

Dear PACES colleagues. I am writing this letter to ask for your vote and support for my election to the post of Vice President of Administration.

I believe that PACES carries the mantle in regards to advocacy, advancement of care, and research in our field. It is also a place that we as a community can call “home”. As I consider the group, I am very grateful for our forward thinking predecessors and active leaders who drove us to the position that we are in. I am running for this position because I am passionate about helping push the group to further levels, and I am hopeful that PACES can build structure to push innovation in the coming years. It has become clear to me that we are always stronger together, and I am humbled by the possibility of being more involved.

For those that don’t know me, I completed my general cardiology training at Texas Children’s Hospital, after which I did subspecialty training in both Heart Failure & Transplantation and subsequently, Electrophysiology (where my primary enthusiasm lies). I also spent several years doing “bench research” regarding genetic and molecular mechanisms in cardiomyopathy and cardiac channelopathies. I am currently a Professor of Pediatrics and Translational Biology & Molecular Medicine at Texas Children’s Hospital, and I have had the privilege of serving as the Director of the Arrhythmia and Pacing group here for the past 10 years. Most recently, I have been appointed as the Director of the Clinical Cardiovascular Research Core for our Heart Center, and have been charged with overseeing the clinical research endeavors of our Cardiology group. With these positions, I sit on the leadership council for the Heart Center and am intimately involved in the administrative functioning of the group. To further hone my abilities to serve in these capacities, I am currently finishing coursework in Leadership and Health Administration at the University of Texas Business School. Although I have undoubtedly been far from perfect in these roles, I do believe I have learned a tremendous amount and hope that, if elected, I can apply this to leadership responsibilities in PACES.

In regards to PACES, I have been a member since 2005, and have seen the tremendous impact it has had on the development of the field, and the impact it can have on us as electrophysiologists, nurses, advanced practice providers, and allied professionals. I have participated in strategic planning initiatives and have served both on the research committee and the guideline review and development committee (which I currently chair). As PACES grows, I believe it would continue to benefit from new ideas and structure. It has become a hub for collaboration which should remain a priority, and it will remain a platform for discussions and advancement of our field. I also believe there is a role for promoting increased involvement and mentoring younger members, who share a fervor for the field, in more formal ways. I am hopeful that PACES can develop these strengths in the future and am excited to be a part of it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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