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ABSTRACT: Over my past three years on the ASAP board—as a Member at Large (2018), as Vice President (January 2019–September 2020), and as President (September 2020–present)—I have organized and hosted social events and professional development events, I have advocated for the concerns of students and postdocs at BNL, and I have reached out to other groups at BNL to collaborate on events and activities. I am running for President of ASAP so that I can not only continue to do these things, but expand upon them.

I have served on the ASAP Board as a Member at Large in 2018, as Vice President in 2019 and 2020 (until September), and as President beginning in September 2020. As a Member at Large, I was involved in the planning and hosting of various events held by ASAP, including the 2018 Early Career Researcher Symposium (ECRS).

As Vice President, I took on the tasks of hosting our on site trivia nights and coordinating our off site trivia nights in 2019. I also took the initiative to reach out to other groups at BNL to better coordinate our activities and discuss possible collaborations such as Brookhaven Women in Science (BWIS)—who collaborated with ASAP on the 2019 Postdoc Appreciation Week—and the Early Career Resource Group (ECRG). As an ECRS 2019 coordinator, I was responsible for securing the sponsorships that paid for the symposium, as well as additional funding to be used for our future events.

In 2020, I have helped organize a game night in February, and (once the shutdown began in March) I began holding informal lunch meetings online to help ASAP's members to feel a little less isolated. On September 3, I assumed the Office of the President upon Feng's resignation from the role. Later that month, I hosted our annual National Postdoc Appreciation Week talk, which featured speaker Noel Blackburn from the Office of Educational Programs.

I searched for ways to hold other events remotely in the coming—such as the resume, CV, and interview workshop (currently planned for February)—and have begun planning for ECRS 2021, whether it is held remotely, in-person, or in a hybrid format.

Throughout my terms as Vice President and later President, I have represented ASAP in meetings with other ERGs and the Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity.

If elected, I will continue to promote both social events and career growth and development events, to advocate for ASAP's members, and to pursue collaborations with other groups at BNL.