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To the MPSEOC Board of Directors,

I was extremely honored to have been nominated for a position on the MPSEOC Executive Board and am eager to submit this application. My first experience with MPSEOC was the 2016 Annual Summer Conference. I had joined Carroll College's admission department less than a month before and thus was very new to working in higher education. Prior to Carroll, I had worked at another non-profit organization, which in some ways, acted like MPSEOC but for all banks in the state of Montana. There was one characteristic, though, which was so different that to this day I am still amazed by it. The sheer amount of collaboration that occurs and the decision that our institutions will work together to provide the students of Montana with all possible opportunities is why I choose to apply to this position.

I can still recall my first breakout session in 2016 for new professionals, led by Matt Allen and Mike Ouert, and being a little thrown off by the comradery shown throughout the session. I remember thinking, "Wait, aren't these two supposed to be competitors? How can you build that sort of friendship in this industry?" It only took my first solo trip down to California to learn how quickly these supposed "competitors" can often be your biggest cheerleaders and supporters because it is meant to be about the students. I cannot even say how many times I have had a student approach my table, telling me that the Montana rep at this school or that school suggested they come speak to me about a program at Carroll. And I have truly loved that I am able to do the same for my fellow reps. I know this shocks reps from schools outside of Montana. They ask if I really meant to send a student away and I could proudly say yes to them "because it is better for the student." MPSEOC helps provide this amazing network for Montana admission counselors to unite under the promise to help make people aware of all opportunities.

With all the fast moving changes of today's world, I believe that the Values of MPSEOC: Integrity, Leadership, Education, Diverse Community and Collaborative Relationships will speak very strongly to the students, parents and counselors we support. I look forward to the opportunity to work with this organization, its board and all members to help all Montana students experience each of the values. As the Board of Directors moves forward with the review for this position, I hope you will consider me for the role. Thank you for your time. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,



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