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Dear MPSEOC Board of Directors,

I am honored to be nominated for a position on the MPSEOC Board of Directors and look forward to the potential opportunity it provides. When asked why I would like to run for this position my mind is flooded with memories, thoughts, and ideas. How do I condense it all into just one page? With a 30,000 foot overview!

Networking and comradery – I cannot express how valuable the networking opportunities MPSEOC provides are. I know that I can call Morgan at FVCC and get feedback on something that I am working on or to help a student. I know whom she is, what she looks like, and the answers that she gives me are going to best serve our students. Truthfully, knowing that I can call Mike Ouert to recommend a good place to get a cool drink while I wait for a tow truck if my car breaks down in Bozeman is a feeling that is not recreated in other organizations around the state or nation.

Promoting higher education – I want everyone in Montana to go to college if they want to and I want them to know that they can. In 2019, I spoke to the education department at Montana State Prison. She informed me that over half of the prisoners did not have a high school diploma or equivalency. Of the ones that did, only two had a degree beyond high school. Two people!!! By promoting higher education in Montana, we allow people to have a better life, decrease crime rates, and overall make our state an even more amazing place than it already is.

Highlighting Education in Montana – So many times I hear students say that they have to leave Montana to go to school. After some conversation I discover it is because they don't realize how many educational opportunities they have right here in the state. I want to help find ways for MPSEOC to spread the word about everything a student can do right here in Montana!

Think outside the box – Often times I hear people say “Well, it's what we have always done.” It is obvious that MPSEOC thinks about why we do things and how we do them. They aren't a “what we've always done” organization and I LOVE that. I think my creative and outside the box thought process could help come up with new and different thoughts on what we are doing and how we are doing it.

Make it fun – There is always an opportunity to add a little color, change things up, and have a little fun. My experience as a DJ and party planner will lend itself nicely to assisting in the fun factor of the things that we do with MPSEOC. Wouldn't it be cool (when we have live fairs again) to have a scavenger hunt for the recruiters as they travel across the state? Who wouldn't want to stop and take a picture with a penguin at the coldest spot in Montana?

Thank you for considering me for a position on the MPSEOC Board of Directors. I look forward to what things look like as we move out of chaos back into just a little crazy.

Best Wishes,

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