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**Personal Statement**

Convinced of the importance of music in people’s lives, I have committed my professional life to fostering students and community members’ awareness and engagement in music and music education and encouraging research-based musical practices at different educational levels and contexts. Throughout this journey, my connection with ISME since 2008 has been foundational in helping me better understand the goals, needs, and potentialities in the field of music education. I am fortunate to have known, learned from, and collaborated with eminent scholars and music educators worldwide, and to serve ISME and its members in very diverse capacities.

If I have the honor to continue serving ISME and its members in a presidential position, I will focus my efforts to strengthen collaboration and communication among music educators worldwide, promoting innovative musical and pedagogical practices, building research capacity across regions, and fostering intercultural understanding through mutual respect. My goal is to contribute to the promotion of ISME across in underrepresented regions, and to enhance its impact and reach, by approaching members’ needs and expectations for professional development.