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Candidate for: MNRS Board Secretary

## **Personal Statement:**

I am excited for the opportunity to be a candidate for the position of Secretary on the MNRS Board of Directors. I have been a member of MNRS since 2011 and have consistently taken on positions that I believed would assist in the development and engagement of members across the career trajectory, as well as increase the visibility of the impact of nursing science. I have been Chair of both the Palliative and End of Life Care and Symptom Science RIIGs and am currently the Past-Chair of the Symptom Science RIIG. I have also recently served as a member of the Student Poster Committee and participated as a grant and conference abstract reviewer. I served two terms on the MNRS Communications and Engagement Committee where I used my skills to assist in the development of RIIG Chair Resources documents, including the RIIG Chair Orientation PowerPoint presentation. The development of these documents fulfilled an organizational need while also allowing me to work collaboratively with several wonderful colleagues throughout the MNRS organization. Further, I had the opportunity to write a feature article for The Heart of Nursing series, "Building Career Momentum through Leadership," that highlighted distinguished members of the Health Promoting Behaviors Across the Lifespan (HPBAL) RIIG. Writing has been an integral part of my professional journey from my first degree in Journalism, to my embrace of the nursing profession, to my participation in multiple service activities. I would very much enjoy working with WJNR, the Board, and MNRS staff to develop ideas and prepare MNRS News material for WJNR, as well as to ensure that responsibilities of the position from approval of meeting minutes to proper recordkeeping practices are completed in a timely manner. I am detail-oriented, have excellent writing and editing skills, and strongly desire to serve the MNRS membership in this very important role. Thank you for your consideration!

