

The strength of Neurocritical Care Society is the innovation of our membership. We started with a handful of people and a bar napkin. From ENLS to News, Currents and the NCS podcast, our best initiatives have been started with a few like minded individuals.

As a resident in 2009, I wandered into 7th Annual NCS Meeting at the New Orleans Convention Center, having never met a neurointensivist. It was obvious this is where I belonged, and I soon joined the organization. My first role was as fellow editor of *Currents* in 2013. As co-editor for *New Science in Neurocritical Care (NEWS)*, I helped expand *NEWS* to include a podcast which evolved into the NCS Podcast. My other involvement with NCS includes work on *The Practice of Neurocritical Care* textbook, the Communications Strategy Task Force for website redesign, and the Annual Meeting Committee. Last year I was honored as Fellow of NCS.

My leadership within NCS has focused on ENLS, currently serving as co-chair of the committee. Leading the Marketing and Outreach Subcommittee, I spearheaded collaboration with other professional organizations. As chair of the first Train the Trainer Subcommittee, I was charged with ensuring the quality of trainer. On the Protocols Subcommittee, I have authored modules. I was the editor for V5.0 with the first ever ENLS simulation platform. This year, we are updating Train the Trainer.

My leadership skills have been developed, challenged, and refined at my home institution. I was the first neurointensivist at Tulane, developing the Neuro ICU and a telestroke/ teleneurology network, now covering two hospitals and collaborating with 23 virtually. My drive is led by my personal mission statement: to provide world-class neurological care to those with decreased

access to care due to geographical, economical, or other health care disparities, to continuously seek new methods with innovation and research, and to teach others to do the same.

My belief that developing inclusive environments and a culture of respecting diversity has been backed with action. I welcomed partnership amongst the leadership of ENLS, working with the first APP and first pharmacist to lead the committee. I advocate for advancement based on trajectory, not solely experience. This approach allows for talented individuals without as many opportunities to flourish including underrepresented groups.

As an NCS Director, I would create a culture of inclusion. My vision is to provide a governance strategy to allow for the innovation of our members to shine. As a leader in this organization, my biggest frustration has been when motivated members ask to be more involved and are limited by the formality of the current hierarchical structure. I propose increasing transparency and fostering new ideas by opening committee meetings to all society members; after all, showing up is half the battle. An annual call for proposal for innovative project would allow for fostering new ideas and collaboration outside of the current committees.

Being nominated to the NCS Board of Directors is an honor, and I hope to be able to serve in this role.