

Candidacy Letter: Lynn Schreyer

It is an exciting time to be involved with InterPore, and I am honored to have the opportunity to be its President. The exchange of ideas of people from industry, government, and academia working on porous media problems in different disciplines – this central focus on truly interdisciplinary exchange - has become more and more relevant since InterPore started just a few 16 years ago! As InterPore moves from being a “new” professional society to a highly recognized “mature” society, it is important to keep our focus on providing a venue for exchanging ideas in person (InterPore meetings), exchanging ideas through our InterPore Journal, and increasing accessibility to InterPore activities.

Besides the wide variety of areas and interdisciplinary nature of my research, my background has given me the experience necessary to be President. I have held leadership positions in InterPore (Chair of Programming committee, 2012), Council member (2011-2015), Chair of Election Committee (2014), Jubilee Committee (2016-2018) and SIAM (SIAM Geosciences Secretary and then Chair, SIAM Membership Committee). Further I have chaired or co-chaired the programming committee for several meetings (SIAM Pacific Northwest biennial (2020-23, Covid); InterPore 2012; SIAM Geosciences, 2005, 2007), and have experience being on editorial boards (IJES, AWR, WRR) as well as co-editing a special issue in TIPM in celebration of InterPore’s 10th Anniversary: An Overview of Porous Media Research and the Path Forward (2019).

Those who have been or are involved with InterPore at the organizational level have done a phenomenal job of creating an internationally recognized professional organization in its short existence. InterPore has all the hallmarks of a successful professional organization:

- wide participation in the annual meetings and a journal for exchanging ideas
- an active student organization, local chapters, and a DEI Committee all working toward increasing participation and promoting the development of future InterPore leaders
- A foundation that, as it grows, will allow more participation.
- A prominent presence on the internet.

Looking forward, we must not lose focus on these core activities, and must continue to promote all of them. However to continue strengthening our InterPore, we need to increase the number of members involved. Having the

involvement of a broader base of InterPore members - whether they be students, early or mid-career researchers, or people from other professional societies, will keep the individual effort of those involved reduced, will increase the number of people with strong attachments to our organization, will provide fresh ideas and more energy, and will ultimately result in a stronger InterPore.