoming elections so that I may continue to represent the Union to the best of my abilities.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Powers

APA Statewide Secretary

University Registrar

Framingham State University