

## AHS Board of Director Candidates 2019

The candidates were asked to submit a supporting statement for their nomination.

### TREASURER:



#### **Yuri Novitsky, MD**

I have been a member of the Board of Governors for 6 years. I am Chair of the Practice Advisory Committee. I have had over 12 years of Hernia-centered clinical practice as well as basic science and translational research experience. As Treasurer, I would be a responsible steward of the Society's finances and use innovative strategies to increase our revenue stream. As Treasurer and a member of the Executive Council, my personal qualifications and solid reputation in this field can put me into a strong position to enhance the standing of AHS and positively influence hernia care across the world.

### GOVERNOR:



#### **Jacob Greenberg, MD**

I have been an active member of the AHS since 2011. I have served as a Board Member-at-Large on the AHSQC since 2014 and currently serve as the AHS representative to the Unified Standards Committee for the Fellowship Council. In that role, I am working to create a set of Entrustable Professional Activities for Hernia Fellowships, which will help shape the future of educational training programs in Hernia Surgery. I would be honored to serve as a Governor of the AHS and will be forever passionate about the role the AHS plays in the care of patients with abdominal wall defects.



#### **Ajita Prabhu, MD**

Thank you for considering me for a second term as a governor on the Board of Governors of the AHS. This is an exciting time for our society and we are in an important phase of growth and reorganization. Since I have served on the board, we have had great success with revamping our website and creating more incentive for resident members to join. We are in the process of partnering with other societies to raise awareness of hernia prevention strategies, and will even partner with the American Board of Surgery for some important educational initiatives. I have enjoyed my time serving this society and feel that I have much to offer in terms of insight into the workings of the organization and some future initiatives. I am hopeful to remain on the board and look forward to a bright future for this organization.



**J. Scott Roth, MD**

It has been my pleasure to serve on the AHS Board of Governors for the past three years. The AHS continues to evolve as the preeminent hernia society representing the needs of surgeons throughout the Americas. Over the past 3 years as a board member, I have worked with AHS to develop a pathway for advocacy within the American Medical Association. Specifically, the AHS now has representation on the AMA's Specialty and Service Society caucus. This is the first step toward obtaining representation on the AMA House of Delegates which would then allow the AHS to have representation on the CPT and RUC committees, creating greater advocacy opportunities for hernia care across the United States. I would like to continue working with the AHS on these initiatives, thus enhancing the stature, reputation and political influence of the AHS to direct healthcare policy as it directly impacts hernia care. In addition, I serve as the co-chair of the AHS Grant committee and serve as a member of the AHS finance committee. I am committed to the AHS and welcome the opportunity to continue to serve its members as a governor on the board.



**Arachana Ramaswamy, MD**

I am honored to be nominated for the Board of AHS. I am a minimally invasive surgeon, with a healthcare MBA and my practice focuses on abdominal wall. I have enjoyed serving on the Program Committee for the 2019 AHS Annual Meeting, and if elected as a governor, would hope to represent the interests of the community and academic hernia surgeon, to provide the best surgical care within the changing healthcare landscape.

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