

Sergio Bardaro, MD. – Executive Councilperson at Large Nomination - Personal Statement – 2024

Dear ASMBS Members,

My involvement with ASMBS started in 2004, one year after my arrival to the US, for my first international congress presentation as a MIS fellow at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. I was fortunate to be trained and mentored by many ASMBS leaders, innovators and ground breaking researchers. In response to that early stimulus, my participation and enthusiasm for ASMBS had increased steadily since that first presentation, regarding the avoidance of simultaneous cholecystectomy during BPD/DS, with the use of prophylactic ursodeoxycholic acid. Since then, I was progressively assigned leadership roles that included to be a project leader, committee member / co-chair / chair, and even vice-president and president of the Ohio/Kentucky Chapter. Over time, as an ASMBS member, I have learned substantially about our specialty while I created life-long strong friendships with numerous colleagues within our organization. Additionally, ASMBS considers patient safety and excellence in care as best practices for compassionate care for those patients suffering from obesity. This definitely helped me to shape my career and temper my spirit to try to master with passion this amazing surgical field.

I am fully committed to the mission and vision of the ASMBS. I am privileged to serve as a leader and ambassador within the membership, and to promote our organization to the extent of my possibilities. I enthusiastically support the ASMBS President's and the Executive Council's plans to grow and improve our organization to the highest level. In my opinion, my experience and demeanor make me a good role model to young members or new leaders. I am easily approachable and people are never afraid to ask for my insight or mentorship. Furthermore, representatives of the executive leadership and the membership, create a two-way path of mutual respect and admiration. On that regard, my vision as Councilperson at Large, will include to make the necessary efforts and contributions to strengthen that relationship.

It will be my most distinguished honor to represent our membership to the executive council as ASMBS Councilperson at Large, while providing support to all: our membership, our current and past leaders and our outstanding ASMBS staff. Moreover, I will strongly advocate for a welcoming and diverse society to promote collegiality among members and to ensure equitable access to care for all our patients.

Thank you for your consideration.

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