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2022 ELECTION



2022 Candidate Information
Ballot Deadline: June 3, 2022

2022 ASDS / ASDSA Election

Dear ASDS Voting Member:

Enclosed please find the supporting documentation for this year's election. As a voting member of ASDS, you are asked to ratify the selection of the candidate for the office of Vice President and select three candidates for the Board of Directors positions.

Your participation in this process is important. Sometimes candidates can be elected by very small margins, so every vote counts. I encourage you to read the biographical information, relationships and position statements – provided by each candidate – before casting your vote. Even though you may not personally know a candidate, the information provided will give you enough insight to determine which candidates align with your expectations of an ASDS leader.

Please submit your ballot **no later than Friday, June 3**. Results will be announced this fall in *Currents*, the Weekly Update email, journal Bulletin and on social media @ASDSMembers. Incoming Board members will be introduced during the 2022 ASDS Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, at the ASDS Membership Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Thank you for participating in this very important process.

Sincerely,



Lisa M. Donofrio, MD
Chair, ASDS Nominating Committee

Position Terms and Responsibilities

The Vice President will automatically succeed to the offices of President-Elect, President and then Immediate Past President of the Society. As President, his or her role will be to serve as the Society's key spokesperson on important issues, preside at all Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Membership meetings, appoint committees / work groups, lead the governance team and be influential in the determination of organizational priorities.

The newly elected members of the **Board of Directors** individuals serve the Society for a three-year term. They will participate in all meetings of the Board of Directors, serve on committees and / or work groups, be part of the governance team and be influential in the determination of organizational priorities.

Those individuals elected to serve the Society shall also serve in the same position and tenure on the Board of Directors of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association (ASDSA).

Candidate for the Office of Vice President



Kavita Mariwalla, MD

West Islip, NY

Present Affiliations: Director, Mariwalla Dermatology, West Islip, NY

Medical School: Yales School of Medicine, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 2004

Internship: Internal Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, 2004-05

Residency Training: Dermatology, Yale-New Haven Hospital, Yale School of Medicine, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 2005-08

Fellowship: Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Advanced Dermatologic Surgery, Yale School of Medicine, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 2008-09

Professional Activities:

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS): Board of Directors, Secretary, 2019-Present, Member, 2015-18, Resident Representative, 2007-08; Branding and Media Relations Work Group, Member, 2019-Present; Task Force on Educating Clinical Staff at the Annual Meeting, Member, 2019-20; Development and Industry Relations Work Group, Member, 2018-21; Tradeshow Work Group, Chair, 2018-21; Finance Committee, Member, 2017-20 and 2013-15; Strategic Planning Task Force, Member, 2017-20; Future Leaders Network, Mentor, 2016-17 and 2013-14, Mentee, 2010-11; Maintenance of Certification Work Group, Chair, 2014-19; Member Engagement Work Group, Member, 2012-13; Annual Meeting Work Group, Chair, 2012-13, Co-Chair, 2011-12, Member, 2009-11; Resident Educational Symposium, Chair, 2010-12; Program Committee, Member, 2009-11; Resident Education Work Group, Chair, 2009-10; Member, 2007-09. Patient Education Work Group, Member, 2008-10.

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association (ASDSA): Board of Directors, Secretary, 2019-Present, Member, 2015-18, Resident Representative, 2007-08; Finance Committee, Member, 2017-20 and 2013-15.

Other National, State and Local Dermatologic Societies:

American Academy of Dermatology (AAD): Ad Hoc Task Force on Election, Member, Present; *Journal of American Academy of Dermatology*, Chair, Present; *Surgical Pearls*, Editor, Present; Leadership Development Task Force, Member, Present; Resident Management Symposium, Chair, 2014-17, Co-Chair, 2010-14; Curriculum Committee, Member, 2016-2018; Coding and Reimbursement Task Force, Member, 2013-19; Derm Exam Prep Course, Phoenix and Boston, Faculty, 2012-15; Ethics Committee, Member, 2012-15; Resident Representative Committee of Maintenance of Certification, Member, 2008-09. **Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS):** Board of Directors, Member, 2016-19, Young Physician Representative, 2010-11, Resident Representative, 2007-08; Bylaws Committee, Chair, 2021-Present; Play Safe in the Sun Campaign Committee, Co-Chair, 2010-14; Website Development Committee, Member, 2009-11; Young Physicians Committee, Member, 2009-12.

