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Dear Mr. Winkler and members of the Board:

I respectfully wish to submit this letter as my application for the vacant seat of former director Patrick Leahy on the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District Board of Directors.

My interest in this appointment aligns with my firm belief in the nobility of public service. Should I be chosen, I would bring a humble and common sense approach to the board with no agenda, and would work diligently in representing the interests of taxpayers in Subdistrict 7 in preserving our precious natural resources. I believe that governmental organizations must operate in a transparent and fiscally responsible manner in which its representatives are accountable to the taxpayers.

I would draw upon my professional experience to work with the members of the board in building consensus to best represent the hard working taxpayers. Since 1990, I have worked at the **Omaha Public Power District (OPPD)**, where I am a **Claims Representative**. Duties I perform include investigating property damage done against the District, negotiating and settling claims, and dealing with customers, attorneys, insurance companies, contractors, other governmental entities, and OPPD customer-owners on a daily basis. This position requires patience and problem solving skills, which would serve me well as a Board Director.

In addition, since 2010, I have served as the **Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) local 1483**. This leadership role also requires problem solving skills representing our members. In this capacity, I have regularly attended OPPD Board of Director meetings, which has provided me with an excellent understanding of how a governing board functions. On a personal level, I have gained valuable insight into the important role that governing boards play while observing my late mother, Mary Kay Begley, the first woman ever elected to the MUD Board of Directors, during her 21 years on the board in which she served until her passing in 2010, and my brother Jim Begley, who was elected to the MUD Board in 2012 and re-elected in 2018.

I am familiar with the mission of the Papio-NRD, having worked in high school for the City of Omaha cleaning and mowing Cunningham Lake Dam Site 11 and Standing Bear Lake Dam Site 16, and leisurely enjoying the recreational attractions the district offers throughout my life by jogging on the Papio Trail or fishing at various dam sites. I am proud that I have been able to instill the appreciation for our natural resources and the importance of preserving them and being good stewards of Mother Earth into my four children: Megan (BA-Environmental Science, Creighton University), John (Environmental Science major, Creighton University), Molly (Creighton University), and Maddie (Gross Catholic High School).

I would be honored to serve on the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resource District Board of Directors. I greatly appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

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January 25, 2019

Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District  
8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> Street  
Omaha, NE 68138

Dear Board of Directors,

I wish to be considered for the open board position in Subdistrict 7. I am an emeritus professor of health education/public health at UNO. I taught there for 31 years before retiring. After retiring from UNO I have taught both online and in-person courses at Creighton University, most recently an Energy Policy course. I served for over a decade at the Nebraska representative to the Governing Council of the American Public Health Association (APHA). I am a member of the Environment Section of APHA which deals with water quality and quantity issues, among other environmental topics.

For several years I organized the planting of several hundred trees along the Keystone and Papio Trails. The program was called Trees for Trails and was funded with grant money. In all I have written and/or implemented grants totaling over \$2 million. I worked with the NRD, the City Forester and City Planning to determine the best places to plant and the best species to plant.


I was instrumental in starting Omaha's first bicycle sharing programming through a federal grant. The grant was called Communities Putting Prevention to Work. The bike share program has now become Heartland B-cycle which has expanded throughout Omaha and into Council Bluffs. I was one of the leaders and grant writer for Our Healthy Community Partnership: a grant to increase physical activity and nutrition behaviors to impact policy around the built environment through increasing physical activity through trail use and other modes.

As the chair of the Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club, I am very involved in water and wildlife issues. I am the author of the environmental health chapters in the high school textbook "Health for Life" which has been adopted by many school districts and used by hundreds of thousands of students around the country.

I have considerable experience in serving on boards including the Public Health Association of Nebraska, the National Safety Council -Nebraska, Nebraskans for Solar, Project Extra Mile and as mentioned above the Nebraska Chapter Sierra Club. I was editor of and served on the work group that established "A Strategic Plan to Strengthen and Transform Public Health in Nebraska: A Revision" in 2008. I served on roundtables for the publication: Implications of Climate Change for Nebraska: Summary Report of Sector-Based Roundtable Discussions" which was published by UNL.

I have helped to write environmental policies for the Public Health Association of Nebraska and the American Public Health Association. I believe that my experiences and skills would provide value to the NRD board.

Sincerely,

  
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# Dr. Echo Koehler, DNP, RN

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**January 31, 2019**

Board of Directors, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District  
8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> Street  
Omaha, NE 68138

**Dear Board of Directors:**

It is my pleasure to submit my letter of intent to be considered for appointment to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors for the Director elected from Subdistrict 7.

My professional and educational background and interests are very much aligned with the mission of the Papio-Missouri River NRD to wisely conserve, manage, and enhance soil, water, wildlife, and forest resources for the good of all people residing within the district boundaries. My professional nursing background will allow me to approach issues related to the natural environment through a public health lens. To build a culture of health, our community must work cross-sector to collaboratively enhance agricultural economic vitality while prioritizing health and safety through water hazard control, outdoor recreation, and education across the lifespan. The natural environment, including issues related to the built environment and the importance of land use, has a significant role in shaping health. My public policy experience qualifies me to comprehend legislative, economic, and legal contractual issues required of a Director. My administrative and leadership experiences in negotiation and dispute resolution, graduate level education in accounting, economics, and finance, and advanced communication skills including public speaking uniquely qualify me for a position as a Director on the Board.

My enclosed curriculum vitae will provide you with more details regarding my professional qualifications and experience. I know that I can bring much benefit to the board with my public health experience, educational qualifications, and professional skillset. Additionally, I believe my appointment will add much needed diversity to the Board in terms of age, gender, and professional experience that will enhance the working dynamic while strengthening governance by more inclusively representing the constituents of our district. I look forward to putting my skills to work with the Board of Directors to continue to enhance the natural resources of our community so all people may live longer, healthier and more productive lives.

