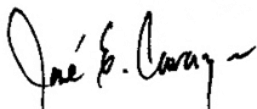


Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I have had the honor and privilege of serving as a Board Member of the North American Commission (NAC) of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) for the 2013-17 term. **I am now seeking your support for a second term in the election of the NAC Board Members.** I have participated in the Latin American Education Task Force of the NAC during 2007-16, and served as the Treasurer of the NAC Board during 2013-17. I have been an active participant in my local chapter, the *American Epilepsy Society*, including serving as chair of the scientific meeting, student & resident education, and technology committees. I also developed and obtained funding for the Partnering Epilepsy Centers in the Americas (PECA) Project that allowed the establishment of over 35 collaborations between Epilepsy Centers in North and Latin America. The PECA Project was administered by the NAC, and it allowed many committed Epileptologists to create, expand, or further develop collaborations that: 1) improved the health of people with Epilepsy in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2) started Epilepsy Surgery programs in several academic centers in Latin America, 3) fostered communities that helped galvanize Epilepsy professionals within their region to create formal organizations, 4) enable researchers obtain data in several resource-poor locations, and 5) helped to train students, residents and nurses in Epilepsy care. These programs were bi-directional influencing Epilepsy Centers in both regions.

My interest in becoming a Board Member of the NAC for a second term (2017-21) stems from the same desire that inspired me to create the PECA project –to become a *multiplier* and an enabler for other Epileptologists to reach out to the rest of the world. This ambition aligns with the priorities stated by our ILAE President-elect, Dr. Sam Wiebe, for translation, education, research and collaboration to improve access to care, expand boundaries, and create knowledge. I look forward to continue working closely with our NAC Chair-elect, Dr. Nathalie Jetté, as I did this past term. I strongly share her vision for the 2017-21 term to continue contributing toward key ILAE priorities including several successful NAC activities such as the Leadership Development Course, our collaborative educational activities with other regions, developing innovative approaches to closing the knowledge to action gap, and reducing the treatment gap for people with Epilepsy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "José E. Cavazos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

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