Medical Society, Government and/or Professional Appointments, Awards and Honors:

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery: ASDS Annual Meeting, *Iron Surgeon Winner*, 2019; *President's Award*, 2018-19 and 2009; *Award for Outstanding Service*, 2012. Castle Connolly, *Top Doctors*, 2017-22. St. Luke's-Roosevelt Medical Center, *Faculty Teaching Prize*, 2012.

Dr. Mariwalla is the author of 99 publications and four books.

Dr. Mariwalla's Industry Relationships

Dr. Mariwalla discloses she is or has been, within the last three years, a consultant for Allergan Inc., IT Cosmetics and Lumenis. Dr. Mariwalla discloses she has, within the last three years, received Honoraria from Allergan Inc. and Johnson & Johnson. Within the last three years, Dr. Mariwalla has ownership interest in Belle.ai Precision Skin Health, Boards University, iDoc Holdings and Klara. Within the last three years, Dr. Mariwalla is or has been a researcher for Allergan Inc. and Merz Aesthetics.

Dr. Mariwalla's Position Statement

It is an honor to be nominated for ASDS Vice President. Since serving as Resident Representative to the Board of Directors in 2009, I have been dedicated to advancing the mission of our Society to serve its members and showcase our expertise in skin health.

Whether writing two editions of the *Primer in Dermatologic Surgery* or the *Cosmeceutical Compendium* or establishing the first set of lectures for the Fundamentals of Dermatologic Surgery, my goal has always been clear: to support ASDS as a first in class organization leading the field of dermatologic surgical education. Core to our Society is giving all dermatologists exposure to surgical and aesthetic best practices. Serving to augment ASDS offerings in this regard has been a joy. As Vice President, I would continue to make it my mission to support education for residents and make a greater effort to include mid-career physicians. I think it is important to enhance our training courses for those who want to brush up on skills or learn new ones regardless of years in practice.

As Vice President, I also hope to bring to fruition three main projects. First, as experts not only in aesthetics but also in skin cancer, ASDS members are poised to direct the ways in which technology shapes our field. Second, artificial intelligence (AI) is here to stay and rather than give in to our worry about computers replacing us, we need to shape the future of machine learning and its utilization to augment our diagnostic capabilities and improve patient care. Focusing on AI and making sure our members are at the forefront of its use, development and deployment is a key priority of mine.

As an active member over the years, I have also been amazed at the pace of innovation that occurs in our field. I think it is important to create an environment in which industry, the financial sector and physicians can create a meaningful exchange of ideas. My goal would be to bring cutting edge development to our front door through changes to our meeting offerings and special symposia.

Lastly, establishing global facial canons to improve our approach to aesthetic patients is much needed. In the U.S., we serve a uniquely diverse patient population. ASDS has the ability to bring in aesthetic leaders from across the world to keep our members up to date on global beauty trends and cultural considerations when it comes to injectables. A formalized committee of international members would help us reach this goal.

For the last 14 years, I have worked tirelessly to support and enhance the efforts of ASDS. In addition to the legacy of the projects I have already executed for the organization, I bring enthusiasm, energy and earnest commitment. It would be a tremendous honor to continue serving ASDS and its members in the role of Vice President.