**Sincerely,**



**Echo Koehler, DNP, RN**

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Associate Professor, Nebraska Methodist College, Omaha, NE

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Nebraska Methodist College</b>	Omaha, Nebraska
Associate Professor, Nursing	2018-Present
Assistant Professor, Nursing	2013-2018
Childhood Lead Program Director	2018-Present
Mobile Diabetes Coordinator	2017-2018
Instructor, Nursing	2008-2013
Graduate Teaching Assistant	2008
<b>Creighton University</b>	Omaha, Nebraska
Adjunct Professor, Nursing	2016-Present

## EDUCATION

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<b>Creighton University</b>	Omaha, NE
Doctor of Nursing Practice, Clinical Systems Administration	2017
<b>Nebraska Methodist College</b>	Omaha, NE
Master of Science in Nursing	2010
<b>Nebraska Wesleyan University</b>	Lincoln, NE
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	2006
<b>Bryan School of Nursing</b>	Lincoln, NE
RN Diploma	2003

## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>Nebraska Methodist College</b>	Omaha, NE
Associate Professor, Nursing	2018-Present
Assistant Professor, Nursing	2013-2018
Instructor, Nursing	2008-2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program development including developing business plan with pro forma, curriculum design, navigating accreditation and College Board approval, and collaborating on marketing Doctor of Nursing Practice in Public Health Policy program with launch fall 2017</li><li>• Created Translational Research Intervention in collaboration with Douglas County Health Department to provide community-based blood lead screening of children in the nation's largest EPA Superfund Site for environmental lead toxicity</li><li>• Managed six faculty members and over 100 students as coordinator for junior level undergraduate nursing pediatrics course and senior level undergraduate health policy course</li><li>• Negotiated bidding for clinical rotations at Children's Hospital and Medical Center, Omaha Public Schools, and other community agencies</li></ul>	

- Facilitated Nursing Arts Center (Clinical Simulation Lab) including operations support, budgeting, inventory, and ensuring up-to-date evidence-based practice, 2008-2018
- Practicum Preceptor for Master of Science in Nursing Graduate Student, Spring 2015, Spring 2016
- Community Scholar Advisor, 2014-2015, 2016-2017
- Mentor for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing Scholar, 2012-2013
- College Service: Assessment Team 2009-Present, Co-Chair 2010-2013; Graduate Community Advisory Board, 2016-Present; Mobile Diabetes Center Advisory Committee, 2017-Present; Graduate Team 2018-Present; You Matter Celebrate Committee 2017-Present; Family Fun Days Committee 2017-Present; Course Coordinator's Team 2012-2018; Undergraduate Community Advisory Board 2010-2016; Interdisciplinary Day Planning Committee 2015; Higher Learning Commission AQIP Project Co-Lead 2014-2015; Faculty Senate Professional Development Committee 2011-2013; Marketing Candidate Search Committee Member 2012; Assistant Chair Dean of Nursing Search Committee 2011-2012; Coordinating Team 2010-2013; AQIP Pathway Category Eight Planning Continuous Improvement Committee 2010

### **Creighton University**

Adjunct Professor, Nursing

Omaha, NE

2016-Present

- Developed and instructed undergraduate accelerated nursing course Policy and Advocacy in Nursing and graduate DNP Health Care Policy and Law
- Collaborated with Instructional Designer to develop course in online platform
- Constructed course assignments including discussions and advocacy letter to policy maker
- Facilitated guest lecturer Preston Love, Jr., North Omaha community activist and political expert

### **Omaha Public Schools**

School Nurse, Elementary and Middle

Omaha, NE

2008

- Ensured compliance with Nebraska statutes and regulations regarding school health
- Performed health screening assessments following Department of Health and Human Services Competencies
- Human Growth and Development classroom instruction grades 4, 5, and 6, and advisement on curriculum updating (final curriculum controversially received Board of Education approval 2016)

### **Children's Hospital & Medical Center**

Emergency Department Nurse

Omaha, NE

2004-2009

- Emergency Department Nurse Educator, 2007-2008
  - Administrative leadership position with responsibilities including staff hiring and performance evaluations, budgeting, and operations management in collaboration with patient care manager
  - Policy and procedure development, implementation, and evaluation
  - Developed, implemented, and evaluated paper to electronic medical records using nursing informatics skillset
  - Clinical Practice Council, 2007-2008
  - Nursing Informatics Council, 2006-2008
- Emergency Department Staff Nurse, 2004-2009
  - Charge nurse responsible for staffing, workflow, safety, and supervision of department
  - Provided direct patient care in urban emergency department serving more than 25,000 patients annually
  - Maintained Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course, and Trauma Nursing Core Course Certifications
  - Certified Pediatric Nurse 2006-2009

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Health Care Policy and Law (NUR 704)** Creighton University, Course Development, Adjunct Faculty  
Spring 2018, Spring 2019

Health Care Policy and Law addresses the legal, policy, political, and regulatory aspects of health care. Topical concepts include health policy from agenda setting through implementation to policy evaluation. Legal and regulatory concepts include the U.S. legal system, contracts, torts, negligence, corporate management, institutional liability, institutional taxation, antitrust laws, healthcare fraud and abuse, organizational admission and discharge, emergency care, treatment consent, medical records, regulation, etc. This course provides a foundational framework for assuming a leadership role in designing, influencing, and/or implementing policies to address critical health care issues. The following elements, concepts and processes are integrated into the course: health states, care management, critical thinking, professional communication, evidence-based practice, scientific integrity, ethical decision making, cultural and spiritual competence, age and development, genetics/genomics, awareness of social and professional issues, and personal and professional development.

**Health Policy (NRS754)** Nebraska Methodist College, Faculty Spring 2018, Spring 2019

Health Policy provides the foundation for analyzing the social and political forces that influence health care policy decisions. The relationship between health policy, social justice, and practice is explored. Students examine current health care policy and factors which influence policy development. The health care policy making process is investigated.

**Health Policy Practicum (NRS796)** Nebraska Methodist College, Instructional Designer, Course Coordinator and Faculty Spring 2019

Health Policy Practicum examines health policy from public, institutional, organizational, and legal domains. Students explore the intersection of health policy and law using a social, political, and economic context. The preceptor supervised practicum expectations include health policy related interprofessional role exploration and identifying policy implications in project development.

**Public Health Ethics (NRS784)** Nebraska Methodist College, Instructional Designer, Course Coordinator and Faculty Spring 2018, Spring 2019

Public Health Ethics provides a foundation for a systematic process to clarify, prioritize, and justify ethical principles and values that guide public health action. Students compare and contrast public health ethics to bioethics and medical ethics that guide biology and clinical medicine which are individual or patient centered. Throughout this course, students distinguish public health ethics as a population-based approach to public health as a field of study.

**Advanced Public Health Nursing (780)** Nebraska Methodist College, Instructional Designer, Course Coordinator and Faculty Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Advanced Public Health Nursing lays the framework for the advanced public health nurse role with an emphasis on public health policy. This course explores conceptual models and frameworks to examine complex public health issues, systems, policies, and practice. Students evaluate community issues and integrate clinical health practices emphasizing a health promotion and prevention approach while addressing health disparities of vulnerable and diverse populations.

**Civic Health (NRS788)** Nebraska Methodist College, Instructional Designer, Course Coordinator and Faculty Fall 2018

Civic Health uses the Culture of Health framework to examine the role of civic health in the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities. Students will examine civic health indicators (i.e. volunteering and giving, group membership, trust in institutions, social interactions, neighbor connectedness, voting and registration, and political involvement) in relation to population-based care, health policy, ethics, and finance. Examination of social change leadership, analysis of civic-related research, and exploration of civic identity will further student civic and public purpose as a health care professional and educated citizen.

