

**President Elect: Gail Stendahl, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC/AC, CCTC**



**Candidate Statement:** I have been directly involved with transplant and a member of NATCO for the past 14 years. I am currently the Lead Heart Transplant Nurse Practitioner and Coordinator at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. In addition to my clinical demands, which include pre and post-transplant patients, both pediatric and adult, my administrative role focuses on program development and regulatory compliance. I am proud to be a member of NATCO and would consider it an honor to represent as President Elect. I am dedicated to our mission to empower transplant professionals to achieve their highest potential and to lead the donation and transplant community by uniting our members, advancing education and promoting research and advocacy.

Through the opportunities provided by NATCO, I understand the importance of collaboration and networking. I have been grateful for my involvement with the NATCO Introductory and CCTC Review Course. Through these experiences I have been able to connect and partner with amazing transplant colleagues. I have taken my role very seriously to assure NATCO is providing quality transplant education in our ever-changing environment, in addition the importance of certification for all transplant professionals. NATCO has challenged me professionally, providing me with the passion to want more for our patients/families and the transplant community.

**Qualifications:** Gail Stendahl became a member of NATCO in 2005 when establishing her role as heart transplant coordinator. She served on the Board of Directors as Councilor-at Large for the 2015-2017 term, and is currently serving on the Board of Directors as Treasurer. Gail was instrumental in writing the curriculum and launching the CCTC Review Course. She serves as the co-program director and faculty speaker for this course, which was initiated in March of 2016. Gail is the clinical course consultant and faculty speaker for the NATCO Annual Introductory Course in Tempe AZ.

**Education:**

- DNP, Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, 2010
- M.S.N, Masters in Nursing, UW-Madison, WI, 2005
- B.S.N, Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, UW-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI, 1989

**Professional Experience:**

- Lead Heart Transplant Nurse Practitioner/Coordinator, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, 2005 - present
- Transport Nurse Clinician, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, 1998-2005
- Registered Nurse, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, 1989-1998

**Professional Activities:**

- **Stendahl, G (2018, November).** Faculty/Speaker- NATCO Introductory Course. Tempe, AZ.
- **Stendahl, G (2018, October).** Faculty/Speaker- CCTC Review Course. Baltimore MD.
- **Stendahl, G (2018, June).** Faculty/Speaker - CCTC Review Course. Chicago, IL.

- **Stendahl, G (2018, February).** Faculty/Speaker - CCTC Review Course. Dallas, TX.
- **Stendahl, G (2017, October).** Faculty/Speaker - CCTC Review Course. Boston, MA.
- **Stendahl, G (2017, August).** Speaker- Sensitization. NATCO Annual Transplant Meeting, St Louis, MO.
- **Stendahl, G (2017, July).** Faculty/Speaker - CCTC Review Course. Chicago, IL.
- **Stendahl, G (2017, June).** Faculty/Speaker- NATCO Introductory Course. Tempe, AZ.
- **Stendahl, G (2017, May).** Faculty/Speaker - CCTC Review Course. Columbus, OH.
- **Stendahl, G (2017, March).** Faculty/Speaker - CCTC Review Course. Dallas, TX.
- **Stendahl, G and Stacey Lerret. (2016).** Publication: Curriculum for Transplant Nurses, edition 2. Revised book chapter: Pediatric Solid Organ Transplantation.
- **Stendahl, G., Bobay, K., Berger, S., & Zangwill, S. (2012).** Organizational structure and processes in pediatric heart transplantation: A survey of practices. *Pediatric Transplantation*, 16(3), 257-264.

**Treasurer: Erika Demars, RN, BSN, CCTC**



**Candidate Statement:** NATCO is a pivotal organization in not only the education of donation and transplantation, but also in providing a large networking avenue as well as resources for the health care professional. Erika is highly motivated, organized and is a promoter within the Transplant Community. Learning and taking care of individuals and Nursing Colleges should be fun, educational and provide a sense of worth and accomplishment. With all of her assets, she is able to work well within any group or situation and take ownership, accountability and leadership skills to the next level. She is hoping to take this position of Treasurer and to make a difference, not only within the organization but also on a National level.

**Qualifications:** Erika Demars, RN, BSN, CCTC is currently a Councilor-at-Large on the NATCO Board and has also been a part of the NATCO CCTC Review Course. She has been a part of ITNS Great Lakes Michigan Chapter and helps with coordinating and facilitating bi-annual dinner lectures on various transplant topics.

