

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

I have been the secretary for multiple clubs as mentioned in my bio. I currently sit on our local fair board association committee, run my own practice, and am the leader for the local 4-H club. All of these have helped me learn the role of secretary.

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

Multiple parts of the strategic plan embody my personal philosophy, but the top two are policy, advocacy, and affiliate support and global engagement. I have had to advocate for myself to become the first midwife to have privileges and currently am advocating to get them back. I have also been able to attend the two delegation trips to the UAE and Cambodia for the global engagement part of the plan.

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

Working in a rural community most would think it can't be that diverse. But our community is quite diverse with a large hispanic population. As a white female midwife trying to pave the way for midwifery in an area of the country that midwifery is not readily accepted, a largely hispanic community, and a male driven medical system has been quite the challenge for myself. Advocating at the local, state, and federal level for laws that prevent discrimination by increasing diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging amongst the population in general, medical professionals, and especially midwives would be one idea. Educating the specific populations that are preventing individuals from being included would be another.

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

A vision I have for innovation and improvement within ACNM is to increase our members, create more exclusive opportunities that only members can access or attend to drive the membership numbers up.

Ballot Question 5: What are two improvements that ACNM should prioritize and how would you help address them in your role?

Look at making it more cost effective to be a member, offering more CEU options so you get more bang for your buck. Advocating at a federal and local level to not only get full scope authority but to advocate that all hospitals, and practices must change their bylaws to reflect the full scope authority. In my role as secretary I can discuss with the board, committee, and legal representatives the issues midwives are having with being able to practice