

## **PRESIDENT-ELECT STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

### **Caprice Christian Greenberg, MD, MPH**

#### **University of Wisconsin - Madison**

Please accept my self-nomination for President-Elect of the Association for Academic Surgery (AAS). I am a tenured Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Wisconsin where I hold the WARF Professorship in Surgical Research and serve as Director of the Wisconsin Surgical Outcomes Research (WiSOR) Program. I am a surgical oncologist with a clinical focus in breast cancer and health services researcher with previous or current funding from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) among others.

Over the last several years, I have had the opportunity to become increasingly involved in our society and have a deep commitment to advancing the mission and goals of the AAS. I have served on the faculty for the Fundamentals of Research and Career Development fall courses a total of 10 times. I have also served on the Program Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Executive Council, and as representative to the Surgical Outcomes Club (SOC). For the past 2 years, I have served as Recorder and Chair of the Program Committee. In this role, I worked closely with my SUS partners to build on the excellent foundation of previous Recorders in striving to make the ASC the premier surgical meeting. As the Recorder, I have had the opportunity to serve on the Executive Council, Executive Committee, AAS Foundation Executive Committee, and the Core Committee for the ASC. These previous roles have afforded me an in-depth understanding of the functioning of our society, which I believe is critical to the role of President-Elect. Given my significant experience teaching in the fall courses, I believe I am an ideal candidate to organize the courses next year. Furthermore, I have extensive experience with grant and scholarship review, serving on study sections for the NIH, AHRQ, DoD and the Scholarship Committee of the American College of Surgeons, providing the experience I will need if elected to run the AAS Scholarship activities.

Election as the President-Elect carries the responsibility and honor of serving as the society President the following year. If elected, I would use the next year to continue to understand the finer details of our organizational structure and culture. There are many threats faced by academic surgeons today. The AAS offers a critical port in this storm...a place where we can gather with like-minded colleagues to discuss the best in surgical science. It would give me honor to serve the society in the role of President-Elect and subsequently President. I am dedicated to ensuring the continued growth and success of the AAS as a steward of our profession.

### **John T. Langell, MD, PhD, MPH, MBA**

#### **University of Utah**

I have been a participating member of the AAS since 2007. Over the course of this period I have had the opportunity to serve the association in several leadership roles, including as a member of the Issues Committee (2008-2010), as an Institutional Representative (2007-2014) and currently as a member of the Program Committee. The Association has experienced tremendous beneficial growth over the past decade as a result of the innovative leaders who have taken the reins of this organization. These changes have modernized the association to meet the needs of the changing face of the academic surgeon and have allowed us to stay relevant and viable as an important and impactful organization.

I am now seeking to make a further commitment to the association through my candidacy for the position of President-Elect. My academic surgical career has been focused on innovation and changing the concept of what academic surgery encompasses with a particular focus on the

advancement of surgical care through technology innovation and through lean operational approaches as a solution to the current access and affordability crisis in health care. I believe these same innovation and operational principles will greatly benefit the Association, helping to keep it a vibrant and relevant organization that will continue to serve and engage the membership and allow it to grow to meet the needs of future academic surgeons.

## **RECORDER STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

### **Adil H Haider MD, MPH**

#### **Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School**

It is an honor to submit this statement of interest for the AAS Recorder Position. To make it easier for the committee to consider, I have structured this statement into three major points below:

#### **1. Qualifications to serve as AAS Recorder**

I have been an AAS member since 2006 and have attended every Academic Surgical Congress (ASC) and annual business meeting since. The ASC remains the prime venue for our research group and we have presented more than 100 quick shot, oral or plenary presentations. (For example this year I am involved with 17 presentations.) I have served on the program committee, reviewed dozens of ASC manuscripts and have moderated several ASC sessions. In addition, my current role as the Kessler Director of the Center for Surgery and Public Health at Brigham and Women's Hospital / Harvard Medical School, along with experience gained from publishing more than 125 peer reviewed manuscripts and winning multiple federal research grants has prepared me to ably serve as Recorder.

