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Current Title: Associate Professor

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Candidate for: MNRS Board of Directors, Member-at-Large:
Medium Institution

Personal Statement:

Active participation in the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) has long been a professional priority for me, and it will continue to be so. Since joining MNRS in 2008, I have been honored to serve in a variety of leadership and service roles that have deepened my commitment to the organization's mission and growth.

My service began as Co-Chair (2008–2009) and later Chair (2009–2010) of the Addictions and Substance Abuse Research Section, followed by Co-Chair (2013–2014) of the Health Promoting Behaviors Across the Lifespan Research Section. I have also served as an abstract reviewer for the annual conference (2009–2015; 2019–present) and as a Grants Reviewer since 2023.

Currently, I serve as Chair of the Grants Review Committee and as a member of the Program Planning Committee (PPC), where I have contributed since 2022. As Co-Chair of the Pre-Conference Subcommittee for the 2023 conference, I was proud to help reinstate the pre-conference session after several years of it not being offered. The resulting publication workshop was highly successful, receiving outstanding evaluations from attendees.

Mentorship has always been a vital part of my MNRS experience. Earlier in my career, I benefited greatly from the mentoring program and from the Emerging Scholars Network (ESN). I am pleased that the mentoring program has been revitalized and expanded to include tenured faculty who seek mentorship as they continue to advance toward new professional goals. I actively encourage doctoral students from my College of Nursing to engage with ESN and attend its sessions during the annual conference.

Additionally, I serve as an informal liaison between my College and MNRS, promoting engagement among the next generation of nurse researchers through ESN

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participation and encouraging faculty colleagues to become members and present their scholarly work at the annual conference. My longstanding involvement with MNRS and the PPC has provided meaningful opportunities to develop research collaborations and collegial partnerships.

I am now seeking to broaden my service by contributing at the organizational level as a Board Member-at-Large. In this role, I hope to help ensure that committee objectives are achieved and that MNRS policies and procedures continue to reflect the organization's vision and excellence. My extensive experience with abstract and grant review aligns well with the potential responsibility of evaluating Leadership Academy applications. Additionally, my work as a tenured Associate Professor has included developing and approving academic policies and procedures—experience that directly complements the duties of the MNRS Board of Directors. My attention to detail, collaborative spirit, and commitment to organizational effectiveness would be assets in this position.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. If elected, I will continue to work diligently to advance the mission of MNRS and to strengthen its role as a premier organization supporting nurse scientists across the Midwest.

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