

The most important thing the League can do is support the needs of its members and to promote their professional lives. If re-elected to the Management Committee, my focus will be to serve the needs of our chapters and their members. The new League constitution of 2011 was intended to increase member involvement . At the 2019 International Congress in Bangkok we asked for your guidance for the future of the League. **You told us that the League should provide programs on how to manage a chapter, support chapters in developing national guidelines, increase the focus on regional efforts and emphasize career development.**

To address those goals, I will advocate for

Programs on managing chapters. Our chapters lead the effort to improve the lives of people with epilepsy. We need to develop programs to help chapters operate effectively and become forceful epilepsy advocates. Programs for effective management and advocacy as well as more open sessions for chapters to share their experiences must be developed.

National guidelines. National epilepsy guidelines are essential. We must create a framework for national guidelines that chapters can adapt to their local needs. These guidelines will also support our advocacy efforts with the WHO by clarifying the needs of people with epilepsy.

Improved regional support. The success of the international epilepsy movement depends on the success of our chapters. We must align our resources to support programs that range from primary epilepsy care education to advocacy, so that our resources will have the greatest impact to meet our mission.

Career development. Networking and participation in the affairs of the League are important parts of career development. We must establish a career development curriculum to help our members achieve their professional goals. We must also increase the number of members who are involved in directing the League so that diverse views can strengthen our effectiveness. Ongoing epilepsy education is essential for career development, and epilepsy specialty certification will emphasize the importance of the field. We will fully establish certification and support the educational curriculum that will lead to certification.

My experience with the League has taught me that the success of the international epilepsy movement depends on the success of our chapters and members. Working together, we can succeed and accomplish the goals you have set for us.

I would be greatly honored to continue to serve you on the Management Committee as we work together to meet our common goals.