**Program Orientation (NRS 700)** Nebraska Methodist College, Faculty Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Program Orientation provides the doctoral program orientation for Nebraska Methodist College. Emphasis is placed on program delivery modalities, resource utilization, and scholarly writing. Students must complete this course on campus.

**Policy and Advocacy in Nursing (NUR 485)** Creighton University, Adjunct Faculty Fall 2016, Summer & Fall 2017, Spring & Summer 2018

Policy and Advocacy in Nursing is a senior undergraduate nursing course that emphasizes the influence of regulatory, financial, and healthcare policies on professional nursing practice. The course explores professional nursing responsibility in advocating for access, affordability, equity and social justice for diverse populations as organizational, local, national and global healthcare policies are formulated. Advocacy, activism, and leadership are considered across the spheres of influence: workplace/workforce, government, associations and advocacy groups, and the community.

**Capstone II (NRS594)** Nebraska Methodist College, Faculty Mentor for three MSN capstone group projects Spring 2018

Capstone II is the second course of the capstone sequence; students synthesize concepts related to research, practice, education and leadership content and experiences learned throughout the master's program of study. Groups of students collaboratively complete the group-selected evidence-based project begun in NRS 592. Emphasis on the process of completing an evidence-based manuscript suitable for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, or podium or poster presentation.

**Health Systems, Informatics, & Leadership (NRS758)** Nebraska Methodist College, Faculty Fall 2017  
Health Systems, Informatics, & Leadership provides an overview of contemporary health care systems and organizations. Within this overview research, health policy, regulation, and law are examined from the perspective of how these factors shape health care organizations. Available technology to interpret and organize health data is investigated in relation to health system productivity. This course synthesizes leadership and systems theory into understanding the health care industry and program development to become a leader in patient-centered care and positive health outcomes.

**Capstone I (NRS 592)** Nebraska Methodist College, Faculty Mentor for three MSN capstone group projects Fall 2017

Capstone I is the first course of the MSN capstone sequence; students synthesize concepts related to research, practice, education and leadership content as well as experiences learned throughout the master's programs of study. Groups of students collaboratively begin a group-selected evidence-based project. Emphasis is placed on the process of identifying a nursing problem (PICO [T]), searching and critically appraising the literature with development of a summary matrix table.



**Collaborative Nursing Leadership in a Global Society (NRS 446)** Nebraska Methodist College, Course Coordinator and Faculty Fall 2012-2017

Collaborative Nursing Leadership in a Global Society is a senior undergraduate nursing course that analyzes leadership and management theories in relation to trends in nursing and healthcare. The concepts of change, power, collaboration, gender dynamics, and advocacy are examined and applied to the practice of nursing. Health care policy, legal aspects, and economic factors are explored as they relate to client care and professional nursing practice. Using a global perspective, students analyze, evaluate, and create possible solutions to nursing and healthcare issues.

**Community-Based Care Across the Lifespan (NRS 340)** Nebraska Methodist College, Course Coordinator Fall, Spring, & Summer Semesters 2012-2017, Course Faculty Fall, Spring, & Summer 2009-2017

Community-Based Care Across the Lifespan is a junior undergraduate core nursing course where students integrate nursing theory related to children and adults in the community. Students build on family-centered care concepts and incorporate growth and development into a framework for community-based nursing care across the lifespan. Content focuses on health promotion, illness prevention, maintenance and management of acute and chronic health problems. The course facilitates professional role development, clinical judgment, and the use of humanistic/scientific principles and research as the basis of culturally competent care.

**Community-Based Care Across the Lifespan Clinical Practicum (NRS 340 C)** Nebraska Methodist College, Pediatric Clinical Faculty Fall, Spring, & Summer semesters 2009-2016, Pediatric Clinical Coordinator Fall, Spring, & Summer 2012-2016

Community-Based Care Across the Lifespan is a junior undergraduate clinical practicum taken in conjunction with theory that promotes integration of nursing process, including prioritization, into community-based care with children and adults. Caring, professional communication, dialogue and advocacy are used to build partnerships with families. Health care and economic policies and ethical decision-making are examined. Students incorporate beginning management and leadership principles and information from research to further develop professional roles.

**Practicum in Nursing Education (NRS 524)** Nebraska Methodist College, Summer 2016

Practicum in Nursing Education is an advanced graduate nursing experiential course utilizing multiple teaching-learning theories, designs, and strategies to facilitate synthesis of previous learning and experience through a preceptored teaching practicum. Students design, integrate, and evaluate strategies for nursing education and explore the role of nursing faculty in relation to academic policy and legal issues.

**Directed Study: Practicum in Nursing Education (NRS 598)** Nebraska Methodist College, Summer 2016

Directed Study: Practicum in Nursing Education is an advanced individualized graduate nursing experiential course for students with experience in both the classroom and clinical environment. Utilizing multiple teaching-learning theories, designs, and strategies, synthesis of previous learning and experience is facilitated through an individualized preceptored teaching practicum. Students design, integrate, and evaluate strategies for nursing education and explore the role of nursing faculty in relation to academic policy and legal issues.

**Community-Based Care: Complex Concepts Across the Lifespan Clinical Practicum (NRS 450 C)**  
Nebraska Methodist College Fall 2010, Fall 2011

Community-Based Care: Complex Concepts Across the Lifespan is a senior undergraduate clinical practicum taken in conjunction with theory that provides opportunities for students to apply culturally diverse, holistic care with complex care of clients and families across the lifespan. Students build on evidence-based practice research findings to further develop clinical judgment and scope of professional nursing practice. Students examine the roles of professional caregiver, teacher, and manager with families in an interdependent world. Students expand strategies for dialogue, collaboration, and advocacy within an increasingly complex global healthcare environment.

**Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (NRS 202 L)** Nebraska Methodist College, Spring 2010, Spring 2011

Health Assessment Across the Lifespan is a sophomore undergraduate laboratory course that utilizes Gordon's structural framework as the primary means to organize assessment data and prioritizing nursing diagnoses. Students identify and utilize the principles of diagnostic reasoning and critical thinking to practice the application of health assessment findings to nursing practice. Students apply the skills of interview, inspection, palpation, percussion, and auscultation throughout the course as guided by evidence-based practice. Students analyze collected health assessment data while differentiating the major trends in growth and development and the attainment of developmental milestones comparing the differences of the well, acutely ill, and chronically ill clients across the lifespan.

