

Ballot Questionnaire: Laura Dellos, Region V Representative

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

I have the time and expertise to represent Region V. For many years I was in small practices and it would have been difficult to have time to have this level of participation. I am now at a point in my career that I have time and great interest in being more professionally involved. My experiences in a variety of midwifery settings makes me uniquely qualified to understand the issues across the spectrum of practices.

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

Each Domain is so important to our future. What resonates most deeply with me is the national advancement of midwifery and women's health. Empowering others--whether consumers or co-workers provides the foundation for my personal philosophy. In keeping with that every person should have access to midwifery care and every midwife should have the ability to practice in their community at the highest level. To ensure this goal we will need data and communication of excellent outcomes.

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

I am fully supportive of the work being done and would work to continue moving the roadmap forward. Rather than list a set of ideas I would first like to listen and fully understand the status of current projects and plans. There is much work to be done. I do believe that building community and finding commonalities will lead us toward success.

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

Rural states are losing access to obstetrical services and more CNMs are needed to fill the gaps. I would support all ACNM endeavors to increase the number of CNMs as well as advocating for consistent state laws and regulations for midwifery practice. I would also like to find a way to use the EMRs to streamline data collection/benchmarking.