Candidate for the Board of Directors



Kyle M. Coleman, MD

New Orleans, LA

Present Affiliations: Private Practice, New Orleans, LA

Medical School: Tulane University School of Medicine, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 2005

Internship: General Surgery, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA, 2006

Residency Training: Dermatology, Tulane University School of Medicine, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 2006-09

Professional Activities:

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS): *Dermatologic Surgery*, Editorial Board, Assistant Editor, 2017-Present; Education Work Group, Co-chair, 2018-19, Member, 2016-18; Development and Industry Relations Work Group, Member, 2017-20 and 2012-15; Annual Meeting Work Group, Member, 2015-18; Cosmetic Dermatologic Surgery Fellowship Accreditation Work Group, Member, 2015-17; *Currents* Editorial Advisory Work Group, Member, 2011-14; Future Leaders Network, Mentee, 2010-11; Young Dermatologic Surgeons Work Group, Member, 2009-12; Website Work Group, Member, 2008-11; Residents Exchange Work Group, Member, 2008-09. **American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association (ASDSA):** AAD Mohs Committee, Member, 2019-Present.

Other National, State and Local Dermatologic Societies:

American Academy of Dermatology (AAD): Corporate Relations Taskforce, Member, 2014-17; Young Physicians Committee, Member, 2013-15. **Dermatology Foundation (DF):** Dermatology Foundation Project Awareness, Member, 2009-10.

Medical Society, Government and/or Professional Appointments, Awards and Honors:

Tulane University: Department of Dermatology: Chief Resident, 2008-09. New Orleans Magazine, *Person to Watch*, 2016; Texas Monthly Magazine, *Texas Super Doctors Rising Star*, 2013-16; Voted Top Dermatologist in Highland Lakes, *Winner*, 2010-12; Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society.

Dr. Coleman is the author of 23 publications.

Dr. Coleman's Industry Relationships

Dr. Coleman has no relationships to disclose that might be construed as resulting in a conflict.

Dr. Coleman's Position Statement

I am honored and humbled to be considered for a position on the ASDS Board of Directors. I am so thankful for my membership in this great organization. The Society and its members have helped me to grow so much both personally and professionally in our field. I hope to be able to help shape the future of our organization to embrace current and future changes that affect our field and the field of medicine.

The future of dermatologic surgery is bright, as always, due to the intelligence, hard-work and innovation of our members. However, the specialty is going to continue to face challenges going forward.

Changes in health care have led to an increasing financial burden to our patients; this will continue to be a challenge for patient access to care. We need to find better ways to educate both the public and payors, as well as referring physicians on the value that we provide. The value dermatologic surgeons provide by performing procedures in the office is not only high level, safe care but also a great cost savings over hospital and surgical centers.

Around the country, we see pressure on dermatology from other physicians and mid-levels attempting to provide dermatology care (supervised and unsupervised). ASDS and ASDSA have done a great job at pushing for truth in advertising and scope of practice legislation in some states; however, we need to continue to fight for patient awareness with our partner organizations to ensure patient safety and practice quality.

ASDS also should try to engage dermatologists who are not fellowship trained to join our organization. Resident attendance at the annual meeting has been phenomenal and needs to continue to be a priority. Many residency programs are averse to training in some of the procedures that we perform. We need to try to strengthen our relationship with residency programs to help them understand our value in resident education. We also need to expand the Cosmetic Dermatology Fellowships to provide education that is lacking in residency programs.

In addition, we need to take a hard look at each individual ASDS program, its current expenditure level and its value. As with any organizational structure, ideas and programs could become stale or ineffectual over time. Programs should be combined, removed or remodeled to make way for new ideas.

The future of dermatologic surgery is bright, but it will continue to require innovation, new ideas and membership engagement to keep us in the forefront.

I thank you for your consideration and wish all of you the best. Hope to see you all in person in Denver this year!

