

## Candidates for Members at Large for the AHS Nominating Committee

Listed below are the candidates and their supporting statements for the Members at Large for the AHS Nominating Committee. As an AHS member, you are able to vote for up to 4 members. The 5<sup>th</sup> candidate will be the alternate. The deadline to vote is **February 5, 2019**. The position is a 1-year term that starts at the conclusion of the 2019 AHS Annual Meeting. This nominating committee will select the 2020 AHS Officers.

- **Anthony Echo, MD**  
Dr. Echo would be a great fit for this role. He is actively involved with training residents and in charge of the research division. His Practice is focused around sports hernias and other complex hernia repairs. He has a specialty training in peripheral nerve surgery which can bring a unique look at some of the pain conditions associated with hernias.
- **William Hope, MD**  
Dr. Hope has a long history with the AHS and will use good judgement to elect the best person for the good of the society.
- **Jarrod Kaufman, MD**  
Dedicated hernia surgeon whose practice is devoted to complex hernias and works with underserved on medical missions yearly. NJ State Chair: Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons Emeritus Chair, Melanoma Workgroup: NJ Governor's Task Force on Cancer Prevention, Early Detection & Treatment
- **Michele Loor, MD**  
Dr. Loor is currently an Assistant Professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. Prior to this, she held faculty positions at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio and the University of Minnesota. At Baylor, she has developed a hernia and complex abdominal wall practice and runs the Houston Hernia Symposium. She has several ongoing research projects related to robotic hernia repair (two randomized controlled trial) and hernia prevention (K-grant and randomized controlled trial), as well as on gender disparity in surgery. In addition, she has an interest in advocacy related to hernia care.
- **Stephen McNatt, MD**  
He has been instrumental at Wake Forest Baptist to get our Minimally Invasive Surgery Division to participate in the AHS and AHSQC.

Voting is limited to active members of the AHS. You will receive a ballot by email.