



ISONG Nomination Form Candidate Overview 2018

Name: Allison Vorderstrasse

Degrees/Credentials: DNSc, APRN, FAAN

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 have been a member of ISONG since 2012 and have served as a chair of the research committee for the past 2 years. I have enjoyed this role and work with the board and committee and wish to expand my involvement and service in ISONG as president-elect. I'm interested in helping expand the influence and reach of ISONG as a key organization for nurses practicing, teaching or conducting research in the area of genetics, particularly as the focus of the field broadens to precision health with national initiatives such as the All of Us (PMI) initiative. I have represented nurses in the field at a local/institutional level on the executive team of the Duke Center for Applied Genomics and Precision Medicine; and at a national level as a member of the expert panel for ANCC in the development of the Advanced Genetics Nurse credentialing portfolio. I worked with a team at Duke to develop and implement formal coursework in genomics and precision medicine at Duke in the School of Nursing, and collaborative interdisciplinary educational programs. My research shows my experience in developing and leading teams for genomic implementation science in chronic disease.

My leadership experience cuts across the areas of research and teaching. I've participated in formal leadership training to prepare for roles in research, academia, and professional organizations. I've led multiple large, interdisciplinary, research teams that have included colleagues from psychology, informatics, genetics, and computer programming. In academic positions, I have led precision health research faculty interest groups, served on genomics center leadership teams, and currently serve as PhD program director at NYU. These leadership roles have continued to enhance my leadership skills and vision as I take on issues across education and research.

I hope to contribute to ISONG in many areas, but particularly in their ongoing support and programs around nursing research and education in genomics and related fields. The leadership and membership have made great strides over the years to enhance opportunities for nurses in genomics practice, research, and education. However, changing times bring more issues for us to lead the charge in addressing. We face changes and needs in genomics certification of nurses, increased demand for funding of nursing genomics research in the face of a challenging extramural funding climate, and opportunities for nurses to lead in interdisciplinary genomics education. If elected, I would work with the ISONG board to meet these opportunities and challenges with the leadership, knowledge, expertise and skills of the ISONG board and membership.