

## **Biographical Statement**

Carli Carnish, DNP, MSN, MN, BA, RN, APRN-CNP is an Assistant Professor and BSN Program Director at the Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing in Cleveland, Ohio. She has been in clinical practice as a certified Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner since 2014. Dr. Carnish also completed the CWRU University Center on Aging and Health's (UCAH) Gerontology Certificate Program in 2014 and now serves as a Faculty Associate for the UCAH. Dr. Carnish maintains both educational and leadership positions at CWRU and has taught geriatric nursing courses for both the pre-licensure and graduate nursing programs since 2016. Her primary teaching assignment includes primary care courses in the Adult-Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program at CWRU. She is a member of the National Hartford Center for Gerontologic Nursing Excellence (NHCGNE) and was awarded the Distinguished Educator in Gerontologic Nursing by NHCGNE in 2023. In August 2025, she joined the Parkinson's Foundation Edmond J. Safra Nurse Educator Scholars Program. Dr. Carnish has authored numerous textbook chapters for advanced practice and pre-licensure nursing student curricula and has presented at both national and state conferences related to gerontologic nursing. Dr. Carnish started her APRN career in 2014 as a primary care provider for older adults residing in assisted living, long-term care and skilled nursing facilities. She continued in that role for over 9 years. In her current practice, she serves adults and older adults in the inpatient setting as a consultant for the UH Lake Health palliative medicine team. Dr. Carnish also serves on the University Hospital APP Conference Planning Committee.

Dr. Carnish is the current president, and former treasurer for the Ohio Chapter of GAPNA, serving on their board for over 5 years. During this time, she also served the Ohio Chapter on their annual conference committee which is held every spring.

## **Ballot Statement**

As a GAPNA member since MSN graduation in 2014, I truly feel that I have found a home within this organization. I would love the opportunity to join GAPNA's Board of Directors as Director-At-Large to continue my work with the organization at the national level. My leadership roles on the Ohio Chapter board have included Treasurer, President-Elect, and President (term ending May 2026). Experience and knowledge gained through my work as Assistant Professor at the Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing (CWRU-FPB), teaching in the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care MSN Program, BSN Program Director (CWRU-FPB), and Senior Nurse Practitioner for University Hospitals Lake Health will be invaluable to me as the Director-At-Large. I have also served on various committees for GAPNA (Health Affairs, Research, Ohio conference planning), CWRU

(Executive, Evaluation of Programs, Progression, Grievance, and Admissions), and UH Lake Health (Lake Health APP and annual conference planning). My strong background in education, clinical practice and leadership lends itself perfectly to the Director-At-Large position as it will allow me to contribute my expertise and flexibility across various areas of the organization. My terms on the CWRU-FPB Committee on Evaluation of Programs have provided me with the experience and insight necessary for work on development, implementation, and progress monitoring of an organization's strategic plan. I will enthusiastically welcome any other duties as assigned by the Board and will carry them out proficiently.