**Community-Based Care with Adults Clinical Practicum (NRS 220 C)** Nebraska Methodist College, Spring 2009, Spring 2010

Community-Based Care with Adults is a sophomore undergraduate clinical practicum that provides students beginning nursing-process skills for the delivery of care with a community-based perspective. Students incorporate interpersonal communication techniques using a culturally sensitive framework while interacting with adult clients, members of the healthcare team, and community partners. Students are introduced to the economic impact on health. The concepts of legal/ethical accountability and prioritization are applied to professional community-based nursing practice.

## **SERVICE**

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Nebraska Nurses Association Planning Team	2018-Present
Nebraska Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Advisory Committee	2018-Present
LB1060 Testimony on behalf of Nebraska Nurses Association, Health and Human Services Committee meeting February 8, Nebraska Legislature	2018
Nebraska Nurses Association Day at the Legislature Planning Committee	2018
Deputy Registrar, Douglas County Election Commission	2016-Present
Omaha Public Schools Head Start Policy Advisory Committee	2016-Present
Omaha Public Schools Head Start Health Services Advisory Board	2015-Present
Nebraska Methodist College Alumni Advisory Council	2016-Present
Minne Lusa Elementary Health Fair Coordinator	2013-2017
Boys and Girls Club College/Career Fair, Invited Panelist, University of Nebraska Omaha	2017
Treasurer for successful Omaha Public Schools Board of Education candidate	2016
National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week Planning Committee in collaboration with the City of Omaha, Douglas County Health Department, Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance, Omaha Public Schools, and Nebraskans for Civic Reform	2016
Building Healthy Futures Vision Screening Collaborative Advisory Board	2016
Nebraska Action Coalition Culture of Health Summit Planning Committee	2015
McMillan Middle School Health Fair Coordinator	2015

Omaha Public Schools School Nurse Health Screening Competency Training	2014
Omaha Central American Legion Baseball Volunteer	2014
McMillan Middle School Health Poster Day Coordinator	2014
St. Joseph's Villa Health Fair Health Screenings	2012
Black Family Health Fair Health Screenings	2012
Beal's Elementary Family Wellness Night Coordinator	2009
LensCrafters' Give the Gift of Sight Vision Van, Omaha Public Schools Coordinator	2008

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

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Public Health Association of Nebraska, Member	2016-Present
Nebraska Action Coalition (An Initiative of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and AARP)	
Education Team Co-Lead and Executive Team Member	2015-Present
American Nurses Association, Member	2012-Present
Nebraska Nurses Association, Member	2012-Present
Delegate to Annual Convention and House of Delegates, Kearney, NE	2015
National League for Nursing, Member	2009-Present
Sigma Theta Tau International, Member	2006-Present
International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL), Member	2012-2014
Emergency Nurses Association, Member	2005-2008

## FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

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American Nurses Association Advocacy Institute Fellow	2017-2018
Nebraska Methodist College Center for Health Partnerships Community-Based Participatory Research	
Faculty Fellow	2012-Present
Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy, Leadership Omaha Class 39	2016
40 Under 40 Nurse Leaders Award, Nebraska Action Coalition	2016
Nebraska Methodist College Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching/Service Peer Recognition	
Award	2015
Nebraska Nurses Association Positive Image of Nursing Award	2012
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration,	
Nurse Education Loan Repayment Program for Nurse Faculty Continuation Award	2011
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration,	
Nurse Education Loan Repayment Program for Nurse Faculty Award	2010
Children's Hospital and Medical Center Service Excellence Award	2005

## RESEARCH AND GRANTS

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**Principal Investigator, Quantitative Research.** *Blood Lead Screening of Children Where They Live, Learn, and Play.* Nebraska Methodist College Institutional Review Board Approval February 2017. Ongoing.

Environmental Protection Agency Grant Funding to Douglas County Health Department/Nebraska Methodist College for Blood Lead Screening Intervention, March 2016 (\$3,500 Funded) August 2016 (\$13,500 Funded) August-December 2017 (\$17,380 Funded).

**Translational Research Intervention** in Collaboration with Douglas County Health Department Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. *Blood Lead Screening of Children Where They Live, Learn, and Play*. Douglas County Board of Health, Douglas County Health Department Director, Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Douglas County Attorney, and Nebraska Methodist College President Approval January 2016. Ongoing.

Nebraska Methodist College Service Learning Grant, Spring 2016 (\$500 Funded).

**Co-Principal Investigator, Quantitative Research.** *Assessment of Simulation Over Time*. Nebraska Methodist College Institutional Review Board Approval September 2015.

**Principal Investigator, Quantitative Research.** *School-Based Health Fair Curriculum Development Needs Assessment*. Nebraska Methodist College Institutional Review Board Approval and Omaha Public Schools Research Committee Approval April 2015.

**Research Assistant, Mixed Methods Research.** *Community-Based Partnerships Foster Healthy Environments to Decrease Type II Diabetes Among Vulnerable Populations in the Midwest Region of the US*. Nebraska Methodist College Institutional Board Approval January 2013.

**Co-Principal Investigator, Qualitative Research.** *Caring Behaviors in Simulated Clinical Experiences of Baccalaureate Nursing Students: A Phenomenological Study*. Nebraska Methodist College Institutional Review Board Approval February 2012.

Nebraska Methodist College Faculty Research Grant, Spring 2012, *Caring Behaviors in Simulated Clinical Experiences of Baccalaureate Nursing Students: A Phenomenological Study*. (\$1,000 Funded).

**Evidence-Based Practice Research.** *Effective Teaching Methods that Promote Safe and Accurate Dosage Calculations for Novice Nurses*. Master's Capstone Project 2010.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**Perlman, E.** (2018, October). *A Population-based Approach to Blood Lead Screening of Children*. Oral presentation at Nebraska Nurses: Charting the Future Nebraska Nurses Association Nebraska Nurse Practitioners Annual Conference 2018, LaVista, NE.

**Perlman, E.** (2018, June). *Blood Lead Screening of Children Where They Live, Learn, and Play*. Oral presentation at National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) 2018 Annual Education Conference, Anaheim, CA.

**Perlman, E.** (2018, March). *Nurse Candidates: Get Ready to Run!* Oral presentation at Nebraska Nurses Association Nurses Day at the Legislature, Lincoln, NE.

**Perlman, E., & Bresel, A.** (2017, July). *Blood Lead Screening of Children Where They Live, Learn, and Play*. Oral presentation at National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) 2017 Annual Education Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

**Perlman, E.** (2017, May). *Innovation in Graduate Nursing Education with the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Public Health Policy*. Oral presentation at Creighton University Sigma Theta Tau- Iota Tau's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day, Omaha, NE.

**Perlman, E., Kindschuh, A., & Costanzo, C.** (2017, May). *Innovation in Graduate Nursing Education with the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Public Health Policy*. Poster presented at Creighton University Sigma Theta Tau- Iota Tau's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day, Omaha, NE.

