

Personal Statement

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Throughout my career, I have been drawn to collaborative, multidisciplinary problem-solving. Whether working in clinical practice, administration, education, research, or innovation, I have learned that meaningful and sustainable progress comes from building engaged teams, creating opportunities for others to grow, and bringing diverse perspectives together around a common goal.

I view leadership as a form of service. It is an opportunity to listen, to build, and to help individuals and organizations move toward a shared vision. My leadership experiences have allowed me to contribute at both the local and national levels, but the work that has been most meaningful to me has consistently centered on strengthening our profession and developing the people who will carry it forward.

Education and mentorship have become central to that mission, but I have always believed that the most meaningful education happens through genuine collaboration. Throughout my career, I have intentionally integrated neurophysiology education into the clinical environments where decisions are made. This has included collaborating with neurosurgery and orthopedic surgery through cadaver laboratories, case conferences, resident academic sessions, morbidity and mortality conferences, and ongoing educational and professional gatherings throughout Charleston and Hilton Head. These opportunities have allowed IONM professionals and surgical providers to learn alongside one another, develop a shared understanding of neurophysiology, and build relationships that extend beyond the operating room.

I have had the privilege of educating and mentoring medical and graduate students, residents, fellows, attending physicians, and IONM professionals across multiple specialties. My goal has never been simply to teach people what we do, but to help them understand why it matters, how it can inform clinical decision-making, and how we can work together to improve patient care. I believe the strength of our profession depends not only on technical expertise, but on our ability to communicate our value, earn the trust of our clinical partners, and create meaningful opportunities for the next generation to learn and lead.

This commitment led me to become the Founding Director of the Clinical Neurophysiology Education and Training Program at MUSC, where I have worked to develop a comprehensive educational pathway in EEG and IONM. Building this program has reinforced my belief that the future of our field depends not only on preserving what we do well, but also on thoughtfully evolving our educational models, clinical standards, research opportunities, and professional identity.

My clinical and administrative experiences have also given me a broad perspective on the role of IONM within the larger healthcare system. I have worked collaboratively with Neurology, Neurosurgery, Anesthesia, Orthopedic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Otolaryngology, Pain Management, Interventional Radiology, and other specialties. These experiences have taught me the importance of communication, evidence-based practice, quality, safety, and demonstrating the value of neurophysiology to the patients, physicians, institutions, and professionals we serve.

Innovation has been another important part of my career. As co-inventor of the Guardian Needle™ Electrode, I had the opportunity to translate a clinical need into an engineered solution that was ultimately patented and licensed. That experience strengthened my belief that innovation occurs when clinicians are willing to identify problems, collaborate beyond traditional boundaries, and pursue solutions that improve both patient care and the practice environment.

ASNM has been an important part of my professional journey for many years. I have attended ASNM Annual Meetings since 2011, and I continue to value the organization as a place where our profession comes together to learn, challenge assumptions, share ideas, and envision what comes next. Now, as a nominee for the ASNM Board of Directors, I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute and advocate for the organization in a deeper way.

I am deeply honored to have been nominated for the ASNM Board of Directors. If elected by my colleagues, I would bring a perspective shaped by clinical practice, education, research, administration, mentorship, interdisciplinary collaboration, and innovation. Most importantly, I would bring the same commitment to service and collaboration that has guided my career and my involvement with ASNM.

I want to help strengthen the educational and professional pathways that prepare our future workforce, support meaningful research and innovation, promote excellence and consistency in clinical practice, and continue demonstrating the value of neurophysiologic monitoring within and throughout modern healthcare.

I believe the future of IONM is full of possibility and excitement. I would be honored to serve ASNM and help shape that future—strengthening our profession, empowering those who will lead it, and advancing the field we are all committed to.