



November 22, 2024

Re: Dr. Ewa Elenberg, Nomination for ASPN Outstanding Service Award

To the members of the Awards Committee,

It is my great pleasure to nominate Dr. Ewa Elenberg as the recipient of the 2025 ASPN Outstanding Service Award. Dr. Elenberg's extraordinary contributions to ASPN, her unwavering dedication to our mission, and her visionary leadership in establishing and sustaining the annual ASPN Multidisciplinary Symposium (MDS) make her a truly deserving candidate for this prestigious recognition.

Ewa has been an active and devoted member of ASPN since 1994, serving in numerous leadership roles over the past three decades. Her service to the organization includes:

- **ASPN Council Member** (2018–2020)
- **Chair of the Global Health Committee** (2018–2019)
- **Chair of the Membership Committee** (2012–2015)

In addition to these leadership positions, she remains a dedicated member of the Member Education and Global Health Committees, continually advancing ASPN's educational and outreach efforts.

Ewa's most transformative contribution to ASPN has been the establishment and ongoing leadership of the annual ASPN Multidisciplinary Symposium (MDS). Recognizing an unmet need for education and collaboration among non-physician professionals involved in pediatric nephrology care, she spearheaded the inaugural MDS in Charlotte, NC, in 2013. The symposium has since become a cornerstone of ASPN's offerings, providing tailored educational content and invaluable networking opportunities for nurses, social workers, child life specialists, psychologists, dietitians, advanced practice providers, and other key professionals.

Under Ewa's tireless leadership, the MDS has thrived, adapting to the evolving needs of its attendees and incorporating innovative features such as the inclusion of patient and family representatives in its sessions. The symposium has not only enriched the professional growth of its participants but also elevated ASPN's mission of fostering collaboration across disciplines. By providing national speaking opportunities (for physician and non-physician members alike) and fostering inclusivity, the MDS has empowered Affiliate members to become more actively engaged in ASPN's initiatives, thereby strengthening the care we provide to children with chronic kidney disease.

Ewa's adaptability and dedication were particularly evident during the COVID-19 pandemic when she successfully transitioned the MDS to a virtual format in 2020. This seamless pivot not only maintained the symposium's momentum but also expanded its reach by increasing accessibility for professionals with limited travel and continuing education budgets. The virtual format proved to be both cost-effective and impactful, broadening the scope of the symposium's audience. She has also been successful in obtaining sponsorship support for the MDS from ASPN Corporate Liaison Board members year after year.

In the 2022 ASPN member survey conducted as part of our Strategic Planning process, one of the clearest messages was the continued need for support in delivering outstanding clinical care to our patients. Through the MDS, Dr. Elenberg has not only addressed this need but also enriched the experience of Affiliate members, fostering a more inclusive and collaborative culture within ASPN and building our membership base.

It is with great enthusiasm that I nominate Dr. Ewa Elenberg for the 2025 ASPN Outstanding Service Award. Her decades of commitment innovative program development have left an indelible mark on ASPN and its members. Recognizing her with this award is a well-deserved acknowledgment of her impact on our organization and the field of pediatric nephrology.

Thank you for considering this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Meredith Atkinson".

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