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Platform Statement for ASWIS President

I am honored to accept the nomination for ASWIS President. I came to sport social work from the locker room as much as the classroom. I have been a fitness trainer for more than 20 years, played football, coached youth football and boxing, and still compete as a USA Boxing super heavyweight. I have also spent nearly two decades in social work. At New York Foundling Hospital, I rose from front-line social worker to program supervisor before I moved into academia. ASWIS is where those two worlds meet.

Since my first ASWIS presentation in 2019, I have served this Alliance from nearly every position on the field. I have presented at six Annual Symposia, served on the *Sport Social Work Journal* editorial board, taught in the Certificate Program, chaired the 2025 and 2026 Symposia, and now serve as an Executive Committee Member-at-Large. I have authored several *Sport Social Work Journal* articles including refugees and immigrants teaching cricket to American citizens, yoga for teen emotional regulation, and transgender sport participation.

Our 2025 Symposium theme was "Sport Social Work is Everywhere." As president, I want to make that theme our strategy. If elected, I will use my background in macro practice and organizational leadership to make sure every member helps shape what comes next. I will do that through surveys, listening sessions, and open progress reports. I will bring four priorities to the table:

- **Widen the field.** Expand our definition of "athlete" beyond elite competitors to include recreational players, youth, older adults, refugees, people with disabilities, and everyday community members. That is how we live out our commitment to athletes "of all ages and abilities."
- **Build the profession.** Strengthen the path from practicum to certificate to career. Make the case to athletic departments, leagues, and governing bodies that sport social workers belong on every athlete's support team.
- **Put research to work.** Connect our Research and Clinician Committees so practitioners shape the questions and researchers deliver tools people can use. Keep our Policy Platform current on issues like sports betting, college athletes' rights, life after sport, and artificial intelligence.
- **Keep the tent big.** Our clinicians, coaches, researchers, administrators, and students bring different experiences, values, ideas, and ideologies. That viewpoint diversity is our strength. I want ASWIS to remain a home for open inquiry and constructive disagreement, where we can challenge each other and still leave as teammates.

Our founders, including our current president, Dr. Matt Moore, built something one of a kind. My goal is to help ASWIS grow in its second decade without growing apart. I have spent seven years doing the work for this Alliance, and I would be honored to earn your vote.