



ISONG Nomination Form Candidate Overview 2018

Name: Dennis J. Cheek

Degrees/Credentials: PhD, RN, FAHA

Board Position: President-Elect

Please provide a personal statement of interest (maximum 400 words) for inclusion in the ballot information. You should include comments on the following areas:

- Your involvement in, and service to, ISONG, including any leadership roles
- Background information you want the membership to know about you in relation to your interest/involvement in genetics education, research and practice
- Reasons why you are interested in serving on the ISONG Board.

I am a Professor at Texas Christian University Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences and a research scientist with a focus in cardiovascular disease and women; specifically, at the endothelial cell level and eNOS expression. I have been an active member of ISONG for over 10 years which has provided an opportunity to serve in many capacities.

I was elected as a Member-at-Large on the ISONG Board of Directors and served in this capacity from 2014-2016. During that term I was Chair of the Student Representative Task Force which led to the conclusion to add a student representative to the Board of Directors. I have served on the Program Committee for past ISONG World Congresses held in Dallas, Texas, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Dublin, Ireland and the upcoming World Congress to be held in Orlando, Florida. I had the great pleasure of serving as co-chair of the Keynote/Plenary Committee for the 23rd Annual ISONG Conference held in Dallas, Texas. I have also been active as an ISONG Conference Committee abstract reviewer, a Research Committee grant proposal reviewer, and Co-chair of the ISONG Board of Directors Nominating Committee in 2013.

My passion for genetics and genomics has prompted me to be actively involved in disseminating genetic/genomic information to my nursing colleagues; especially with regard to pharmacogenomics. Work includes a recent Sigma Theta Tau International publication, Mastering Series-Pharmacogenomics, an article in the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship* in 2015 on Pharmacogenomics and Your Clinical Practice, and was invited to publish an article on Pharmacogenomics and Critical Care in *AACN Advanced Critical Care Journal* in 2018. I presented a webinar for ISONG on Pharmacogenomics and Your Clinical Practice in 2015. During the previous ISONG World Congress held in Reston, Virginia I was an invited plenary presenter for a session focused on a Pharmacogenomics Update. Positive response to this topic resulted in an invitation for me to be the moderator of a symposia entitled, Discovery to Practice in Pharmacogenomics, at the upcoming World Congress in Orlando, Florida.

I fully support ISONG's goals and mission. If elected I would strive to seek opportunities to increase the outreach and visibility of ISONG with our international nursing colleagues, students, other healthcare providers as well as the general public. My work on numerous committees and initiatives over the years supports my commitment to ISONG and promoting the benefits of including genetics and genomics in health care worldwide.