

AAS Councilor Self Nominations – Class of 2018



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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

I am a faculty colorectal surgeon and health services researcher at the University of Utah. My research aims to improve patient-centered decision-making in surgery. The AAS has been invaluable to me during my residency and transition to faculty through opportunities to present at the ASC, attend the Surgical Investigator's Course, and use the many resources available on the AAS website. I would like to take the next step and commit my service as a Councilor in order to promote this essential surgical organization and to learn what it takes to inspire and develop young academic surgeons.



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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

As a basic scientist and surgeon, I hope to offer my perspective as a new faculty member and my expertise in immunotherapy to the AAS council and would be honored for the opportunity to serve.



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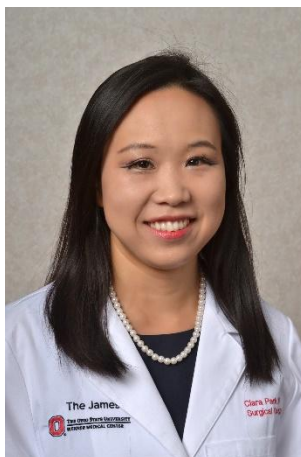
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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

I have been a member of the AAS for several years and as a trainee, I have presented at and attended the Academic Surgical Congress several times. I have witnessed how the AAS provides young surgeons with opportunities to present their research, network, and further their academic aspirations. Currently, as a new faculty member, I have become a member of the Program Committee, furthering my involvement with the AAS. Being a Councilor would allow me to continue my participation with the organization and put me in better position to assume a leadership position.



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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

I am an assistant professor of surgery at The Ohio State University. My career goals include becoming a leader in academic surgery through conducting innovative research that advances the field of surgery, educating future surgeons, and delivering excellent cutting-edge patient care. Thus, I am interested in serving as the AAS councilor position. I am excited for the opportunity to contribute to the organization's goals and mission. I will be able to meet the required attendance at the Executive Council meetings and to complete any other projects in a timely fashion.



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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

I am writing to express my interest for AAS councilor. Starting as a research resident, I have presented at several ASC meetings and most recently have joined as an active member of the AAS this past year. I truly believe in the mission of the AAS and would be honored to serve as a councilor in order to help guide and develop trainees into successful academic surgeons.



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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

I would be very interested to participate and commit time to the AAS council. I did not have active involment in AAS in the past but did participate in multiple meetings and had oral presentations at the joint AAS/SUS meetings and most recently participated in the grant writing course. I currently have a research lab focused on necrotizing enterocolitis and would like to actively be involved in an organization that promotes academic surgery and supports research endeavors. As a young surgeon researcher I believe the AAS council would be a great place grown and influence the future.



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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

I believe the AAS is valuable for academic surgeons, as it provides for a multidisciplinary approach for rigorous surgical research. The annual meeting provides an excellent venue for dissemination of research and collaboration. I have presented at AAS, and have attended both the fall research course and the spring grant-writing course. These courses are incredibly valuable as I'm embarking on my academic career and a testament to the commitment by the AAS to surgical research. I look forward to serving on the Executive Council in order to increase my involvement in the organization, and continue to help the AAS grow.



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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

I am a first-year faculty member and pediatric surgeon at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. My mentors encouraged me to join the AAS as I finished my surgical training, and I am certainly glad that I did. I attended my first Academic Surgical Congress and Surgical Investigators' Course this past year. I am excited about the collaborative environment of the AAS and the way in which it facilitates mentorship for academic surgeons and trainees. I am eager to serve in the AAS, and I would be honored to represent my class as an AAS Councilor.



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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am general surgeon AAS member from Myanmar. My working place is surgical ward 2, Yangon General Hospital. My paper was chosen in ASC 2019 and I presented my paper on Feb 5, 2019. I attended only annual meeting but I can't attend ASC courses because I am from developing country and I can't afford courses fees due to my poor salary.

I am interested in your 2020 AAS Councilor Self Nominations because I want to participate in your activities as AAS member. But I can't afford to attend three meetings per year with my own salary because I am from very low income country and my country consists of one of the very low income countries as described by World Bank. So, if you have plan to solve these conditions or appropriate position for me I want to participate in your AAS activities.

Best Regards,
Dr. Min Myat Thway



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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

I would be delighted to represent the faculty class of 2018 as an AAS Councilor. I began a faculty position last year as a pediatric general surgeon at Northwestern University and Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, with a clinical practice, supported research efforts, and an interest in training surgical residents and fellows. As a new AAS member and attendee of this year's Academic Surgical Congress in Houston, I was inspired by the organization and motivated to volunteer for the Publications Committee, for which I have continually been reviewing manuscripts for the Journal of Surgical Research.



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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

I am an active liver, kidney and pancreas transplant surgeon and I run an extramurally funded basic science research laboratory dedicated to transplantation immunobiology. I am passionate about academic surgical training and the need for surgeon-scientists. Having recently completed a 16 year training path that led to my first faculty appointment I have firsthand knowledge of the challenges faced by aspiring surgeon scientists. I am eager to engage with the AAS to help smooth and pave the road for future academic surgeons.



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Q6 Statement of Interest (100 words or less)

I have been participating in AAS meetings for the past 5 years, first as a resident presenter and most recently as an attending presenter. As I start my career straddling the worlds of academic and community medicine at UCSF Fresno, I would like to become more involved in committees and courses, and have always felt that AAS was a particularly valuable organization for young surgeon involvement. My intent is to both learn more about AAS and contribute to the society as a Councilor for the 2020-2022 term.
