

Personal Statement – Katharina M. Busl – Board of Directors Candidacy, Neurocritical Care Society

My service to NCS spans education, research, and organization. As current clinical track co-chair for the annual meeting program, I am responsible for shaping the clinical educational offerings in close collaboration with my track co-chair and the annual meeting chair. I further am a member of neuroprognostication guideline group, the guideline committee and am an Associate Editor for *Neurocritical Care*. I co-founded the NCS Directors Section, bringing together administrative directors for information exchange and sharing of solutions to challenges. I served on the ENLS committee from 2016-2022, have conducted multiple live courses, and authored the meningitis ENLS protocol, a book chapter for the NCS neurocritical care book, and for Neurocritical care on call (NCCOC). I served as inaugural editorial board member for NCCOC, and subsequently led NCCOC as Editor-in-Chief from 2019-2022. Under my leadership, we exceeded sales goals despite the pandemic. I hold FNCS status since 2020, and have been an active NCS member since 2008.

Multidisciplinary collaboration is one of my greatest strengths and has influenced my vision for neurocritical care: to represent a well-defined entity on the continuum of neurology-neurosurgery-critical care. In my current position, I built a new neurocritical care division within a well-developed landscape of critical care and neurosurgery that had been without dedicated neurocritical expertise. I founded our neurocritical care fellowship and a neurocritical care APP team. I developed a dedicated neurocritical care consult service, and implemented institutionally standardized pathways for brain death, TBI, hepatic failure and cardiac arrest. This experience has shaped my broader understanding of neurocritical care on the spectrum of neurology, anesthesiology, neurosurgery and critical care, and supports that neurocritical care is a field that can, and should, contribute to any inpatient enterprise. Perhaps my most visionary reflection of actively fostering multidisciplinary collaboration is my awarded NIH U01 multicenter clinical trial, for which I assembled PIs with neurocritical care, neurosurgery, and acute-pain anesthesiology expertise to take the question of how to manage post-SAH headache to the next level.

My strengths include the highest level of energy and enthusiasm for neurocritical care, my ample leadership experience including dedicated leadership training, and multipronged contributions to NCS. I am reliable in all tasks I take on and will be an advocate for those entrusted to me. I am a proponent of opening opportunities to others. I set high expectations for myself and others and am passionate—instead of expecting to accomplish things my way, I will actively listen before speaking and make it a point for every voice to be heard.

As member of the board of directors, I will use my experience from working on educational, administrative and scientific realms in NCS to aim for an integration of the pillars within NCS with the overall goal to enhance reach and broaden membership. My experience in transdisciplinary collaboration drives my goal of increasing collaboration with neighboring professional societies. Lastly, I will work to shape the organization of our professional pipeline for both fellowships and dedicated pathways for advanced practice providers.