



2019 SRS Board of Directors Candidate

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Being eager to move my service and dedication to the society to the next level, I am interested in pursuing a terms as a Director-at-Large for the SRS. I have been an SRS member since I was a postdoc approximately 10 years ago, and have served on the Educational Programs and Communications committees for nearly that long as well. Recently I've also served on, and currently chair, the Club Hypnos Organizing Committee. These invaluable experiences made me very familiar with the SRS structure and functioning and raised my desire to bring my contribution to the next level within the society to help implement the revised strategic plan.

I will support and new scientific offerings and networking. The recent McKinley survey was quite informative on the interests and preferences of our members. Particularly important to members are the networking opportunities and meetings the SRS offers. I believe that this year's inaugural "Advances in Sleep and Circadian Science" was an event that highlights exactly those offerings that members say add value to their membership. Thus, it is crucial that we continue with this positive momentum and plan on further ASCS's in the future and possibly other events similar to this.

I will promote to trainee development and diversity. Over the years I have noticed that the cohort of members that are of similar age and career stage as I, have become increasingly engaged in the society. While this is of course a natural progression, I also see it as a positive development for the society and one that we should begin to nurture in the next generation of leaders. I believe the society should continue to increase opportunities for involvement within the SRS as well as SRS resources available to the trainees. As we work on enhancing the diversity of our membership, this will become a valuable resource moving forward.

I would feel greatly honored to gain the confidence of the SRS members to become one of our next Directors at Large, and I will make sure to continue to listen to members and keep the good momentum moving forward along with the rest of the board and the President.