**Professional Experience:**

- Registered Nurse, Outpatient Heart Failure, Cardiac Transplant and LVAD Coordinator, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI 2008-present.
- Registered Nurse, Henry Ford Hospital, SICU, Cath Lab, CICU and ER, Detroit, MI 1998-2008

**Education:**

- BSN, University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, MI, 2010
- Diploma in Nursing, St.Clair College, Windsor, ON, Canada, 1998

### **Professional Activities:**

- Demars, E. (2019, April). Pharmacology, Waitlist Management and Heart Transplantation. NATCO Certified Clinical Transplant Coordinator Review Course. Miami, FL.
- Demars, E. (2019, March). Mechanism and Treatment of Rejection, Pharmacology and Waitlist Management. NATCO Certified Clinical Transplant Coordinator Review Course. Hato Rey, PR.
- Demars, E. (2019, February), Mechanism and Treatment of Rejection, Pharmacology, and Waitlist Management. NATCO Certified Clinical Transplant Coordinator Review Course. Sacramento, CA.
- Coordinator/Facilitator (2018, October) "Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disorder". Great Lakes Chapter of ITNS Continuing Education Dinner. Livonia, MI.
- Coordinator/Facilitator (2018, May) "Perioperative Pain Control in the Liver and Kidney Transplant Patient". Great Lakes Chapter of ITNS Continuing Education Dinner. Livonia, MI.
- Coordinator/Facilitator (2017, December) "Hepatitis C in Organ Transplantation". Great Lakes Chapter of ITNS Continuing Education Dinner. Livonia, MI.
- Coordinator/Facilitator (2017, April). "Assertive Empathy, Striking the Balance". Great Lakes Chapter of ITNS Continuing Education Dinner. Livonia, MI.
- Coordinator/Facilitator (2017, April) Meet and Greet London University Hospital with Henry Ford Hospital to Learn about LVAD Program. Detroit, MI.
- Demars, E. (2016, October). "Behavioral Contracts for the Non-Compliant/Non-Adherent Patient, Does it Work?". 25th ITNS Annual Symposium. Pittsburgh, PA.
- Demars, E. (2016, October). "How to Integrate Palliative Care as Yearly Management of Patients with Advanced Heart Failure, Destination Therapy Left Ventricular Assist Device, and Those Awaiting Heart Transplantation". 25th ITNS Annual Symposium. Pittsburgh, PA.
- Demars, E. (2016, July). "Palliative Care Consultation as Yearly Management of Patients with Advanced Heart Failure, Destination Therapy Left Ventricular Assist Device, and Those Awaiting Heart Transplantation". 41st NATCO Annual Meeting. Orlando, FL.

### **Councilor-at-Large: Jennifer Reese, BSN, MSN, ANP-BC, APRN-CNP, CCTC**



**Candidate Statement:** Throughout my career, I have been enamored by the transplant world from starting my career as a bedside RN in the ICU, to transplant coordinator and now as an Advance Practice Provider. During my time with NATCO, I have been afforded the opportunity to learn and grow from other transplant professionals from around the country. I am extremely honored to be considered as a representative for NATCO for another term. I am proud to be a member of NATCO and consider it an honor to serve

on the Board of Directors and understand the time and dedication this position requires. I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration.

**Qualifications:** Jennifer has been directly involved with transplant for 20 years and a NATCO member since 2012. She has served as an Annual Meeting Co-chair for the 2014 and 2015 NATCO Annual Meetings. She has served as the Communications Workgroup Co-Chair 2012-2015 which incorporates NATCO's social media and NATCO's quarterly newsletter *In Touch*. Jennifer has been a moderator for multiple sessions since 2014 for NATCO Annual Meetings, as well as given several lectures for NATCO as both a scheduled and as a stand-in speaker. She is currently serving her second year on NATCO's Board of Directors as Councilor-At-Large and is a faculty member for NATCO's CCTC review course. She is currently the Board liaison for the In-Touch publication.

**Professional Experience:**

- Adult Nurse Practitioner, Advanced Heart Failure/Cardiac Transplant, Cleveland Clinic Health System, Cleveland, OH; 2010-Present
- Transplant Coordinator, Advanced Heart Failure/Cardiac Transplant, Cleveland Clinic Health System, Cleveland, OH; 2001-2010
- Registered Nurse, Heart Failure ICU, Cleveland Clinic Health System, Cleveland, OH; 1999-2001
- Registered Nurse, Medical ICU/Stepdown, Riverside Mercy Hospital, Toledo, OH; 1998-1999

**Education:**

Master of Science in Nursing, The University of Akron, Akron, OH; 2010.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, The University of Akron, Akron, OH; 2006.

Associate Degree in Nursing, The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH; 1997.

