Name: Jennifer O'Rourke, PhD, APN

Current Title: Assistant Professor

Affiliation: Loyola University Chicago

Candidate for: MNRS Nominating Committee

Personal Statement:

I am happy to recommend Dr. Jenny O'Rourke for a seat on the MNRS nominating committee. Dr. O'Rourke has worked in academic nursing for over 15 years. She is currently an assistant professor on tenure track at Loyola University Chicago, Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing. She previously served as the associate dean of graduate nursing programs at Loyola and was faculty and director of Simulation at the University of Illinois Chicago, College of Nursing.

Dr. O'Rourke has been a member of MNRS for over four years. From 2017-2019 she served as the MNRS Chair of the Student Abstract Committee and is currently serving as the Chair-Elect and Grant Representative of the MNRS Education RIG. She presented her first MNRS abstract at the annual 2013 conference and has presented at five conferences since. She is currently serving on the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties Simulation Taskforce.

Dr. O'Rourke is currently the Principal Investigator on a 2.8 million dollar Health Resources and Services Administration. Grant. Two aims of the grant are to prepare graduate nursing students for practice in underserved communities and to develop a telehealth toolkit to prepare nurses and preceptors for implementing best practice into training and clinical practice. As part of this project and through her role as faculty she is mentoring graduate nursing students and novice faculty in developing scholarship in this area.

I am recommending Dr. O'Rourke for the nominating committee of MNRS because I believe she will advance the strategic plan of MNRS. She will work with MNRS to think innovatively about recruiting and retaining nurses engaged in research and further identify ways to develop MNRS leadership capacity in novice and mid-career members. Her strengths in networking and mentorship will be an asset to MNRS in this role.

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