

# NC-NACNS Voter Guide

2024

Meet the nominees...

# Student Representative

- Term: April 2024-April 2025
- Advocate for CNS student members, special projects as needed

*Choose one:*

- **Miranda M. Scoggins, MSN, RN, CCRN, PCCN**
  - Pertinent Experience: “Currently serve as the Clinical Outcomes Leader for my unit, chair of the Medical Service Line, and I have led multiple facility and area level initiatives. I have presented in workdays and virtual fairs. I am an innovative thinker, constantly looking for ways to improve or advance nurses’ professional practice.”
  - Interest in the Role: “I would like to see how a state organization operates as well as improve the professional development of current and prospective CNS students.”

# President-Elect

- Term: April 2024-April 2025; then President April 2025-April 2027
- President-elect term orients to role and function of President
- President serves as Chief Executive Officer of Affiliate, presides over Board meetings, and ensures rules are properly enforced in all deliberations; serves as Affiliate representative to NACNS

*Choose one:*

- **Cyndi Bishop, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC, OCN**
  - Pertinent Experience: “I have worked with the board for two years, assisting with the planning committee. I am familiar with the members, the bylaws, and the vision of the NC-NACNS. I graduated from ECU Fall 2022 and began my career at ECU Health Medical Center in Greenville, NC. During my time with ECU Health, I had the opportunity to structure a new position as their Med/Surg Progressive Care CNS. While only there for two years, I forged relationships with the primary nurses, leadership, and physicians while creating new policies and reducing HAIs. My new position will be as a Med/Surg Progressive CNS at Atrium Health Pineville. Again, this is a new position, and I am thrilled to work with their staff on projects and policies to improve the nurse's daily work and provide optimal patient care. As my career continues, I have been allowed to work alongside the board and see many of you as mentors. With the move to the Charlotte area, I will have an opportunity to work with more of the board and CNSs in North Carolina. As a newer CNS, I have the unique ability to continue to grow with the board as President-Elect by being immersed in the talent and experience of the board members and relating to our new CNSs as they graduate and begin their careers. I hold the characteristics needed to represent our board and carry out our mission.”
  - Interest in the Role: “I would be thrilled to be considered for the President-Elect position. My personality and presence are characteristics necessary in a leadership position. I can bring innovative ideas to the table and assist in moving our goals forward. I love being surrounded by the community and talent of our board and feel excited to become a member and grow as a leader.”

# Secretary-Elect

- Term: April 2024-April 2025; then Secretary April 2025-April 2027
- Secretary-elect term orients to role and function of Secretary
- Secretary keeps true record of meeting proceedings; convenes bylaw review committee

*Choose one:*

- **Emily Moser, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC**
  - Pertinent Experience: “Being a Clinical Nurse Specialist since 2016, I have learned many roles and worn many hats that would be beneficial in the secretary position. I have led committees from the ground up. I am organized, dedicated, and a team player. Prior to becoming a Clinical Nurse Specialist, I worked as a teacher’s assistant in my undergraduate program at North Carolina State University and as a Graduate Research Assistant during my graduate program at East Carolina University. As a Research Assistant, I helped edit manuscripts and worked one on one with professors to aid in their research. I think all my roles will aid in performing the duties of secretary for NC-NACNS.”
  - Interest in the Role: “I am looking to grow in my current role as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and would love to get more involved with NC-NACNS. I think the secretary role would be a great opportunity to increase my knowledge and to network with fellow Clinical Nurse Specialists across the state of North Carolina. As a secretary, you support the organizations mission by keeping accurate records, supporting fellow board members, and collaborating with other nursing professionals. I would love to be given the opportunity to be secretary of NC-NACNS to gain this valuable experience and advance my knowledge in operations of a professional organization.”

# Treasurer

- Term: April 2024-April 2026
- Maintains financial records of the Affiliate; submits financial reports; receives payments to and makes disbursements from Affiliate accounts as directed by the Board

*Choose one:*

- **Charles R. Gold, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN**
  - Pertinent Experience: “Over 10 years of fiscal responsibility for a private company with direct oversight of the Chief Financial Officer.”
  - Interest in the Role: “High interest in professional organization involvement and strong support witnessed from this board.”

# Board Member at Large

- Term: April 2024-April 2026
- Participate in work and decision-making of the organization; responsibilities may include membership coordinator, legislative liaison, or academic liaison

*Choose up to three:*

- **Katherine Rush, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-AG, CV-BC**
  - Pertinent Experience: "I have seven years of bedside nursing experience in three of the major healthcare systems in the Charlotte Metro region. I have worked as a CNA, Monitor Tech and Secretary in a LTACH, and I worked in increasing acuity settings from medical/surgical cardiac telemetry to coronary intensive care and medical-surgical intensive care units. I also hold a cardiac vascular certification."
  - Interest in the Role: "I am brand new Clinical Nurse Specialist. My goal is to expand my career and gain as much experience as I can, and I want to use any opportunities that I can to achieve this goal."
- **Kathy Shaffer, DNP, APRN, AGCNS-BC, C-ONQS**
  - Pertinent Experience: "Involved in NC-NACNS monthly meetings and annual conferences. Help support annual conference planning team. Actively work in a CNS position in NC and serve as the CNS coordinator for the CNS team in Atrium Health Central Area."
  - Interest in the Role: "I would like to be considered in an at large position to be more embedded in the work of NC-NACNS. I enjoy watching this group grow and advocate for the CNS role in NC. This organization is instrumental in the state in further elevating and advertising the work and scope of the CNS. I would love to be a part of the continued growth and work of the group as we move forward! As an innovative and creative leader serving in an at large member role, I would be able adapt or pivot responsibilities based on the groups priorities as needed! Thanks for the consideration!"
- **Melissa Moreda, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-AG, CDCES, CNRN, SCRNI**
  - Pertinent Experience: "I have been a nurse for 26 years and very involved in the local and national American Association of Neuroscience Nurses for most of my career. I have served many roles within this organization- AANN Board of Director, a Trustee for the American Board of Neuroscience Nursing, national Chapter Facilitator, local Chapter President, inaugural member of the Stroke Certification Test Development Committee (SCRNI), Leadership Development Committee, and numerous other roles. I have published in journals and text, presented locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. I collaborated within Neurocritical Care Society to establish and publish Targeted Temperature Guidelines. I have precepted for ECU for CNS students. have been a CNS for 4.5 years within the Diabetes population as Diabetes allowed me to expand my understanding of the impact of blood vessels and nerves and my impact on the patient, nurse, and organization."
  - Interest in the Role: "I began my role as a CNS shortly before the COVID-19 pandemic and my intentions to continue my volunteer commitments to professional nursing organizations needed to be put on hold. I would like to pick up and resume my engagement as a nurse but continue my growth as a CNS."