

March 23, 2021

Object: Elections for members of ILAE-NA 2021-2025/Elections statement

Dear Colleagues,

It is an honor to be nominated to stand for election as a member of the North American Commission of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) for the 2021-2025 term.

I am a neurologist at the University of Montreal Health Centre (CHUM) providing care to patients with epilepsy since 2002. I am also a clinical researcher focusing on innovative techniques to improve the evaluation and treatment of patients living with epilepsy. Moreover, I have been an active participant in my local chapter, the Canadian League Against Epilepsy (CLAE), serving as secretary-treasurer (2006-2009), president-elect (2017-2018), president (2018-2020), and currently as past-president (2020-now). During my term as the President of CLAE in 2018-2020, I had the privilege of serving on the North American Commission, notably on the organization of the first Virtual North American Epilepsy Congress (September 24-27, 2020) and in establishing the Program-to-Program center to improve the care of patients with epilepsy in the Caribbean (2018-now). I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve on the North American Commission as an elected member.

I am fully supportive of the new strategy 2030 adopted by the ILAE Executive Committee in January 2021 to reach its main goals of improving standards of practice, professional education and development, advocacy, research and innovation, and organizational and financial viability. I am also in agreement with the agenda proposed by the newly elected President of the North American Commission, Dr. Jaideep Kapur, focused on education, global epilepsy health, the Wikipedia epilepsy project, and epilepsy research. I believe my experience in clinical practice (20 years), research (175 publications), global epilepsy health (Vietnam, Senegal, Haiti, and Trinidad), and education (Quebec Epilepsy Day, SEEG North American courses, and CLAE/ILAE-NA meetings, series of 14 epilepsy webinars based on ILAE curriculum) as well as my understanding of the inner workings of CLAE and ILAE-NA could be useful for the North American Commission. More importantly, I confess being a workaholic and am committed to do my best to help ILAE-NA initiatives come to fruition.

Thank you in advance for considering my nomination. I hope you will give me the opportunity to continue serving the ILAE as I truly believe that its initiatives are important and have significant impact in the care of patients living with epilepsy around the world.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes that form a stylized representation of the name 'Dang K. Nguyen'.

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