



## **Personal Statement – Secretary**

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I am enthusiastic to apply for the PHiT Council Board to further develop as a physiatrist leader and advocate. Following my recent trip to Chicago via the AAPM&R PGY2 retreat, I've inspired to start building a relationship with the Academy and contribute to the physiatry community.

My endeavors throughout medical school and into residency have focused on medical education and improving awareness about disability and our specialty. As an intern, I collaborated with the Upstate Medical Simulation Center to spearhead a new elective for internal medicine residents. As a course developer, I developed skills in drafting educational materials, facilitating group-based teaching sessions with residents and students, and developing my own simulation case. Now at NYP, I've been working with faculty to incorporate disability education into our PM&R student elective. Initially our project focused on resident-led journal clubs, online module development, and didactics. Recently our work has expanded to include a collaboration with the Columbia University medical school to help design and implement disability-integration into the preclinical curriculum. I believe I can carry over my experiences in curriculum development, research writing, and collaboration to the PHiT Board.

Additionally, I believe my medical school experiences as Education & Mentorship Representative for the AAP Medical Student Council, AOA Chair of Residency Planning, and involvement with the Disability Integration Toolkit team further highlight my skills in adaptability, reliability, and punctuality.