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Amy Leary, Executive Director MPSEOC PO Box 7548 Missoula, MT 59807

Re: MPSEOC Executive Board Opening

## Dear Amy:

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my application for the open *MPSEOC Executive Board* position. I am honored to be nominated to serve an organization that I have been involved with for over 20 years.

As you will see from my attached resume, I have built my career in a variety of roles both in and related to higher education. I am qualified for this Board position for the following reasons:

- Familiarity with the organization. I proudly served as the second Executive Director for MPSEOC for four years. I understand and believe in the mission and vision of the organization and would love to return in a leadership role aimed at its continual growth.
- Ease in **forging and maintaining alliances.** I am well respected for creating and contributing to a **positive, team-oriented work culture**.
- **Dedication to the field of college admissions and enrollment**. I feel strongly about providing opportunity for our Montana students to achieve their potential in post-secondary environments.
- Expertise in all aspects of program and budget planning, implementation, and management. I have successfully coordinated multiple programs from conception to completion, including recruitment, visit, orientation, and transition programs for students.
- Excellence in customer service and communication with a variety of audiences, from high school students and their families, to counselors, teachers, administrators, and campus colleagues to community partners.
- Proven **organizational competence** and ability to synthesize data, metrics, and policy to present a unified, understandable message.

I have spent the last six years making significant headway in career pathways, dual enrollment, and recruitment and retention at Great Falls College. I have dutifully supported MPSEOC in my roles at the college but I look forward to the chance to more directly contribute to the organization and get back to advancing college opportunities in a statewide, collaborative way.

Regards,

Shannon E. Marr