**Perlman, E., Hall, K., Bresel, A., & Muhammad, K.** (2017, April). *Blood Lead Screening of Children Where They Live, Learn, and Play*. Poster presentation at How Your Practice Impacts Health Policy: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Methodist Research Day, Omaha, NE.

**Perlman, E. & Kisicki, M.** (2017, April). *Population Health: Impacting Lead Poisoning Ground Zero*. Keynote Speaker at Nebraska Nurses Association Positive Image of Nursing Breakfast, Omaha, NE.

**Perlman, E., Kindschuh, A., & Costanzo, C.** (2017, January). *Innovation in Graduate Nursing Education with the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Public Health Policy*. Poster presented at American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) 2017 Doctoral Education Conference, Coronado, CA.

**Perlman, E., Kindschuh, A., & Costanzo, C.,** (2017, January). *Innovation in Graduate Nursing Education with the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Public Health Policy*. Poster presented at Teaching Health Policy in Graduate Nursing Education: Giving Wings to Innovation, Coronado, CA.

**Perlman, E., Hall, K., Bresel, A., & Muhammad, K.** (2016, June). *The Power of Collaboration to Provide Community-Based Childhood Lead Screening*. Oral presentation at National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) 2016 Annual Education Conference with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Healthy Homes Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Steinhauser, C., Hughes, L., Sharma, H., Rollins, K., **Perlman, E., & Elbracht, J.** (2016, April). *Healthcare Professions Students' Confidence Level in Interprofessional Communication and Collaboration*. Oral and poster presentation at Innovation Through Interprofessional Collaboration: The Ties That Bind (12<sup>th</sup> Annual Methodist Research Day), Omaha, NE.

**Perlman, E. & Elbracht, J.** (2014, May). *Simulation Debriefing*. Oral presentation at Nebraska Methodist College, Omaha, NE.

**Perlman, E. & Partusch, M.** (2014, May). *Caring in Simulated Clinical Experiences of Baccalaureate Nursing Students: A Phenomenological Study*. Oral presentation at Research Lyceum, Nebraska Methodist College, Omaha, NE.

**Perlman, E. & Partusch, M.** (2014, April). *Caring in Simulated Clinical Experiences of Baccalaureate Nursing Students: A Phenomenological Study*. Oral and poster presentation at Evidence-Based Practice: Changing Our Healthcare Landscape (10<sup>th</sup> Annual Methodist Research Day), Omaha, NE.

Bentley, L., Elbracht, J., **Perlman, E.,** Brickell, K., Gute, J., & Anderson, V. (2014, February-March). *Post Partum Hemorrhage*. Simulation consultant, scenario developer, scheduling coordinator, and simulated clinical experience technical facilitator in collaboration with practice partners at Methodist Women's Hospital, 9 sessions, Omaha, NE.

**Perlman, E.** (2013, April). *Social Media in a College Environment*. Oral presentation at Lunch and Learn, Nebraska Methodist College, 2 sessions, Omaha, NE.

**Perlman, E. & Elbracht, J. (2012, April).** *From Skills Lab to Nursing Arts Center: Integrating Caring into Simulation.* Poster presentation at 17<sup>th</sup> Annual State of the Art Nursing Conference, The Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE.

**Perlman, E., Malmberg, K., & Hobelheinrich, C. (2010, September).** *Effective Teaching Methods that Promote Safe and Accurate Dosage Calculations for Novice Nurses.* Poster presentation at National League for Nursing, Lincoln, NE.

**Perlman, E., Malmberg, K., & Hobelheinrich, C. (2010, September).** *Effective Teaching Methods that Promote Safe and Accurate Dosage Calculations for Novice Nurses.* Poster presentation at Nursing: The Art of Caring- A Pledge of Quality and Safety (6<sup>th</sup> Annual Methodist Research Day), Omaha, NE.

## CONFERENCES ATTENDED

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- 2018 Nebraska Nurses Association, *Nurses' Day at the Legislature*, Lincoln, NE March 1
- 2017 American Nurses Association, *American Nurses Advocacy Institute*, Washington, DC  
October 1-3  
Creighton University, *Sigma Theta Tau- Iota Tau's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day*, Omaha NE May 5  
University of Nebraska Omaha, *Journey Through a Healthcare Visit: Creating Inclusive Environments for LGBTQ Youth*, Omaha, NE May 2  
Methodist Research Day, *How Your Practice Impacts Health Policy*, Omaha, NE April 18  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) 2017 Doctoral Education Conference, Coronado, CA January 19-21  
Teaching Health Policy in Graduate Nursing Education: Giving Wings to Innovation, Coronado, CA January 17
- 2016 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation APIN National Program Office (NPO) & Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA), *APIN: Onward to 80/20*, Miami, FL November 14-15  
Nebraska Action Coalition, *Collaborative Engagement & Authentic Leadership*, Lincoln, NE September 16  
National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) 2016 Annual Education Conference with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Healthy Homes Conference, San Antonio, TX June 14  
Methodist Research Day, *Innovation Through Interprofessional Collaboration: The Ties That Bind*, Omaha, NE April 21  
Nebraskans for Civic Reform, *Civic Health Summit*, Lincoln, NE April 2  
Lincoln Lancaster Health Department, *Public Health Ethics Workshop*, Lincoln, NE March 25  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation APIN National Program Office (NPO) & Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA), *Sustain the Impact, Sustain the Effort Seminar*, Santa Monica, CA February 22-24  
Nebraska Nurses Association, *Nurses' Day at the Legislature*, Lincoln, NE February 11
- 2015 The Campaign for Action Summit 2015, Washington D.C. December 8-10  
Nebraska Nurses Association Annual Convention, Kearney, NE October 3  
Nebraska Nurses Association, *Nurses' Day at the Legislature*, Lincoln, NE February 12  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing 2015 Doctoral Education Conference, Coronado, CA January 29-31  
Integrating Health Policy into Doctoral Nursing Programs: Continuing the Conversation, Coronado, CA January 27

