

I am humbled and honored to be nominated to represent my colleagues and our profession on the ASMBS Executive Council. As someone with personal experience of the ravages of the disease of obesity, as witnessed through both my parent's fight against it, I think my course of becoming a bariatric surgeon was set well before I even knew it. I have spent my career fighting the battle against obesity in clinical, societal, and political arenas, and I look forward to bringing that experience to use furthering the mission of the ASMBS. It would be my vision to see the AMSBS recognized not only as a society for those of us who are members, but also as a society for the patients we represent. I am happy to share a little bit about myself and my qualifications for your consideration.

A Chicago native, I currently serve as the Medical Director of Mission Weight Management at Mission Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL. I went on to earn my medical degree from Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, IL. From there, I received my general surgery training completing a surgical internship at Tripler Army Medical Center and residency at the Marshfield Clinic, in Marshfield, WI. I completed a fellowship in Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery at the University of California, Davis Medical Center, in Sacramento, CA. I am an Army Veteran, having served our country for 9 years working as a military physician.

I have been a dedicated bariatric surgeon for over 18 years, performing well over 5000 successful bariatric surgery cases including a high volume of complex revisional cases. I maintain a robust endoscopic case load including advanced endoscopic suturing. I have lead healthcare teams through several leadership positions including Chief of Surgery at Central Maine Medical Center, Chair of the Committee on Applicants as well as Chapter President for the Maine Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. I was the inaugural president of the provisional Maine Chapter of the ASMBS and later the Maine representative of the New England Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. I am a proud member of the New England Surgical Society. Additionally, I am passionate about my work as an experienced MBSAQIP site surveyor as well as a post-survey reviewer. I am a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons as well as the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. I have experience from service on several ASMBS committees including Communications and Access to Care and is the Co-Chair then Chairing the Emerging Technologies Committee.