Candidate for the Board of Directors



H. William Higgins, II, MD, MBE

Philadelphia, PA

Present Affiliations: Assistant Professor, Clinical Dermatology, Department of Dermatology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Medical School: College of Medicine, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, 2009

Internship: Internal Medicine, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 2010

Residency Training: Dermatology, Rhode Island Hospital, Brown University, Providence, RI, 2010-13

Fellowship: Mohs Micrographic Surgery Fellowship, Yale School of Medicine, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 2013-14

Professional Activities:

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS): Board of Directors, Resident Representative, 2012-14; Annual Meeting Work Group, Co-Chair, 2021-Present, Member, 2019-21; Future Leaders Network, Mentor, 2018-19, Mentee, 2015-16; Early-Career Dermatologic Surgeons Work Group, Chair, 2017-18; Annual Meeting, Abstract Reviewer, 2016-19; Young Dermatologic Surgeons Work Group, Co-Chair, 2016-17, Member, 2013-16; Audit Committee, Member, 2015-17; Tradeshow Work Group, Chair, 2015-18, Member, 2014-15; Residents Exchange Work Group, Chair, 2013-14, Co-Chair, 2012-13. **American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association (ASDSA):** Advocacy Ambassador, Pennsylvania State Representative, 2020-Present; State Affairs Work Group, Member, 2019-Present; Task Force on Value Analysis, Member, 2016-18; Federal Affairs Work Group, Member, 2014-16; Regulatory Affairs Work Group, Member, 2013-14; State Advocacy Network for Dermatologic Surgery, Rhode Island State Representative, 2013-19.

Other National, State and Local Dermatologic Societies:

American Academy of Dermatology (AAD): Suture Video Work Group, Member, 2020-21; Poster Exhibits Work Group, Member, 2017-Present; State Society Advisory Board, Representative, 2017-Present; Public Web Content Work Group, Member, 2016-Present; Private Sector Advocacy Task Force, Member, 2014-15. **American College of Mohs Surgery (ACMS):** National Registry and Outcomes Committee, Member, 2020-Present; Board Certification Task Force, Member, 2019-Present; CME & Education Committee, 2018-Present. **Association of Professors of Dermatology (APD):** Surgical Databases and National Registries Committee, Member, 2020-Present; Dermatologic Surgery Section, Member, 2017-Present. **Dermatology Foundation (DF):** Rhode Island, Vice-Chair, 2015-17. **Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology (PAD):** Member, 2019-Present. **Rhode Island Dermatology Society:** Board of Directors, President, 2017-19, Board Member, 2014-17, Residency Representative, 2012-13; State Advocacy, Representative, 2014-17.

Medical Society, Government and/or Professional Appointments, Awards and Honors:

American Medical Association (AMA): Member, 2016-19. Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED), Member, 2019-Present. Rhode Island Medical Society, Member, 2012-19. *Journal of Investigative Dermatology (JID)*, Cells to Surgery Editor, Present. American Society for Dermatologic Surgery: *President's Award*, 2019; *Award for Outstanding Service*, 2016; ASDS Annual Meeting, *Iron Surgeon Winner*, 2020, *Resident Scholarship Winner*, 2012-2013. American Academy of Dermatology: *Academic Dermatology Leadership Program Winner*, 2016; *Leadership Development Forum Winner*, 2014. Dermatology Foundation: *Clinical Career Development Award in Dermatologic Surgery*, 2015-18. Brown University: *Haffenreffer Family House Staff Excellence Award*, 2013; Florida State University College of Medicine: *Excellence in Academics Award*, 2007-08; Medical Alumni Hall of Fame, *Recipient*, 2020; Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, 2009; Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society, 2006-07.

Dr. Higgins is the author of 35 peer-reviewed publications and nine chapters.

Dr. Higgins' Industry Relationships

Dr. Higgins has no relationships to disclose that might be construed as resulting in a conflict.

