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Current Title: Professor and Interim Associate Dean

Affiliation: Indiana University

Candidate for: MNRS Board Secretary



Personal Statement:

I am a Professor at Indiana University School of Nursing and currently serve as the Interim Associate Dean on the Bloomington, IN campus. Previously, I served as the Department Chair for the Department of Science of Nursing Care at Indiana University School of Nursing. I have been a member of MNRS for approximately 20 years. I am committed to advancing nursing science, developing the next generation of nurse researchers, and positioning nurse leaders at the forefront of health care. My research focuses on symptom science, particularly fatigue, physical activity, exercise interventions, and quality of life in people undergoing intensive cancer therapy. I have developed pragmatic physical activity and exercise interventions to enhance early recovery following hematopoietic cell transplantation. My research has been funded by the American Cancer Society, National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Nursing Research, and the Oncology Nursing Society.

I am staunch supporter of the mission and vision of MNRS and would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors as Secretary. I have been consistently involved in organizations that support the expansion and utilization of nursing science. I currently serve on the Science Committee for the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science. In addition, I co-chaired the planning committee for the biennial State of the Science Congress (2018) and served as the abstract chair for the 2016 Congress, Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science. These experiences provided me with substantial understanding of the forces impacting nursing science at the national level which is critical for advancing nursing science at the regional level. I have held leadership roles in other professional organizations, such as the Oncology Nursing Society and American Cancer Society. I served on multiple scientific review committees, including service as the Chair of the Palliative Care and Symptom Management study section for the American Cancer Society. I am one of the inaugural fellows in the Elevating Leaders in Academic Nursing program sponsored by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing; a year-long leadership program specifically designed to support faculty in senior executive positions. I completed a certificate in Fund Raising Management from

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the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University. Philanthropic support is essential for nonprofit organizations, such as MNRS. I received the Distinguished Researcher Award, Symptom Science Research Interest Group (2019) and the Harriet H. Werley New Investigator Award (2006) from MNRS.

It is vitally important for me to give back to an organization that has played such a key role in my own development. Thus, my goals for the position of Secretary are consistent with the strategic plan for MNRS. I will support the ongoing development of a nurse scientists, foster diversity in MNRS through recruitment and retention of a diverse membership, and enrich the visibility of nursing science via accurate and engaged communication that disseminates the outstanding accomplishments of our members.

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