

Aura Petcu Bio Sketch

I respectfully am applying for the Member-at-Large on the IHEC this upcoming year. I have been an ASMBS member since 2015 when I first began my career as a metabolic and bariatric surgery nurse practitioner. In the first several years of my practice, I focused educating myself and building my conference as a provider by attending ASMBS conferences and CME events. Now a decade later, I have found that I still put heavy focus on continued education, but I have found a passion for educating others about metabolic and bariatric surgery and also have become eager to become involved at the national level to help facilitate this dissemination of knowledge and make national change for our patients.

Since joining ASMBS, I have been an active member of the ASMBS APP Committee for almost 3 years. Within this committee, I have aided in the development and implementation of the ABC for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and the ABC for Pharmacology in Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery. I have presented several lectures at the annual ASMBS meetings and served on panel discussion on pharmacology lectures. This upcoming 2024 annual ASMBS meeting, I am co-directing our APP symposium as well as giving additional lectures in our APP ABC for Pharmacology. Although I would like to continue to serve on the APP Committee, I'd like to begin expanding my voice in other areas that can help make our ASMBS members and organization the leading organization for metabolic and bariatric surgery and obesity care and education.

Outside of ASMBS, I am the Program Director at my institution that is creating a unified weight management program that will be using both surgical and non-surgical approaches to manage the chronic disease of obesity. I plan to continue to use my knowledge and expertise to bring as much light to the complexity of the disease of obesity and hope to do so at the national level within the IHEC.