Dr. Higgins' Position Statement

It is with gratitude that I accept the nomination as a candidate for the ASDS/A Boards of Directors. My involvement with ASDS over the past nine years has resulted in immense personal growth and renewed my dedication to furthering the interests of our specialty. As a former Resident Representative to the ASDS Board of Directors, FLN Mentee / Mentor and the current ASDS Annual Meeting Co-chair, I've experienced the time, dedication and behind-the-scenes work that goes into making our organization run flawlessly. As the former President of the Rhode Island Dermatology Society, I gained the leadership skills to shape and enact a society's mission and to develop interdisciplinary relationships needed to navigate an increasing complex healthcare environment.

The future of our specialty depends on advocacy for key issues such as reimbursement, scope of practice of non-physician healthcare providers, patient safety when receiving cosmetic procedures and branding of dermatologists to increase public awareness of our specialty. Improving legislative efforts among our members, state societies and partnering with other national societies with similar interests is one of my priorities. We must continue to advocate for our members' interests, especially with regards to reimbursement, branding dermatologists as the experts in skin cancer treatment and minimally invasive cosmetic procedures.

If elected, I will advocate for the interests of our members and diligently look for ways to strengthen our advocacy and legislative efforts both on a state-based and national level. Thank you for your consideration.

Candidate for the Board of Directors



Kira Minkis, MD

New York, NY

Present Affiliations: Director, Mohs and Dermatologic Surgery, Weill Cornell Medical Center, Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University, New York, NY

Medical School: Grossman School of Medicine, New York University, New York, NY, 2009

Internship: Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola, NY, 2010

Residency Training: Dermatology, Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University, New York, NY, 2010-13

Fellowship: Procedural / Cosmetic Dermatology Fellowship, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, 2013-14

Professional Activities:

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS): Research Work Group, Member, 2021-Present; Cosmetic Dermatologic Surgery Fellowship Accreditation Work Group, Chair, 2019-Present, Co-Chair, 2018-19, Member, 2017-18; Award Work Group, Member, 2018-21; Surgical Directors Forum, Co-Chair, 2018-20, Member, 2017-18; *Dermatologic Surgery*, Editorial Board, Contributing Editor, 2017-Present, Reviewer, 2014-Present; Surgical Director Shared Interest Group (SIG), Co-Leader, 2016-19; Education Work Group, Member, 2015-17.

Other National, State and Local Dermatologic Societies:

Association of Academic Cosmetic Dermatologists (AACD): Board of Directors, President, 2021-Present. **American College of Mohs Surgery (ACMS):** Annual Meeting Flaps Course, Invited Faculty, 2020-Present. **Dermatologic Society of Greater New York:** The Utility of the Keystone Flap for Reconstruction of Difficult Surgical Defects, Invited Speaker, 2018. **Atlantic Dermatology Conference (AD):** Abstract Review Committee, Member, 2019.

Medical Society, Government and/or Professional Appointments, Awards and Honors:

Oncodermatology Conference Saint Petersburg, Russia: Imiquimod Treatment of Basal Cell Carcinoma, Master Class on Surgical Treatment of Skin Cancer, Invited Speaker and Visiting Professor, 2018. American Austrian Foundation Open Medical Institute Salzburg Seminars: New Treatment of Skin Cancer, Neurotoxins, Fillers and Lasers, Surgical Treatment of Melanoma, Surgical Treatment of NMSC, Lecturer, 2014-18. Rare Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers Guidelines Group: Microcystic Adnexal Carcinoma Committee, Member, 2018-Present; Sebaceous Carcinoma Committee, Member, 2018-Present. Lenox Hill Senior Center at St. Peter's Church, General Skin Wellness as We Age, 2020 and 2015-18. Weill Cornell Medical College, School Photoprotection Lectures: UV and Me Medical Student Faculty Advisor, 2018-Present. School Sun Safety Talks: William Woodard Jr. Nursery School, 2020; Nest + M Elementary School, 2020. Katz Institute for Women's Health 92nd Street Y Women's Health Summit-Dermatology, Health and Wellness Seminar Series on Skin Health: Love The Skin You're In, 2018. Myra Mahon Patient Resource Center, NMSC and Melanoma, 2018. Annual Free Skin Cancer Screenings, Director, 2016. Weill Cornell Medical Center, *Distinguished House Staff Award*, 2012; American College of Physicians: Annual New York Meeting, Best Clinical Case Presentation, *2nd Place Award Recipient*, 2008; New York University: Department of Pathology, *Training Grant Recipient*, 2005-07; University Honors Scholar, *Founder's Day Award*, 2002; *CAS Faculty Scholarship Winner*, 2001; National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIH): Medical Scientist Training Program, *Training Grant Recipient*, 2002-09; G. G. Brown, Chemistry *Scholarship Winner*, 2001; Merck & Co., *Chemistry Award*, 2001; New York University: CAS Honors Scholar, *Golden Tassel*, 2002; *Chemistry Honors*, 2002; *Presidential honors Scholar*, 2000-02; *Dean's List*, 1999-02.

