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Dear Colleagues:

I am honoured to be nominated for membership on the Commission on North American Affairs for the 2017-21 term of the ILAE. I am a Neuropsychologist with over 30 years of experience in assessment and research with children and adults with epilepsy. I have worked on several ILAE taskforces, including Neuropsychology, Pediatric Surgery, and Pediatric Comorbidities. I have also been involved in the Canadian League Against Epilepsy (as secretary of the Board of Directors) and the American Epilepsy Society (as a member and at present as co-chair of the Psychosocial Comorbidities Committee). These opportunities have allowed me to take my clinical and research experience to the stage of translation into education and skills that benefit the wider epilepsy community from professionals to patients.

Nathalie Jette, the Chair of the North American Commission, has outlined a number of priorities for her term, ranging from education, development of leadership skills for professionals, narrowing the knowledge to action gap, to reducing stigma. My goal would be to bring the Allied Health perspective to these initiatives, in the strong belief that interprofessional practice is needed to address optimally the multitude of needs of patients with epilepsy and their caregivers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Lou Smith".

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