

## **Statement**

I am honoured to be considered for membership to the ILAE-North America Committee for the 2025-29 Term.

As a member of the Epilepsy Society of the Caribbean (ESC) (a multi-nation chapter of the ILAE) it has been a privilege to establish relationships and work with colleagues from many countries both regionally and internationally. It was an honour to be elected President of the ESC and I have been in awe of my colleagues and their dedication to excellence in epilepsy care. Their tremendous initiative and support has allowed us all to benefit from successful epilepsy programs, more recently including the ketogenic diet educational workshop and the launching of a Caribbean-Canada epilepsy case conference. Other upcoming initiatives include an epilepsy conference later this year and pediatric epilepsy training next year. Continuously advocating for patients with epilepsy and their treatment and encouraging regional epilepsy research are other goals we share.

We have many countries in our region with varying socio-economic circumstances and medical resources but we do face some common challenges in epilepsy care. I am passionate about epilepsy advocacy, education, treatment and research and I firmly believe that fostering and maintaining our regional and international support network provides us all with a much needed support network and helps us achieve our goals together locally, regionally and internationally.

I look forward to continuing my contribution for many years to come and with your support it would be a privilege to be considered for membership to the ILAE-North America Committee.

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