

Ballot Questionnaire: Christina Marea, Secretary

Ballot Question 1: What makes you qualified for this position? Why are you interested in this position?

I have been a Nurse-Midwife for years, and have worked in a variety of clinical, research, and academic settings. I am deeply committed to the advancement of clinical midwifery, and research informed by the midwifery model of care. I am currently a full time faculty member at Georgetown University where I have been fortunate to collaborate with a team of midwifery educators who are invested in ensuring that midwifery education addresses health equity, structural racism, and the personal development of our students so that they begin their careers armed with tools for resiliency, advocacy, and an deep understanding of the importance of health equity in improving the health of populations. I am qualified for this position because I am committed to the advancement of midwifery, have excellent interpersonal and collaborative skills, and have a strong vision for the future of ACNM and midwifery in the US and globally.

Ballot Question 2: Visit ACNM's Strategic Plan [HERE](#). What part of the strategic plan embodies your personal philosophy?

I support the ACNM Strategic Plan as a foundational document and am most committed to furthering our involvement in research, global engagement, and equity within ACNM. As a midwife, I have worked internationally and have strong relationships with midwifery networks at global academic, clinical and NGO settings. Many of these relationships were founded during either clinical or research endeavors. ACNM and US midwifery are at a key moment to move beyond discussions of diversity and inclusion, toward commitment action for the righting and reconciliation of historical wrongs within our profession and health care broadly. I am committed to furthering the aim of equity within ACNM, midwifery, health care services, and structurally in the US.

Ballot Question 3: Visit the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) [HERE](#). What ideas do you have for enhancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging?

As a midwifery educator, I believe that one critical area for the advancement of DEIB is within midwifery training. I believe that all midwifery students, educators, and preceptors must develop a shared vocabulary and structure for understanding and engaging with these topics.

Ballot Question 4: What is your vision for innovation and improvement within ACNM?

I hope to ACNM make further internal changes to promote equity, and to take responsibility as an organization for harms that we have caused. I would like to see continued and expanded outreach to all midwives in the US to ensure representation of diverse voices within ACNM discussions and leadership. I look forward to further collaboration with midwifery educators and researchers internationally leveraged through ACNM and partnerships with other professional organizations to ensure that the midwifery model of care is continually present in research for reproductive health.