

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the NCS Board of Directors as a Member at Large. I have been passionate about neurocritical care since medical school, when I was first exposed to the field during a neurosurgery rotation. Although there was no dedicated neurocritical care team at my institution at the time, I sought out externship opportunities at other institutions, and eventually was able to arrange a rotation at the University of California at San Francisco; it would not be an exaggeration to say that that rotation changed the course of my career. I ultimately returned to UCSF for fellowship, and I became a member of the Neurocritical Care Society in 2006.

Since then, I have devoted my career to the care of brain-injured patients and the training of neurocritical care providers. I am originally from the Southeastern US, and I returned to that part of the country following fellowship. At that time, there were relatively few neurointensivists or neurocritical care fellowships in this part of the country. Over the course of the last 15 years, I have founded 2 neurocritical care fellowships; both of these were the first in their respective states. I have also been instrumental in training general critical care fellows, residents from various departments, and advanced practice providers in neurocritical care.

In terms of patient care, our program at UAB is a collaboration between neurology, neurosurgery, anesthesiology and internal medicine. Neurocritical care faculty and fellows work closely with a group of 10 advanced practice providers, several dedicated pharmacists, and our neuroscience nurses. Interprofessional and interdisciplinary collaboration is a requirement for our daily practice. In addition to direct patient care, I have been actively involved in a number of multi-professional institutional committees, including the Ethics Committee, the Critical Care Committee, the Enterprise Collaboration Committee, the NICU Quality Committee, and the Stroke Process Improvement Committee.

Throughout my efforts to build our local neurocritical care program, my NCS membership has been an asset. I have been an active member for 17 years, and I have held ENLS certification since 2014. I have served on the editorial board of the Neurocritical Care Journal since 2018, and I was awarded the FNCS designation in 2022. I chaired the Fellowship Directors' Section from 2019 through 2021, and I am currently serving as the founding chair of the new Accreditation, Certification and Training Committee (ACT, formerly the Training Committee). I am also privileged to be serving as one of the co-chairs for the Annual Meeting Committee this year, I have thoroughly enjoyed. I have played a role recently in national organizations pertaining to education in neurocritical care, including serving as the neurocritical representative to the UCNS Board of Directors, participating in the ACGME Neurocritical Care Milestones Task Force, and serving as a member of the Committee on Advanced Subspecialty Training (CAST) Neurocritical Care and Trauma Accreditation Committee.

It has been a genuine pleasure to watch the NCS evolve over the past several years, and I am looking forward to our continued growth in the near future. In particular, global outreach and research collaboration are the areas in which I see the most potential for development. I would like to help our international presence continue to expand, particularly with respect to fostering the growth of training programs world-wide. It is also a priority of mine to ensure that neurocritical care training both at home and abroad continues to meet high standards. Although research has not been a focus of my career, it is critical facet of the NCS mission, and further development of the NCRN and the Curing Coma Campaign have the potential to revolutionize our field. Personally, my strengths lie in my ability as a medical educator, my interpersonal communications skills, and my ability to collaborate with a diverse group of

colleagues. I believe that these attributes will allow me to be an asset to NCS in these endeavors. My skillset will translate well to NCS educational endeavors, and to coordinating NCS efforts with outside organizations. I anticipate supporting the research mission through fostering collaboration, participating in fundraising, and contributing to editorial activities. Moreover, in the past several years, I have found that mentoring trainees and junior faculty is one of the most rewarding aspects of my career, and I look forward to helping to support and develop more junior members of the Society.

Thank you for your consideration.