- 2014 Nebraska Action Coalition, *Shaping the Future of Healthcare Through Leadership and Diversity*, Omaha, NE September 16  
Methodist Research Day, *Evidence-Based Practice: Changing Our Healthcare Landscape*, Omaha, NE April 16  
Nebraska Nurses Association, *Nurses' Day at the Legislature*, Lincoln, NE February 13
- 2013 Nebraska Action Coalition & University of Nebraska Medical Center, *Nursing: Called to Transform Health Care*, November 22  
Children's Hospital and Medical Center, *Confronting Futility: Why Won't They Stop?* Omaha, NE November 19  
March of Dimes, *Prematurity Summit*, Omaha, NE October 28  
Nebraska Nurses Association, *Nurses' Day at the Legislature*, February 14
- 2012 Nebraska Methodist College, *Concept Teaching and Learning*, Omaha, NE August 25  
Nebraska Nurses Association, *Nurses' Political Reception*, August 20  
The Nebraska Medical Center, *State of the Art Nursing Conference*, Omaha, NE April 16  
National League for Nursing, *CNE Prep Review*, Webinar January 27  
Watson Caring Science Institute, *Introduction to Human Caring Program*, Omaha, NE January 9-12
- 2011 BryanLGH College of Health Sciences, *Innovations in Education*, Lincoln, NE August 17  
BryanLGH College of Health Sciences, *Midwest Conference for Excellence in Clinical Simulation*, Lincoln, NE July 30  
The Nebraska Medical Center, *State of the Art Nursing Conference*, Omaha, NE April 27
- 2010 Nebraska State Board of Nursing, Nebraska Methodist College, & National Council of State Boards of Nursing, *NCLEX Regional Workshop for Educators*, Omaha, NE October 29  
Nebraska Action Coalition, *Go Boldly into the Future: Looking Ahead at Nursing Education*, Omaha, NE May 10  
Methodist Research Day, *Nursing: The Art of Caring- A Pledge of Quality and Safety*, Omaha, NE April 21
- 2009 Southeast Community College, *Teaching IOM: Implementing the Institute of Medicine Reports for Nursing Education*, Lincoln, NE June 5  
Nebraska Methodist College, *Dimensional Analysis as a Medication Calculation Method*, Omaha, NE May 4
- 2008 Emergency Nurses Association, *Injury Prevention Provider Training*, Kearney, NE February 29
- 2007 Nebraska Emergency Nurses Association Annual Conference, Ashland, NE October 12
- 2005 Emergency Nurses Association, *Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course*, Omaha, NE May 11-12

Board of Directors  
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District  
8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> Street  
Omaha, NE 68138

January 31, 2019

Dear Papio-Missouri NRD Board of Directors,

I would like to be considered for the Subdistrict #7 appointment necessitated by the resignation of Director Patrick Leahy. I have spoken with Director Leahy and he has encouraged me to submit this application.

I have had a lifelong dedication to the conservation of our natural resources and the responsible use of those resources, and have had the opportunity to pursue that dedication throughout my career. At Omaha by Design, I led a series of discussions on the better utilization of Omaha's alleyways, seeking to turn them into greener spaces while improving rainwater runoff. I also shepherded a proposed new light ordinance for the City of Omaha, which would have decreased light pollution, improved electrical efficiency, and produced a better environment for Omaha's citizens and the local flora and fauna.

I have participated in several official citywide transportation planning initiatives, both in Omaha, as well as Portland, Oregon: the "Our Streets Transportation Funding Conversation" in Portland, which investigated new funding structures for maintaining transportation infrastructure, including trails, bridges, and bike paths. Similarly, in Omaha, I was a steering committee member for the most recent Transportation Master Plan Update, with a particular interest in the non-motorized trail system that often utilizes Omaha's natural streams and public right of ways. As the co-founder of Omaha's B-cycle bikeshare system, I had primary responsibility for the siting of bikeshare stations, and was careful to integrate that system into Omaha's trail network, particularly along the Keystone Trail.

While directing the Community Bike Project Omaha, I also acted as a community liaison for the now-completed project to connect the Keystone and Field Club trails. As the Bemis Park Neighborhood Association Representative to the Omaha Midtown Neighborhood Alliance, I had particular interest in the oversight and improvement of three local parks: Bemis Park, Mercer Park, and Walnut Hill Park. Finally, as the technology officer for Senator Bob Kerrey, I participated in a series of discussions regarding important initiatives with significant environmental impact, most notably, the "Back to the River" effort to re-think the Omaha waterfront, and the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge.

I grew up in Subdistrict #7 and am very happy to make it my home once again, having returned to Omaha several years ago with my family. I am familiar with its people, its environment, and its issues. With a lifelong dedication to public service, I am excited by the opportunity to play another role in working for the betterment of our natural resources and our community. Thank you for your consideration to allow me to represent Subdistrict #7. I welcome the discussion.



## **Matthew S. Martin**

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## **Areas of Expertise**

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- Operations management
- Program management
- Strategic planning, execution, and evaluation
- Personnel and budget management
- Community engagement
- Public speaking

## **Experience**

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**Krist for Nebraska**, Omaha, Nebraska  
*Political Director*

September 2018-November 2018

Advise and direct political messaging, voter contact, and field work for 2018 Nebraska gubernatorial campaign

- Direct outreach to Nebraska voters, using VoteSmart databases, Hustle, and other campaign tools
- Advise candidate and running mate on messaging, relationships, and strategy
- Plan meetings with potential funders, organizations, and key individuals

**Danner for Nebraska**, Omaha, Nebraska  
*Campaign Manager*

February 2018-November 2018

Direct all aspects of Spencer Danner's 2018 election campaign for Nebraska Secretary of State office.

- Manage campaign staff, volunteers, service providers.
- Create, organize, and oversee campaign messaging and candidate's public profile.
- Coordinate with broad spectrum of organizations and individuals, including state and local parties and party officials, electoral organizations, and other Nebraska candidates for political office.

**Omaha by Design**, Omaha, Nebraska  
*Program Manager*

January-June 2017

- Organized one of the most prominent mayoral candidates debates of the election season, liaising with both campaign managers, the Omaha Community Playhouse, partnering organizations, and the media.
- Participated in the Complete Streets implementation discussion.
- Convened a series of discussions on the potential uses of Omaha's extensive alley network

**North American Bikeshare Association (NABSA)**  
*Project Manager*

August 2015-December 2016

Staff the leading national association that serves bike-share members comprised of cities, for-profit companies, and non-profit organizations across the United States and the whole of North America.

- Help organize annual conference bringing together 500 leading bike-share experts from around the world.
- Manage member relations.
- Maintain association website, databases, content.

**Rosewood Bikes**, Portland, Oregon  
*Founder & Director*

February 2015-October 2016

Created Rosewood Bikes to bring bike repair, opportunity, and advocacy in the East Portland neighborhood of Rosewood. As its founder, have been lead in organization's formation, planning, development, and operation.

- Incorporated Rosewood Bikes.

- Won a 2015 Alice Award from the Bicycle Transportation Alliance.

**Citybikes Cooperative, Portland, Oregon**

April 2013-May 2015

*Cooperator*

Work collaboratively with a team of coworkers to run a local bike shop cooperative. As with most bike shops, on-the-floor time is mostly comprised of sales and service; however, the coop structure provides for much greater participation in organizational processes and decision-making.

