

# Candidate for Nominating Committee

## Kelly Laschinger, MSN RN CPNP



### **Current Position**

Manager, Clinical Trial Support Center, The  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
Rye Brook, NY

### **APHON Membership**

APHON member since 2010

### **Education**

MSN, 2003, Case Western Reserve University,  
Cleveland, OH  
BSN, 2000, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

### **Qualifications**

#### APHON National

- Annual Conference, Breakout Session Speaker
  - "No Easy Target! What's New in AML Therapy?", 2021
  - "COG Track: Molecular subtyping: Update on COG protocols for CNS tumors," 2016
- Publications
  - APHON Patient and Family Handbooks: *Rhabdomyosarcoma and Soft Tissue Sarcoma*
    - Co-Author, 2016
    - Reviewer, 2006

#### Other Nursing Leadership

- Presentations
  - Platform Q Health Thought Leadership Initiative interview for publication, 2022
    - [Nurse Spotlight Article published on Platform Q Health Website](#)
  - GRYT Health Global Virtual Conference: Speaker, 2021
    - "The Whole Wide World of Clinical Trials"
  - YA Cancer Gabfest: Speaker, 2021
    - "Advocating, Validating, Empowering: Cornerstones of Survivorship"
  - APOSW Annual Conference: Speaker, 2021
    - "A 20/20 view of Genetics and Genomics: Bridging personalized medicine and the role of pediatric social work"

- National Association of School Nurses (NASN) Annual Conference: Speaker, 2020
  - “Highlights of Staying Connected:Facilitating the Learning Experience During and After Cancer Treatment”
- National Conference in Pediatric Psychology: Poster Co-Author, 2014
  - “Childhood cancer and brain tumor late effects: The impact on families and associated survivor psychological outcomes”
- Cleveland Clinic Oncology Nursing Conference: Speaker, 2014
  - “Pediatric survivorship”
- International Symposium of Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Conference: Poster Co-Author, 2012
  - “Case report: Transient response to bevacizumab therapy in a patient with an optic pathway glioma”
  - “Case report: Pleomorphic Xantastrocytoma (PXA) in 9-year-old girl with TP53 mutation”
- Publications
  - The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: Program Advisor, 2019
    - Professional development component of the Trish Greene Back to School Program for Children with Cancer: “Staying connected: Facilitating the learning experience during and after cancer treatment”
  - Journal of Clinical Psychology, Co-Author: “Childhood cancer and brain tumor late effects: Relationships with family burden and survivor psychological outcomes,” 2017

#### Current Volunteer Commitments

- Bay Village Education Foundation: Trustee and Secretary, 2020 – Present
- Saint Raphael’s Parish, 2017 – present
  - Volunteer for parish-related activities; couples retreat and pre-cana speaker
- Prayers from Maria, 2016 – present
  - Auction team

#### **Candidate Statement**

I am excited about this opportunity to be considered for a Nominating Committee position at APHON. I have been a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for 19 years practicing for most of my career at Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital in Cleveland, OH. I have had both inpatient and outpatient roles, including the program development and coordination of both our Multidisciplinary Survivorship and Neuro-Oncology Programs. I have had the privilege of working with many members of APHON throughout my career on various levels and hope to expand my commitment to include an elected leadership role. I have collaborated with key members of both APHON and COG over the years

and been involved on a national level in several ways including COG conference planning, holding the position of CEU Coordinator for COG nursing from 2005-2017, holding positions of appointed study nurse on 2 COG brain tumor protocols, speaking at both APHON and COG annual conferences, and as editor/author of the APHON Rhabdomyosarcoma Handbook for Families. I joined The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in 2018 and I am currently the Manager of the Clinical Trial Support (CTSC) where I continue to help pediatric and young adult blood cancer patients and their families identify clinical trials and overcome barriers to enrollment. I am directly involved in many of the pediatric initiatives at LLS, including educational material/program development and review, the Dare to Dream Project, and the PedAL Master Trial. I have continued to cultivate relationships with many nurses across the country through my work at LLS. I am committed to APHON and believe my strong connections with nurses across the US through both my long hospital career and current role at LLS make me a strong candidate for the Nominating Committee.