



2024 Chairperson-Elect

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

As a current AEN board member at large, I am proud of how we have disseminated, promoted and embraced the shared mental model for fellowship. I want to continue that journey, and work to increase the collective voice of AEN as we shape the future of emergency nursing.

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

Over the last two years I have been excited and humbled to be part of the AEN's journey to hard wiring the shared mental model. We have embraced the concept of providing unsuccessful candidates the tools they need to better understand their opportunities and work towards a successful application. We have created enduring resources to help emergency nurses who are on a path towards fellowship understand what that means, and how to assess readiness in themselves. We have identified areas of potential bias in the selection process and worked hard to mitigate that risk. Most of all, we work to support a culture of DEI, recognizing and honoring those who have made sustained and enduring contributions to the profession we love.

How do we leverage the collective knowledge, expertise and wisdom of the AEN so we can continue to make important contributions to emergency nursing? We have worked to expand the visibility of fellows on committees, embarked on the trailblazer program, and provided feedback as to the ENA board on the strategic direction of the organization. We can and should do more.

I would like to work on increasing the engagement of the fellows in the advancement of our profession through mentorship, innovative thought and action, and support of the strategic initiatives of ENA. We need to be creative in how we leverage our strengths with short term engagements that have a big impact on the topic at hand. We should be thinking "outside the box" when we talk about the future of our profession. Innovation does not have to be complex to be powerful and meaningful. Our profession is changing, and I would like to see the Academy leading the way with creative ideas to support, encourage and shape and mentor the emergency nurses who will care for us in the future.