- Regular participant in organizational committees (Operations, Personnel, Finance).
- Conceptualized and led group planning for new program to provide mobile bike repair services.
- New and used bicycle sales and experienced bike mechanic.

**Portland Bureau of Transportation, Portland, Oregon**

July-October 2014

*Staff Assistant, Our Streets Transportation Funding Conversation*

Data verification for use in accurate and equitable assessment of fees to local residences and businesses, for the purpose of the maintenance and improvement of Portland's public transportation infrastructure.

- Team member for high-visibility and politically-charged local transportation issue, involving the mayor, City Commissioners, and the Director of the Portland Bureau of Transportation.

**Community Cycling Center, Portland, Oregon**

February-August 2013

*Consultant, Employment Training program*

Led effort to develop new area of programming of employment training programs for the bicycling economy. Particular emphasis was placed on developing leadership and providing equity of opportunity to strengthen and diversify the bicycling economy.

- Coordinated with CCC staff on collaborative process.
- Created framework for program development.
- Conducted extensive outreach interviews with community partners, including funders.
- Drafted program curriculum and budget.
- Identified likely and potential funding streams.
- Drafted program development report to be considered by CCC staff and board.

**Community Bike Project Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska**

2009-2012

*Executive Director, 2010-2012*

**Omaha B-cycle**

*Co-Founder and System Manager, 2011-2012*

Led community non-profit with a mission to bring equity and access to transportation and to strengthen Omaha neighborhoods by promoting the bicycle as viable, reliable, and fun transportation. With a small staff and large volunteer base, held overall responsibility for all organizational aspects: programming, budgeting, personnel, fundraising, outreach, etc. Engaged in and led cooperative community efforts within the field. Built organizational development to enlarge community impact and ensure organizational sustainability.

- Engaged local community, a diverse neighborhood including low income and communities of color.
- Coordinated six-month strategic planning effort and implemented results.
- Led outreach efforts to local universities and colleges to encourage greater bicycle transportation use.
- Planned, implemented, and managed city-wide public bike-sharing program.

**The Stanley Foundation, Muscatine, Iowa**

2005-2009

*Program Officer, Policy Analysis and Dialogue*

Conceptualized, proposed, and managed projects in the areas of nuclear nonproliferation, arms control, and disarmament. Developed criteria for project impact and evaluations and directed teams to carry out projects and achieve intended results. Planned, organized, moderated, and evaluated international conferences and other events, with participants from globally-diverse backgrounds. Represented the organization in nuclear weapons funding coalition, the Peace and Security Funders Group.

- British-American Security Information Council (BASIC), Washington, DC** 2004-2005  
*Deputy Director and Senior Policy Analyst*  
 Managed the US office staff of employees and interns for a trans-Atlantic organization. Liaised with foundations for fundraising. Directed nuclear weapons disarmament and nonproliferation policy project. Transmitted US policy perspectives to BASIC home office and European audiences. Chaired Nuclear Weapons Working Group and collaborated with other DC arms control coalitions.
- Fourth Freedom Forum, Washington, DC** 2003-2004  
*Consultant*  
 Coordinated New York and Copenhagen meetings on implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1373 and the resultant Counter-Terrorism Committee, focusing on WMD nonproliferation. Particular emphasis on interface between first world and developing countries.
- Center for Arms Control & Non-Proliferation, Washington, DC** 2002-2003  
*Acting Project Director/Assistant Project Director*  
 Managed missile defense project aimed at disseminating political, technical, and budgetary issues and problems with US missile defense policies and deployments. Managed project PR efforts, including making public presentations in select US cities and directing project media strategies.
- Henry L. Stimson Center, Washington, DC** 2000-2002  
*Project Director, 2001-2002, Research Associate 2000-2001*  
 Directed national outreach project to raise public awareness of US and international nuclear weapons and nonproliferation policies through a series of town hall meetings featuring local and national leaders. Organized UK Members of Parliament delegation visit to DC for nuclear weapons and missile defense policy discussions with US elected officials and policy experts.
- US Senate, Office of Senator J. Robert Kerrey, Washington, DC** 1996-2000  
*Senior Legislative Aide for Defense, 1998-2000, Systems Administrator, 1996-2000*  
 Advised former US Senator Kerrey (D-NE) on defense/military issues through issue briefs and consultation. Led technology efforts for office. Managed an overall annual office technology budget in excess of \$600,000.

## **Education**

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- American University, Washington, DC**  
 School of International Service, International Peace and Conflict Resolution Masters Program
- Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska**  
 Bachelor of Arts in Latin, Co-major in Political Science

## **Affiliations and Activities**

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- *League Certified Instructor, League of American Bicyclists, current*
- *Member, City Club of Portland, 2012-2014*
- *Volunteer, Community Cycling Center, Portland, Oregon, 2012-2013*
- *Steering Committee Member, City of Omaha Transportation Master Plan Update, 2010-2012*
- *Bemis Park Neighborhood Association Representative, Omaha Midtown Neighborhood Alliance, 2010-2012*
- *Member, Omaha By Design Urban Form & Transportation Task Force, 2011-2012*
- *Member, Board of Directors, Musser Public Library, Muscatine, Iowa, 2005-2008*
- *Member, Board Nominating Committee, Amnesty International, USA, 1998-2000*

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January 23, 2019

Board of Directors  
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District  
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Re: Board of Directors Vacancy – Subdistrict #7

Dear Board Members:

Pursuant to the Public Notice published in the *Omaha World-Herald* on January 14, 2019, I hereby submit this letter of application for appointment to the Board of Directors. My appointment would fill the vacancy now existing in Subdistrict #7, where I reside and am a registered voter.

I represented the voters of Legislative District 6 (Central Omaha) for eight years in the Nebraska Unicameral. While there, I supported Natural Resource Districts and prioritized Senator Gay's bill which enabled the Papio-Missouri River NRD to issue bonds and manage resources more efficiently.

Attached please find my resume. Thank you for your consideration of this letter of application for appointment to the Board.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN E. NELSON

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Enclosure

**John E. Nelson**  
Biographical Information – January 2019

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**State of Nebraska**

**Executive:**

Lieutenant Governor, September 29, 2014-January 7, 2015

**Legislative:**

Nebraska State Senator, Legislative District 6 (Central Omaha). Elected November 2006; reelected 2010 to second four-year term.

Member of Appropriations Committee: 2007 - 2014.

Executive Board of the Legislative Council, Vice Chairman: 2009 - 2012.

Member of Redistricting Committee: 2011.

Member, Supreme Court Commission on Guardianships/Conservatorships: 2012-2014

Member, Midwest-Canada Relations Committee, Council of State Governments: 2009-2014.

Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly legislative exchange; one of four participants: Nov. 2012.

Graduate – Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD): 2008.

