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Personal Statement:

I wish to be considered for the honor of serving as president-elect of the Midwest Nursing Research Society because it is a fitting capstone for my longstanding (more than 4 decades) dedication, support and commitment to the mission of MNRS. As a doctoral student at the University of Illinois-Chicago College of Nursing in the late 1970's I was privileged to be invited to join 7 distinguished senior faculty from throughout the region as a member of the Family Nursing Research Interest Group of the Nurse Faculty Research Development the Midwest (precursor to MNRS), which evolved to become the Family Health section of MNRS.

I am indebted to MNRS as I learned so much from members of this group and the Society about collaboration, problem solving, group cohesion, roles, leadership, goal establishment, achievement and development of instruments relevant for both research and practice (the Family Dynamics Measure). This incredible mentoring experience resulted in 3 co-authored publications in top-tier nursing research journals, which helped to launch my academic career. It is my hope that every student and junior faculty member can experience similar inspiring and professionally life-changing opportunities through engagement in MNRS.

To that end, over the years I have gladly served the Society in a variety of roles with increasing responsibility: Bylaws Committee; Governing Board (1984-1988); Vice President (1986-1988); Recruitment Committee; MNRS – MAIN Liaison (1988-90); Resolutions Committee (1986-1988); Awards Committee Chair (1999-2002) Grant Review Committee (2001-2005)--Chair (2004-2005); Mentorship Planning Committee (2005-08); Foundation Board of Trustees (2011-16); President, MNRS Foundation (2013-15); Executive Committee (2013-15); Joint Policy and Procedures Task Force (2013-14);

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Technology Task Force (2013-14); Fundraising Committee (2012-14); Joint Evaluation Task Force (2013-15). These activities have provided me with insight into the challenges facing MNRS and realistic ideas for how we can collaboratively work to address them successfully. Give my prior role with the Foundation, a particular desire is to continue to forge a strong and positive relationship between the two Boards that will foster growth of grant opportunities for nurse scientists in the Midwest.

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