

To the NCS Nominations Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to elaborate on my deep interest and commitment in serving as a member at large of the BOD for the society which has been my “home” for 2 decades. I joined NCS in 2005 and was awarded in 2006, one of the two inaugural clinical research training grants. I graduated from the “Future leader of NCS” program in 2014. I have served NCS in various roles: co-authoring ENLS TBI manuscript (2016), editor of the monthly NEWS (Neurocritical Care Journal Watch, 2016-2018) and as AMC member (2017, 2018). I was co-Chair of ENLS (2018-2020) and oversaw publication of ENLS 4.0, Train-The-Trainer and organized courses at NCS and SCCM. During these years, ENLS manuscripts were redesigned to include pediatric sections, groundwork for SIM offerings and podcasts of new science were initiated. I am an author in “Guidelines for the Acute Treatment of Cerebral Edema” (2020). I received FNCS designation (2018) and Presidential citations (2018, 2020). I have been a recurring speaker at NCS since 2012, session organizer (TBI and stroke, neurocritical care in pregnancy- 2019 and 2020), presented abstracts/posters annually since 2008, moderated poster Professor rounds since 2017 and mentored junior faculty. I have been honored to represent NCS internationally with NCS presidents including at the Indian Academy of Neurology meeting (2017), Critical Care Update in Chennai (2018, with Dr. Suarez), ISNACC (virtual, 2021 and 2022 with Dr. Hemphill) and at ISC for several years (2019-2023). I currently serve on the FNCS, Guidelines and the NCF Research committees and on the working group on BNLS/BENEFit.

My strengths are consensus building in diverse groups, fostering multidisciplinary collaborations, identifying and mentoring emerging talents and connecting them to growth opportunities-whether it be at NCS, at Stanford or as board member of Pacific Stroke association, an organization for stroke survivors. At NCS, in my committee leadership, I worked collaboratively with our diverse membership in shared goal setting and achieving targets and deliverables. I ensured robust and proportional representation of our highly accomplished pharmacists, APP’s and nurses as speakers, manuscript co-authors and by nominating the first non-physician as the incoming ENLS co-chair. I am actively working on further enhancing my leadership skills, namely delegation, with ongoing personal coaching and a yearlong leadership program for senior faculty.

My vision for NCS is in 3 areas: advancing Curing Coma initiative with “high-tech” and engineering partners and surpass what individual institutions have accomplished with similar initiatives in cardiology (e.g., with Apple and Google). I will bring my DEI initiative success from medical school admissions committee to NCS. By redesigning the file review and interview rubrics, we admitted the most diverse medical classes ever at Stanford (2021,2022). Additionally, as an international medical graduate, I’m invested in enhancing NCS globally (e.g., NCS run programs at a country’s key institutions in collaboration with regional partners, leading to Centers of Excellence). It is with this vision and my experience and commitment to service at NCS that I seek your nomination for the BOD.