

Dear Esteemed ASMBS Members,

My vision for serving on the Executive Committee of the ASMBS is to support and accelerate the Society's mission to advance care and advocate for comprehensive treatment options for obesity. In addition to our commitment to education, scientific research, and awareness, I hope to champion the integration of new technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and digital surgery into our society, the definitive resource in metabolic and bariatric surgery. These areas not only represent the future of our profession but also hold the promise of enhancing patient care and outcomes.

I am deeply invested in leveraging these technologies to strengthen our current capabilities and introduce new opportunities for our members and the patients we serve. This commitment to innovation and advancement has been a cornerstone of my career. As a member of the Executive Committee, I will work to ensure that ASMBS remains at the forefront of metabolic and bariatric surgery, embracing new technologies that can transform our field.

I am eager to contribute my expertise and leadership to the Executive Committee, addressing the evolving needs of our membership and enhancing the care we provide to our patients. I respectfully ask for your support in this election, as we work together to shape the future of the ASMBS and continue our important work in the fight against obesity.

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BIO:

Matthew Kroh, MD, FACS, FASMBS, FASGE is the Vice Chair of Innovation and Technology in the Digestive Disease Institute at Cleveland Clinic. He is the Division Chief of Foregut Surgery and Surgical Endoscopy in the Department of General Surgery, and Professor of Surgery in the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine. He most recently served as Chair, Digestive Disease Institute at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, developing clinical, operational, educational, and research programs in the United Arab Emirates. He has previously held the positions of the Program Director for the Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery and Flexible Surgical Endoscopy Fellowship at Cleveland Clinic, the Clerkship Director for Surgery in the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, and the Surgical Director of both the Advanced Endoscopy Center and the Esophageal Center. He has also held the role of Director of the Center for Advanced Skills Training in the Cleveland Clinic Simulation Center. He has authored more than 130 peer-reviewed articles, 30 book chapters, and 3 textbooks. He holds Committee Chair positions in the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS), and he is a member of the Board of Governors of SAGES. He is a member of the American Surgical Association. He is the current Editor-In-Chief of the *Journal of Surgical Innovation*.