Member of BILLD Steering Committee, Council of State Governments: 2009 – 2014.

**Personal Data:**

Married in 1975 to Judith Throop. Three children: Martha Nelson Hultgren, Andrew E. Nelson, and J. Braden Nelson. Six grandchildren.

Raised on family farm east of Geneva, Nebraska. Active in 4-H; Exhibited livestock at State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. State 4-H Public Speaking Champion, 1953. Farm owner, Fillmore County.

**Educational:**

J.D. from Creighton Law School, 1964.

B.A. from University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 1957.

Member, Innocents Society - Senior Honorary, UNL. (Secretary).

**Professional:**

Attorney in private practice since 1969. Concentration in areas of small business, estate planning, probate and guardian/conservatorships.

Former Administrative Law Judge, Nebraska Department of Labor.

Member of Nebraska State and Omaha Bar Associations. Past Chairman (1981-82) of the General Practice Section. Member of Omaha Lawyer Referral Committee since 1972 (Past Chairman).

**Military Service:**

Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve (Ret.).

Active duty with U.S. Navy, 1957-1960. Supply & Disbursing Officer (DD-790)

Member of active reserve units at NAVRESCEN, Omaha, from 1963-1983.

Charter member, Naval Reserve Association, Fort Omaha Chapter; president (1979-1981).

U.S. Naval Academy Information Officer, 1976-1983. Cited by Academy as the N.A.I.O. officer who contributed most to its success in this area.

**Public and Community Service:**

Board member, History Nebraska (Nebraska State Historical Society) 2015-present

President (2001-2002) Kiwanis Club of Omaha, Inc.; member since 1986.

Elder and former Trustee of First Presbyterian Church, Omaha.

Board Member, Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation: 2010-present.

Former Board member, Omaha Central High School Foundation, 2001-2002.

Chief Deputy Election Commissioner for Douglas County, 1972-1980.

Former Board member and president of the historic Chelsea Township Cemetery southeast of Geneva.

**Honors and Awards:**

American Institute of Architects, NE, 2014 Legislator of the Year Award (October 2014).

Recipient of the Leonard Thiessen Award, (Governor's Arts Awards) for support and commitment to the Arts, State of Nebraska, March 2014.

LaVon Crosby Award (2009).

Inducted as Fellow, Nebraska State Bar Foundation (1996); Lifetime Fellow (2001).

Admiral, The Great Navy, State of Nebraska, 1957 & 1973.

JAN 23 2019

Dear Esteemed Members of the NRD Board of Directors,

I humbly submit my Letter of Application for consideration as the NRD Director for the SubDistrict 7 most recently filled by my highly regarded colleague Patrick Leahy. It is unfortunate to hear of Patrick's transition away from the NRD Board. Having said that, I have often considered running for this position if my friend and colleague were not in the seat.

The nonprofit that I run and founded, Omaha Permaculture, is an expression of my dedication to enhancing the community through ecological and agricultural endeavors. More particularly, Subdistrict 7 is a region of Nebraska of which I am very familiar and therefore can imagine winning the hearts and minds of these communities if I were running for the Public election of this Board Director position. The Benson BID is a client of Omaha Permaculture for landscape maintenance throughout the growing season. I have attended Neighborhood Association meetings throughout this district for over ten years to promote community sustainability. Subsequently, I am very acquainted with many of the moving parts that keep this part of the city looking nice and staying a commerce-friendly community in Omaha.

After speaking with Patrick before I decided to submit this application, I feel confident in throwing my hat into the ring. My past experiences with NRD Directors, staff and water leaders in the state of Nebraska are many and geographically spread throughout the state. I am sure I left an impression upon the leadership at NWLA and they (Mike Jess, Carol Jess, Lee Orton & Mark Burbach) would be happy to speak on behalf of my team spirit in the professional atmosphere of Nebraska water stewardship.

My experiences with the private, commercial and municipal players in and around Omaha have given me a unique perspective of the Nebraska water system. I believe my experience speaks for itself but I am excited to meet everyone in person so you can see the positive energy I am able to offer. I am proud to serve my communities as a nonprofit and I would be honored to represent Nebraska's water future as a Board Director of the truly illustrious Nebraska NRD system. Please consider this letter a sincere request for consideration of Board Directorship in NRD's Subdistrict #7. Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Gus von Roenn



## **Gus Von Roenn**

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### **EXPERIENCE:**

**April 2015 – Present**

**Omaha Permaculture ([OmahaPermaculture.org](http://OmahaPermaculture.org))  
501(c)3, non-profit, Founder & Executive Director**

#### Position Highlights:

- Pitch projects, Organize Board duties, Coordinate programming, find partners, find funding, design, install sustainable ecological & agricultural landscapes on vacant properties.
- Organize community events and coordinate volunteers for land management efforts.
- Advocate and educate sustainable practices in Nebraskan communities.

**Aug 2010 – 2018**

**Von Roenn Permaculture Solutions ([VRPermaculture.com](http://VRPermaculture.com))  
Owner, Certified Design Consultant**

#### Position Highlights:

- Design and install sustainable landscapes for residences, farms, businesses and communities.
- Manage and collaborate with landscape architects & general/maintenance contractors on site design, installation and maintenance.
- Responsible for hiring and managing employees.

**July 2010 – 2013**

**Von Roenn Restoration  
Owner, Licensed General Contractor (Residential & Commercial)**

#### Position Highlights:

- Manage and executive general contracting projects from conceptualization to completion.
- Manage overall budget on projects.
- Responsible for hiring and managing employees.

**Feb 2000 – 2009**

**Paparazzi by Appointment, LLC  
Owner/Partner, Photographer**

#### Position Highlights:

- Photographed executives for a variety of publications and established professional working relationships.

### **EDUCATION:**

Jan – Dec 2015

Nebraska Water Leadership Academy. NE State Irrigation Association

March 2014

Permaculture Voices Conference – Temecula, CA

April 2013

Sepp Holzer Agroecology Workshop – Bozeman, MT

Feb 2011

Permaculture Design Consultant Certification PDC – Costa Rica

Permaculture Institute. Santa Fe, New Mexico

May 1997

B.A. of Science in Sociology with a specialization in Anthropology.  
Creighton University. Omaha, Nebraska

### **TECHNICAL SKILLS:**

Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook, GIS,

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

Board Member – Metro Omaha Food Policy Council, Green Bellevue, USGBC Nebraska Flatwater Chapter, MO Valley Neb Sierra Club Chapter, and Nebraskans for Solar (past).

District 6 Vice President & Douglas County President – Nebraska Farmers Union.

Committee Member – Nebraska legislature appointed Community Garden Task Force

Environmental Achievement Award 2018 Nebraska Sierra Club