Dr. Minkis is the author of 39 peer reviewed publications and 10 chapters.

Dr. Minkis' Industry Relationships

Dr. Minkis has no relationships to disclose that might be construed as resulting in a conflict.

Dr. Minkis' Position Statement

I am honored and humbled to be nominated for the ASDS Board of Directors. ASDS is the premier organization for all procedural dermatology — helping to advance our field through support of research, clinical guidelines, education, policy and many other avenues of support for surgical and cosmetic dermatology. ASDS has had a strong influence on my career, from educational support during residency, my completion of the ASDS Cosmetic Dermatologic Surgery Fellowship program in its inaugural year and having the opportunity to serve on multiple committees and participation in the annual meetings. I value all that ASDS does for its members and dermatology trainees, and I am eager to give back to this wonderful organization and its membership to continue to serve its mission.

In my role as the Director of Mohs and Dermatologic Surgery and Director of Surgical, Cosmetic and Laser Education at Weill Cornell Medicine, I have dedicated my career to its trifecta missions of education, research and excellence in clinical practice and patient care. These goals align well with those of ASDS, and I hope to be able to continue to contribute on a broader scale to advance these missions for ASDS membership. We must continue to be seen as the leaders in cutaneous surgery and cosmetic procedures such as neuromodulation, soft tissue augmentation, lasers and light devices, hair transplantation, liposuction, chemical peeling and others. We must own the data and advocate for safety in delivery of these services. We must set a high standard and adhere to educating our trainees in this wide breadth of cosmetic procedures and dermatologic surgery to ensure that they are thoroughly prepared to safely practice and continue to maintain our expertise for generations to come. ASDS is also integral in setting policy to advocate for our specialty and for our patients, and we must continue our advocacy work for the sake of our specialty and patients.

If elected, I will do all I can to drive the mission of ASDS. I will dedicate my time to supporting the education of our membership and trainees and look for innovative means to positively engage our members and continue to grow our Society. I will advocate for our Society, our specialty and our patients. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Candidate for the Board of Directors



Kishwer S. Nehal, MD

New York, NY

Present Affiliations: Director, Mohs and Dermatologic Surgery, Co-Director, Multidisciplinary Skin Cancer Management Program, Program Director, Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology Fellowship, Attending Physician, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY; Professor, Department of Dermatology, Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University, New York, NY

Medical School: School of Medicine, Boston University, Boston, MA, 1992

Internship: Internal Medicine, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA, 1993

Residency Training: Dermatology, New York University School of Medicine, New York University, New York, NY, 1993-96

Fellowship: Mohs & Dermatologic Surgery Fellowship, New York University Medical Center, New York, NY, 1996-98

Professional Activities:

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS): Annual Meeting Work Group, Member, 2019-Present; MDS Exam Review Course Work Group, Chair, 2019-20; Professional Conduct Committee, Chair, 2018-Present. **American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association (ASDSA):** Cutaneous Adverse Procedures Event Registry (CAPER) Task Force, Member, 2021-Present.