#### **2. Commitment to the AAS**

As mentioned above, I have never missed the ASC since becoming an AAS member and have had the privilege of being faculty at both the AAS Fall courses and the Surgical Investigators Course for several years. I have also represented the AAS as the International Visiting Professor to the Colombia Association of Surgeons and am currently the AAS-SBAS representative on the Executive Council.

#### **3. Why I would like to run for Recorder.**

The AAS has given a voice to young academic surgeons and I am proud to be an AAS enthusiast. Through the AAS, I have developed deep friendships with colleagues and have benefited tremendously from their advice and counsel. I am proud to say that many of my most important professional accomplishments are truly due to feedback and encouragement from my "AAS friends." I would love the opportunity to "pay back" and continue to support our beloved association as its Recorder. If elected, I will do my best to advance our traditions of excellence, innovation and camaraderie to further propel the field of academic surgery.

### **KMarie Reid Lombardo, MD, MS**

#### **Mayo Clinic**

Please accept my application for the position of Recorder of the Association for Academic Surgery (AAS). I am excited about the possibility of serving as Recorder and Chair of the Program Committee of the AAS, and believe that my work with the AAS, deep society engagement, vision, leadership and organization skills make me an ideal candidate for the position. I have long held the AAS in high regard, and am passionate about the society's vision and commitment to the young academic surgeon. The commitment has been a key driver behind my involvement with and contribution to the society.

My initial participation within the society originated with an abstract presentation in 2008. I attended that first event with my resident, and experienced the palpable energy of the membership. In 2009, I

joined my first AAS committee, the Issues Committee, where I served for two years. I then became an active member of the AAS Program Committee, enjoying not only the program review process, but also creating the meeting program together with my colleagues. I was able to leverage my prior program committee experiences with the SSAT, Pancreas Club, AHPBA, and the SUS, to further the goals of the AAS Program Committee.

In addition to my service on the Issues and Program committees, I participate annually in student mentorship, moderating sessions and I am currently Co-Chair of the AAS Information & Technology Committee. This year on the Information and Technology Committee, I lead the effort to expand the ways in which the committee can engage the members in several new initiatives. For example, we will propose a program to introduce surgical technological advancements and am working with Dr. Sippel on a AAS members needs survey.

With my interest in information technology and database creation, I hope to continue the work that Dr. Greenberg started to streamline the review process and automate much of the program development process. As Recorder I would work to construct the best program for the AAS, one that will draw new members and add educational value for the membership.

Finally, I believe my experience as a journal reviewer that will benefit the AAS. Currently, I am on the Editorial Board of American Journal of Surgery and World Journal of Gastroenterology, and a long standing reviewer for the Annals of Surgery, Annals of Surgical Oncology, British Journal of Surgery, Hepatobiliary and Pancreas Surgery, International Journal of Gastrointestinal Cancer, and the Journal of Pancreas Surgery.

In conclusion, I am committed to furthering the goals of AAS and I would welcome the opportunity to serve and work more closely with this esteemed group as the next Recorder.

**Rebekah R. White, MD**  
**Duke University**

I have now spent over half my life in academic surgery... I completed medical school and a 10-year general surgery residency at Duke then completed surgical oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. I am now an Associate Professor in my 8th year on faculty at Duke. Clinically, I do HPB/surgical oncology at Duke and the Durham VA. However, I spend the majority of my time running an NIH-funded basic/translational research lab. My AAS credentials are listed below:

- Active member and attended all meetings since 2008
- Program Committee 2009-2011
- Education Committee 2011-2012
- Journal of Surgical Research Editorial Board 2011-present
- Fundamentals of Surgical Research Course Faculty 2011-2014
- Surgical Investigators Course Faculty 2013-2015
- Executive Councilor 2012-2014
  - Enduring Materials Task Force Member
  - Continuing Academic Promotion Working Group Leader
- Representative to the Association of Women Surgeons 2014-present

There is no organization to which I think I “belong” more than the AAS. I believe that the most important roles of the AAS are to attract and train future surgeon scientists and to help keep existing surgeon scientists in academia. The Academic Surgical Congress has been a tremendously successful event, and I think we can make it even better! I recognize that the Recorder position requires organization and communication skills as well as a significant time commitment. I think I have the skills and am definitely willing to put in the time. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve!