

My vision and goals for the society involve participating on a local, state and national level in educating the effectiveness and safety of bariatric surgery to colleagues, patients, and policymakers. With the ongoing development of weight loss medications, it must be the goal of bariatric surgeons to stress how much more our interventions can contribute to the treatment of one of the most common diseases in the country, and other developed areas of the world. We must do this through any opportunity that presents itself, and creating our own channels to educate.

The future of the ASMBS is bright and full of opportunity. By continuing to lead the way in surgical innovation, patient care, research, and advocacy, the society will play an instrumental role in shaping the future of bariatric surgery. As the obesity epidemic grows, the need for effective treatments becomes even more critical. The ASMBS is well-positioned to lead the charge in improving the lives of individuals struggling with obesity, providing them with the tools and support they need to achieve lasting health and well-being, and I look forward to participating in these exciting times.