

June 15, 2025

Object: Elections for members of ILAE-NA 2025-2029/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 2025–2029 term.

I am Chief of Neurology at the University of Montreal Health Centre (CHUM) and have been 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 individuals living with epilepsy. I have been an active member of my local chapter, the Canadian League Against Epilepsy (CLAE), serving as Secretary-Treasurer (2006–2009), President-Elect (2017–2018), President (2018–2020), Past-President (2020–2022), and currently as Chair of the CLAE Working Group on Epilepsy and Indigenous Peoples (2022–present).

I have had the privilege of serving on the ILAE–North America Committee since 2020, first as an ex-officio member (2018–2020), and then as an elected member (2021–2025). During these years, I have contributed to organizing the Virtual North American Epilepsy Congresses, establishing the Program-to-Program Center aimed at improving epilepsy care in the Caribbean (2018–present), and advancing initiatives to enhance epilepsy care among Indigenous populations in Canada. I would welcome the opportunity to continue serving on the ILAE–North American Committee as an elected member.

I am fully supportive of the Strategy 2030 adopted by the ILAE Executive Committee in January 2021, which aims to improve standards of practice, professional education and development, advocacy, research and innovation, and organizational and financial sustainability. I am also fully aligned with the agenda proposed by the newly elected President of ILAE–North America, Dr. Dave Clarke, which emphasizes reducing disparities and inequities in epilepsy care across North America and the Caribbean, implementing the 90-80-70 cascade of the IGAP strategy, expanding collaborative networks with regional organizations and underserved communities, and strengthening capacity-building through inclusive education, community engagement, and sustainable interventions.

I believe my experience in clinical practice (25 years), research (225 original publications), global epilepsy health (Vietnam, Senegal, Morocco, Haiti, Guadeloupe, and Trinidad), and education (Quebec Epilepsy Day, SEEG North American courses, CLAE/ILAE–NA meetings, a 14-part epilepsy webinar series based on the ILAE curriculum, and ICTALS), along with my familiarity

with the inner workings of both CLAE and ILAE–North America, can bring continued value to the Committee. More importantly, I must confess that I am a workaholic—committed and fully dedicated to contributing meaningfully to the success of ILAE–NA initiatives.

Thank you in advance for considering my nomination. I hope to have the opportunity to continue serving the ILAE, as I truly believe that its initiatives are vital and have a significant impact on improving the lives of people living with epilepsy around the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D.K. Nguyen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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