Other National, State and Local Dermatologic Societies:

American Academy of Dermatology (AAD): Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer Guideline Work Group, Member, 2014-17. **American Board of Dermatology (ABD):** Surgical Dermatology Item Writing Committee, Non-Director Item Writer, 2021-Present. **American College of Mohs Surgery (ACMS):** Board of Directors, Member, 2021-Present; Fellowship Training Committee, Chair, 2019-21. **Association of Professors of Dermatology (APD):** Board of Directors, Member, 2019-Present. **Dermatology Foundation (DF):** Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, Member at Large, 2018-Present, Trustee, 2012-2018. **American Dermatological Association (ADA):** Member, 2017-Present. **Dermatologic Society of Greater New York:** Executive Board, Member, 2017-19. **New York State Society of Dermatology and Dermatological Surgery (NYSSDDS):** Member, 2020-Present. **Manhattan Metropolitan Dermatologic Society:** Secretary, 2007-Present.

Medical Society, Government and/or Professional Appointments, Awards and Honors:

American Medical Association (AMA): CPT Advisor, 2019-Present. National Comprehensive Cancer Network Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer Clinical Practice Guidelines Panel, Member, 1999-Present. American Joint Committee on Cancer: Head and Neck Expert Panel, Member, 2014-17; Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer Task Force, Member, 2006-10. *Archives of Dermatological Research*, Editorial Board, Member, 2019-Present. *Journal of Surgical Oncology*, Editorial Board, Member, 2018-Present. *British Journal of Dermatology*, Associate Editor, 2015-Present. American College of Mohs Surgery, *Distinguished Service Award*, 2020-21; *Castle & Connolly, Top Doctors*, 2016-20.

Dr. Nehal is the author of 186 publications.

Dr. Nehal's Industry Relationships

Dr. Nehal has no relationships to disclose that might be construed as resulting in a conflict.

Dr. Nehal's Position Statement

I am truly honored to be nominated as a candidate for the ASDS Board of Directors. Having directed the skin cancer, Mohs and laser surgery program at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center since 1998, I am keenly aware of the challenges faced daily by dermatologic surgeons. Bureaucratic hurdles, government and payer rules and the practice of cutaneous surgery by non-dermatologists are just a few of the many barriers to providing outstanding service to our cancer and cosmetic patients. Then the pandemic came out of left field, fueling personal and professional burnout and the "Great Resignation."

I am reminded daily that we are truly fortunate to be part of a wonderful community of resilient dermatologic surgeons and outstanding ASDS physician leaders and staff. I am committed to using everything I have learned from my years of experience as a clinician, teacher, researcher and administrator to support ASDS and our physician membership. I am confident we can successfully advance the ASDS mission to foster innovative education, champion advocacy and promote research. It is becoming apparent that even as the pandemic recedes, many challenges will endure. ASDS must remain at the forefront of pioneering virtual learning in dermatologic surgery. It will be important for dermatologic surgeons to distinguish our superior training and expertise by demonstrating excellence in clinical care and patient safety. We will persist in engaging with government and private payers to ensure that dermatologic procedures are adequately supported. By providing increasing grant funding to our research-oriented members, we will obtain high-level evidence to improve therapies for our patients while strengthening our advocacy agenda and the value of dermatologic surgery.

It is more vital than ever for the ASDS community to remain optimistic, united and committed to our profession as we navigate the new normal. Addressing physician burnout and offering wellness programs will be necessary initiatives. We also need to invite and engage our early career members, connecting them with our more established mentors. Through innovation, unity and wellness, we can collectively emerge stronger, overcome adversity and stand together proudly as dermatologic surgeons.

