

APHON Slated Candidate for Director-At-Large

Mylynda Livingston, MSN APRN CPNP- AC/PC CPON®



Current Position

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Cancer and Blood Disorders Program
 Leukemia/Lymphoma Specialty
 Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

APHON Membership

APHON member since 2007

Local Chapter Membership

Metro Minnesota Chapter member since 2007

Candidate Statement

I am honored to be considered for the Director-At-Large position with the Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON). I have been involved with APHON for over 20 years in a variety of different roles. From my early career days as a new bedside pediatric oncology RN to today in my current role as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner on the Leukemia/Lymphoma Team at Children's Minnesota, I have always appreciated APHON's mission and amazing community of nurses. My involvement with APHON has been a meaningful part of my professional journey providing opportunities to grow as both a clinician and leader.

I have had the privilege of serving on both the APHON Nominating Committee and the Patient and Family Education Committee, most recently serving as Chair of the Patient and Family Education Committee. In these roles, I have collaborated with colleagues across the organization, supported member engagement, and helped advance educational resources that empower patients, families, and nurses. My leadership style is very collaborative and inclusive. I am committed to making sure all voices are valued and respected.

If elected, I will bring dedication, thoughtful leadership, and a strong understanding of APHON's mission to the Board. I am passionate about supporting our members and advancing initiatives that improve care for children and families facing hematology and oncology diagnoses. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to serve and represent you.

Qualifications

Education

- MSN, 2006, University of Minnesota, Master of Science in Nursing
- BA, 2000, Concordia College, BA in Nursing
- Specialty Certificate in Disability Policy, 2006, University of Minnesota, Children with Special Health Care Needs Focus

Certifications

- Chemotherapy/Biotherapy Provider, 2007
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Acute Care, 2007

- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care, 2006
- Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse (CPON®), 2016

APHON Headquarters

- Leadership Roles
 - APHON Nominating Committee, 2015-2018
 - APHON Steering Council, Member 2018 – Present
 - APHON Patient and Family Education Committee, Chair, 2023-2025, Past Chair, 2026

APHON Local Chapter

- Metro Minnesota Chapter
 - Member 2007- present
 - Treasurer, 2010-2012
 - Sponsorship Committee, 2005-2024

Other Memberships Professional Societies

- Children's Oncology Group

Awards

- APHON Dr. Patricia Green Leadership Award
- COG Nursing Research Grant Recipient
- Lifeblood Award Leukemia Lymphoma Society
- Patient and Family Centered Care Award – Children's Minnesota
- Marilee A. Miller Scholarship Recipient
- University of Minnesota Fellowship Recipient

Publications

Livingston M, Lawell M, McAllister N. Successful use of nitrous oxide during lumbar punctures: A call for nitrous oxide in pediatric oncology clinics. *Pediatric Blood Cancer*.2017;00:e26610.

Benavides, Nathalia; Spessott, Waldo A; Sanmillan, Maria L; Vargas, Marcelo; Livingston, Mylynda S; Erickson, Nissa; Pozos, Tamara C; McCormick, Margaret E; Scharrig, Emilia; Messinger, Yoav H; and Giraudo, Claudio G., "STXBP2-R190C Variant in a Patient With Neonatal Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) and G6PD Deficiency Reveals a Critical Role of STXBP2 Domain 2 on Granule Exocytosis" (2020). *Department of Microbiology and Immunology Faculty Papers*. Paper 120.
<https://jdc.jefferson.edu/mifp/120>

Miller LH, Winter SS, Watson D, Livingston M, Nemata R, Messinger Y. A natural history study of nitrous oxide versus propofol-assisted intrathecal therapy in the treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukemia. *Pediatr Blood Cancer*. 2022; 69:e29598 <https://doi.org/10.1002/pbc.29598>.

Professional Presentations

Expert Nursing Care in the Delivery of Blinatumomab, APHON Annual Conference & Exhibition, 2025

Research Updates: The Relationship Between Physical Activity, Methotrexate Clearance and Fatigue in Children and Adolescents Receiving High Dose or Very High Dose Methotrexate, COG Nursing Session, 2025

COG Nursing Blinatumomab Webinar, 2025

The Relationship Between Physical Activity, Methotrexate Clearance, and Fatigue in Children and Adolescents Receiving High Dose or Very High Dose Methotrexate, COG Nursing Session, 2024

What are Parents' Risks of Exposure When Administering Oral Chemotherapy to Children with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia During Maintenance Therapy?, APHON Annual Conference & Exhibition Paper Presentation, 2024

Do Parents Protect Themselves When Administering Oral Chemotherapy to Children with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, APHON Annual Conference & Exhibition Paper Presentation, 2024