



2022 SRS Board of Directors Candidate

Director-at-Large

David Raizen, MD, PhD



Dear Colleagues,

My wish to serve on the Sleep Research Society (SRS) Board of Directors as a Director-at-Large stems from my passion for excellence in scientific research, for nurturing the next generation of sleep scientists, and for increasing sleep science literacy among physicians, scientists, and lay people. I am a physician scientist trained in neurology and in Sleep Medicine. My current chief clinical interest is in understanding biological mechanisms of fatigue, a common patient symptom in many diseases. In the laboratory, we study the basic mechanism of sleep and fatigue. I developed the organism *Caenorhabditis elegans* as a model for sleep research. We recently have focused our efforts on understanding the mechanism of sleep during sickness. Understanding sickness behavior will enhance understanding of patient fatigue. I recently organized a work shop focused on the mechanism of fatigue co-sponsored by the NIH and the SRS. In addition to these scientific and clinical activities, I also direct two local courses. One is a large didactic upperclassman course titled “Chronobiology and Sleep” and the second is a discussion based graduate student course titled “The Neurobiology of Sleep and arousal”. Therefore, I have the scientific background, the sleep clinical expertise, and a track record as an educator and leader to contribute to the missions of the SRS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Raizen'.

David Raizen, MD, PhD

Associate Professor of Neurology, Medicine, and Genetics