

**Bio sketch that contains vision and goals for the organization.**

As an active member of ASMBS, my goal is to help gain recognition for the unique contributions to the practice of obesity management of the APP. In the surgical space, bariatric surgery offers a unique subspecialty which is very different than the typical surgical patient care model. By this I mean that the care of the bariatric surgery patient is more in line with the chronic care model of care and requires expertise in both all of the surgical aspects of pre and post-surgery care, as well as the medical and psychosocial aspects unique to the bariatric surgery patient. I often describe my role in surgical services as a 'round peg in a square hole' since the care I provide is very different than the care given to the typical surgical patient. This is where my expertise in chronic disease management plays a vital role. In ASMBS, I seek to help the organization to move toward and fully embrace all aspects of care for the surgical patients in a comprehensive care model. I would like to work toward increasing my skills in research/CQI into the role of appropriate use of revisional surgery and medical weight loss therapies in the post-surgical patient to maximize success. Specifically, I would like to work to enhance the role of the APP in long term management of our surgical population. We bring a whole different set of skills to the table in bariatrics than our surgeon colleagues and our organization needs to move towards full recognition of the APP contribution and expertise. I want to help with this evolution in care. I am already an active participant in the APP practice group for ASMBS and also in our NC/SC state chapter. I anticipate starting a leadership role in the state chapter for the upcoming annual meeting. I feel I am at the point in my career to take on this additional role in the executive committee.