**Professional Activities:**

- Reese, J. Heart Transplantation, Evaluation and Preparation for Transplant & Post Transplant Management lectures. NATCO: CCTC Review Course. Carolina, Puerto Rico. March 2019.
- Reese, J. Heart Failure: Medications and Management, what you need to know! Cleveland Clinic: New Advanced Practice Providers: Transition to Practice lecture series. Cleveland, OH. March 2019.
- Reese, J. Heart Transplantation, Evaluation and Preparation for Transplant & Post Transplant Management lectures. NATCO: CCTC Review Course. Sacramento, California. February 2019.
- Reese, J. Heart Transplantation, Evaluation and Preparation for Transplant & Post Transplant Management lectures. NATCO: CCTC Review Course. Fort Wayne, Indiana. December 2018.
- Reese, J. Transplant Evaluation and Management of the Waiting List & Heart Transplantation lectures. NATCO: An Introductory Course for the NEW Transplant Professional. Tempe, Arizona. November 2018.

- Hoy, H., Lerret, S., Reese, J., & Stendahl, G. Advanced Practice Providers in Transplant: Optimizing our Role through Collaboration. NATCO 40th Annual Meeting. Louisville, Kentucky; August 2015.
- Hoy, H., Lerrett, S., Reese, J. & Stendahl, G. APN Role in Transplantation. NATCO 39th Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Texas; August 2014.

**Councilor-at-Large: Joseph Carder, B.S., EMT-P, CPTC**



**Candidate Statement:** I joined Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network in November or 2005 after 18 years in Emergency Medical Services. Once having joined Finger Lakes, I experienced the true “Circle of Life”, from delivering babies to maintaining a patient long enough to see their organs successfully recovered to save another life.

I started in donation at the beginning of the HRSA Collaborative and was truly moved by this and everyone coming together to work on ways to increase organ donation and transplantation as well as awareness. It was apparent to me the importance of NATCO as a leader and as a provider of education. I became a member of NATCO in 2006. I have had the opportunity to attend many NATCO conferences, collaborate and meet leaders in the field and would like to continue this as a Board Member. It would be a great honor to be given the opportunity to represent the procurement community as a Councilor-at-Large. In this position, I would work tirelessly during my 2-year term to help the current president move forward with their vision.

**Qualifications:** Joe has been involved with Procurement for the last 14 years and a NATCO member for 13 years. Joe was one of the co-chairs of the NATCO Professional Standards Committee from 2016-2018. This committee was tasked with reviewing all the competencies and updating as needed since the last Update was 2009. This work is still underway.

**Education:**

- B.S., Health Education, State University of New York College at Brockport, Brockport, NY 2002.
- A.A.S., Paramedicine, State University of New York Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY, 1999.

**Professional Experience:**

- Staff Development Coordinator/Senior Coordinator, Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network, Rochester, NY, 2005-present.
- Career Staff Paramedic/Supervisor, Honeoye Falls Mendon Volunteer Ambulance, Honeoye Falls, NY, 1997-2005.

- Flight Paramedic, Mercy Flight Central, Canandaigua, NY, 2000-2002.
- Hospital Corpsman/Field Medical Technician, USN/USMC, 1987-1992.

**Professional Activities:**

- Certified Procurement Transplant Coordinator
- UNOS Transplant Coordinator Committee, 2009-2011
- Beta Psi Chapter of ETA SIGMA GAMMA, 2002
- **Publication:** 2007, Donation and Transplantation Module, CCEMT-P, University of Maryland Baltimore.

**Councilor-at-Large: Tania A. Houle, MBA, CPTC**



**Candidate Statement:** My goal is to use my OPO experiences, spanning over 15 years, to help move NATCO forward. I have worked at 4 different OPO's and collaborated with many more OPO's and transplant centers to move innovative and creative ideas forward. I have been an active member of NATCO serving on various committees, work groups, and presenting at our national meetings. My hope, as a member of the board, is to make sure our organization remains highly visible, financially stable, and able to support all of our members as they grow their careers in organ donation and transplantation. I am always open to hearing new ideas, the challenges of creating new processes, and guiding our organization. For

these reasons I feel I would be a good addition to the NATCO Board of Directors and kindly ask for your vote.

**Qualifications:**

NATCO member since 2004

**Professional Experience:**

In the last 15 years I have held the following positions: organ procurement coordinator, in-house clinical donation coordinator, donor program specialist, and professional development manager.

**Education:**

- University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Al - Paramedic Certificate, June 1992
- American InterContinental University, Hoffman Estates, IL
  - Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in healthcare administration
  - MBA with a concentration in healthcare management

**Professional Activities:**

- NATCO 2020 Annual Meeting Committee Chair

- NATCO 2019 Annual Meeting Committee Chair
- NATCO 2013 Annual Meeting Committee Chair
- NATCO 2012 Annual Meeting Committee Chair
- NATCO DCD Position Statement Committee Member
- NATCO Website Redesign Committee Member
- NATCO Branding Committee, team leader within committee
- NATCO CPTC Review Course group member