

ENRS Candidate Statements

Membership Committee

Miriam Dowling-Schmitt

As a newly graduated DNP, soon-to-be PhD student, and nursing executive, I was embarrassed to learn of ENRS's existence when asked to approve travel to the ENRS conference for several employees at my organization. I feel I would benefit the membership committee as a nurse leader, researcher, and ENRS member to help get the word out about this incredible organization. Research is mission critical, and all nurses need to feel they have a home in an organization like ENRS. I am an enthusiastic participant in committee work and readily lead brainstorming activities to generate novel approaches to increasing participation within organizations. Thank you for your consideration.

Cindy Mitsakis

I am interested in advancing health through nursing science. I have served (and continue to serve) on the Membership committee for MARLN and have found it to be rewarding. Encouraging other nursing professionals to work together so that we can improve nursing care and science is essential for making positive changes. Coming up with creative ways to increase our member numbers was exciting and important. I would love to be a part of that at ENRS.

Clare Whitney

As a nurse scientist and bioethicist currently serving on the ENRS Membership Committee, I remain committed to advancing nursing science through inclusive, collaborative engagement. Over the past term, I have worked to enhance the visibility and accessibility of ENRS by supporting initiatives that connect nurse researchers across career stages and practice settings. I believe that meaningful outcomes in healthcare stem from the quality of our relationships, not only with patients, but also within our professional communities. Our strength as a discipline lies in the diversity of our experiences, and I am dedicated to fostering a membership that reflects and honors that diversity. If re-elected, I will continue

to uphold the mission of ENRS by promoting a supportive, innovative peer network and advocating for initiatives that welcome and elevate nurses involved in research at all levels.

Katherine Erbe

I am eager to join the Membership Committee because I know how ENRS can build connections with other nurse researchers, and this has never been more important than it is in this moment. I had over 15 years of clinical experience with diverse patient populations both domestically and internationally when I began my PhD program. During that time, I attended my first MNRS conference and experienced how invigorating it is to be surrounded by nurse scientists. Now that I have published articles, presented at conferences, secured national funding, and conducted studies as a Primary Investigator I am aptly poised to encourage future and current nurse researchers actively engage in the ENRS community. As a Membership Committee member, I plan to strategize ways to engage current members and increase ENRS membership by nurses in all stages of their scientific careers. I will also identify ways to increase the visibility of the important research being done by ENRS members. Now is a critical time for nurse researchers to band together, support each other, share information, and build collaborations to move nursing science forward. We need this, the public needs this, and I will use the ENRS platform to loudly promote our work.