

October 5th, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

First, I wish to express my appreciation and the great honor I feel for having considered me as a potential candidate to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the ILAE and for inviting me to postulate my candidacy for such position. I am aware of the responsibilities associated with serving in this committee, which I am eager to accept. I know that if I were elected, it would be one of the highlights in my professional career, given the unique work that the ILAE is conducting throughout the world in the advancement of the cure against Epilepsy.

Since I was an Epilepsy fellow at the Cleveland Clinic, I focused my interest and research in the comprehensive evaluation and management of patients with treatment-resistant epilepsy, with a particular focus on the negative impact that psychiatric comorbidities have in the life of these patients. I have done extensive research and published in this field and I had the opportunity to apply the knowledge I acquired when I served in committees of several professional organizations including the ILAE, the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) and the American Epilepsy Society (AES). In fact, together with other colleagues, I spearheaded the effort to create a committee on psychiatric issues in epilepsy at the AES, which I am proud to say has become one of the more productive committees in the organization.

I believe that I can contribute to the great work of the ILAE, given the experience I have acquired serving in several leadership positions in the ILAE (as Co-Chair of the Neuropsychobiology Commission), the AES (as Chair of the Practice Management Committee), the AAN, (as Chair of the Epilepsy Section), the Epilepsy Foundation of America (as member of their Executive Committee) and at the Southern EEG and Epilepsy Society (as President).

The possibility of working with colleagues from all over the world is one of the reasons I am postulating my candidacy to serve in the Executive Committee of the ILAE. In fact, having been born and raised in Mexico, I have always tried to remain involved whenever possible in educational activities in multiple countries of Latin America and in Spain during the last 30 years. These activities were recognized with an award from the Latin American Commission of the ILAE and another from the Mexican Chapter of the ILAE

I close this letter by again thanking the ILAE for allowing me to postulate my candidacy as a member of its Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andres M. Kanner', with a long, sweeping underline.

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