



Member-at-Large

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Why would you like to serve as Member-at-Large on the Academy of Emergency Nursing Board and what would you like to contribute while serving in that office?

In 2022 I was co-chair of an AEN Trailblazer program addressing the emergency department staffing crisis and saw the benefits of the academy to focus on timely issues that affect emergency nurses. I would, as board member, continue to seek and address issues that impact the ED nurse.

Please share your perspectives and strategies on how the Academy of Emergency Nursing can help advance the profession of emergency nursing.

When I was honored to be inducted as a Fellow in 2016 I had very little knowledge as to what purpose the Academy fulfilled. With each passing year I have been pleased to see the organization recognize and address concerns that impact the hard work staff ED nurse.

Most recently, the Academy has put forth a Trailblazer Program, designed to focus the knowledge base, wisdom and experience of the Fellows to provide answers to such issues as departmental staffing. I was proud to co-chair one of these Trailblazer teams and was reinvigorated by the "can do" attitude my teammates brought to the table. Excellent research, thoughtful review, adherence to a short turn-around time, and a professional response to the posited question.

I strongly feel that the Academy should move forward with more of these projects and to bring the collective centuries of experience we can bring to these issues. We need to continue to promote scholarship and leadership in the staff ED nurse so that the communities we serve will reap the benefits of a well educated advocate for their care.

We need to promote transparency into the functions of the Academy so that our colleagues may better appreciate the work we are doing and are capable of doing all in an effort to provide assistance into their daily care at the bedside.

I feel that as we continue to grow and evolve we must strive to be more visible to the members of ENA so that we are seen not just as figureheads but as true engaged leaders who share their frustrations, struggles, dreams and aspirations and be available to assist in any way possible.