



2020 SRS Board of Directors Candidate

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I have researched sleep-wake mechanisms for ~25 years. I have been an active member of SRS since 2006 and have organized, spoken and chaired several symposia at the annual SLEEP conference, as well as at world sleep conferences and academic organizations in Europe, Asia, Australia and the US. I served 6 years on the SRS Scientific Review Committee, including a year as vice-chair and two years as chair, where I was exposed to the breadth of clinical and basic sleep research. I also represented the SRS at NIMH. I had to step down as chair of the research committee due to a need to concentrate my energies on maintaining our grant funding and salary support. The VA has informed that they intend to fund my new VA Merit application in the coming months, pending receipt of just-in-time paperwork. Thus, the timing is right for me to serve the SRS again. My goal if chosen to serve would be in continuing the excellent work of SRS in identifying and supporting the next generation of sleep and circadian researchers, highlighting sleep and circadian research on social media and making sure that SRS decision-making processes are fair, transparent and inclusive.