

## **Biographical Statement**

Amanda Younger has been an Adult Nurse Practitioner for over 13 years working inpatient Neurosurgery with Henry Ford Health System. She received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Michigan State University in 2000 and then returned as a second-degree student to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2006. A Master of Science in Nursing was received from Madonna University in 2012 with certification as an Adult Nurse Practitioner through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. In 2019, she became certified in Pain Management through the ANCC and in 2026 will graduate from Frontier Nursing University as a Doctor of Nursing Practice. She currently has volunteer roles with the American Nurses Association, the Journal of Pain Management Nursing, and the Ethics Committee at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. She is a national member of the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association and currently serves as Secretary for the Great Lakes Chapter. As a member of GAPNA's primary care SIG, she is planning to speak on "What Matters Most: Putting Evidence into Action in Primary Care" at the 2026 GAPNA ENGAGE Conference in Lake Buena Vista, FL in September.

## **Ballot Statement**

Achievements sought by serving as a GAPNA Director-at-Large would include continuation of national strategic marketing and growth for long term success and sustainability. In addition, continued promotion of the mission and vision to support advanced practice clinicians serving the geriatric population would be paramount. I would seek to strengthen my leadership and involvement at the national level to serve as a change agent. Continued endorsement of the advantages of advanced practice clinicians in the gerontological space including high quality performance, evidenced-based outcomes, and care excellence would be the focus.

Through my service to GAPNA, my goal would be to work as an advocate for best practice providing stakeholders with a leader and mentor in a mutual environment of trust, collaboration, and reliability. Maintaining flexibility and working through challenges to ensure overall decision-making continued to reflect the purpose and pursuits of the organization would be of utmost importance. My volunteer goals would include demonstrating integrity, accountability, and transparency while promoting necessary initiative changes, effective communication, and ongoing collaboration.