



## **2021 SRS Board of Directors Candidate**

**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Martica Hall, PhD**



As a current member of the Board of Directors, I am familiar with the responsibilities associated with this position and feel I have the commitment, knowledge, and expertise to fulfill the role of Secretary-Treasurer.

I have worked closely with leadership and the professional SRS team on several important initiatives. As a member of the 50th Anniversary Task Force, I spearheaded and led the Conversations with our Founders project. Over the course of two SLEEP meetings, we filmed 19 conversations among luminaries in sleep and circadian science and close colleagues or former trainees. These videos serve as a record of the ideas, accomplishments, and aspirations of the men and women who founded our field and its scientific organizations and whose work continues to inspire sleep and circadian scientists around the world.

In 2017 I was asked to plan and chair a stand-alone scientific meeting to highlight cutting edge research and ideas in sleep and circadian science. Together with a committee of dedicated SRS and SRBR members, we decided to highlight what was, to us, a concept critical to our field; the integration of sleep and circadian science. The inaugural Advances in Sleep and Circadian Science, held in February of 2019, featured a unique single-track format in which each session highlighted questions ripe for integration. Evening sessions featured luminaries in the field who posed important and provocative questions coupled with small poster sessions that highlighted integrative research led by a diverse cohort of next-generation sleep and circadian scientists. The virtual 2021 Advances meeting chaired by Jamie Zeitzer and Christelle Anaclet, was launched on February 8th.

As a member of the Board of Directors I have participated in initiatives to support the growth, future success, and equity of our field and our organization. In this capacity I have served as a liaison to the Membership and Communications Committees, participated in the formation of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force, chaired by Namni Goel, and the Reviewer Training Project led by Dan Buysse.

Each of these initiatives and projects has been possible due to the organization's leadership, commitment to our mission and goals, and stable financial position. As a member of the Board for the past two years, I have watched Sara Aton's careful and transparent management of our organization's records, budget, and investments in collaboration with the Board, John Noel and his team, and our financial and investment advisors, Mediquis, Inc. As President of the Academy of Behavioral Medicine (2019) and American Psychosomatic Society (2012-2013) I was actively involved in growth initiatives that ensured the fiscal solvency of these organizations. I have raised funds from the NIH and industry to support and diversify trainee scholarships for national and international conferences.

My leadership experience and deep understanding of the mission, purpose, strategic goals, and demonstrated commitment to a society that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive suggest I have the commitment, knowledge, and expertise to fulfill the role of Secretary-Treasurer of the Sleep Research Society; further strengthening our organization. Many thanks for considering my letter of interest and nomination materials.