Candidate for the Board of Directors



Valencia D. Thomas, MD, MHCM

Houston, TX

Present Affiliations: Resident Surgery Director, Dermatology Residency Program, Professor, Section of Mohs and Dermosurgery, MD, Anderson Cancer Center, Department of Dermatology, Professor, Section of Mohs Surgery, Section of Dermatopathology, Department of Dermatology, Department of Internal Medicine, McGovern Medical School, University of Texas at Houston, Houston, TX

Medical School: Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2000

Internship: Reproductive Medicine, University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA, 2000-01

Residency Training: Dermatology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, 2002-05

Fellowship: Dermatology Clinical Investigations, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, 2000-01; Surgical Dermatology, Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR, 2005-06; Dermatopathology, University of Texas at Houston, Houston TX, 2008-09

Professional Activities:

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS): Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Work Group, Member, 2021-Present; Digital Community Work Group, Co-chair, 2020-21, Member, 2019-20; Quest Engagement Work Group, Member, 2018-19; Research Work Group, Member, 2017-20; Membership Work Group, Member, 2015-18.

Other National, State and Local Dermatologic Societies:

American College of Mohs Surgery (ACMS): Diagnostic Quality Committee, Member, 2017-19. **American Society of Dermatopathology (ASDP):** American Society for Radiation Oncology Guideline on Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer, Representative, 2018-19.

Medical Society, Government and/or Professional Appointments, Awards and Honors:

National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN): Cutaneous Basal Cell Carcinoma Committee, Member, 2016-Present; Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma Committee, Member, 2016-Present; Dermatofibrosarcoma Protuberans Committee, Member, 2016-Present; Merkel Cell Carcinoma Committee, Member, 2016-Present. UTHealth Houston: MD Anderson Cancer Center, Ambulatory Informatics Committee, Member, 2020-Present; Patient Experience, Officer, 2018-Present; Mohs and Dermosurgery Unit, Center Medical Director, 2016-Present, Laboratory Director, 2016-Present; National Comprehensive Cancer Network Representative, 2016-Present; Integrated Clinical Team Epic One Connect, Member, 2014-16; Vice-Chair of Quality Improvement, 2009-13. Harris Health System, Lyndon Baines Johnson Hospital, Director of Dermatology, 2009-13. Merck & Co. Inc., Immunotherapy Advisory Board, Member, 2021; Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc., Immunotherapy Advisory Board, Member, 2021. University of Texas System, Regents' Outstanding Teaching Awards, *MD Anderson Nomination*, 2021; Oregon Health Science University, *Annual Faculty Teaching Award*, 2006; Harvard Medical School, *Thomas B. Fitzpatrick Memorial Education Fund Off-Site Elective Award*, 2004; Women's Dermatologic Society, *Irvin H. Graff Memorial Scholarship Winner*, 2004; National American Foundation, *Irving H. Graff Memorial Scholarship Winner*, 1999-00. University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine: *Leon O. Jacobson Award*, 2000; *National Institutes of Health Summer Research Award*, 1997; Harvard University, Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations: *Aloian Award for Improving Intercultural and Race Relations*, 1995; Press Ganey, MD Anderson Cancer Center, *Top 10% Performing Providers*, 2014-19.

Dr. Thomas is the author of 17 peer-reviewed publications and 5 chapters.

Dr. Thomas' Industry Relationships

Dr. Thomas discloses she is or has been, within the last three years, a consultant for Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Dr. Thomas' Position Statement

Over the past 19 years, I have been proud to be a member of ASDS. I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for the Board of Directors. ASDS has been integral to my development as a dermatologic surgeon and academician. I have thrived under the protection, advocacy and education efforts of this Society devoted both to the delivery of safe and effective dermatologic surgery, as well as the welfare of the surgical workforce.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced a global rationing of health care services with episodic pauses and rapid re-engagement. As we affirm our organization as the go-to authority on dermatologic surgery, we have a pivotal role in the new world of COVID, and, one day, post-COVID reimbursements, independent advanced practice providers, novel technologies, education and third-party payers. We must keep our strategic partnerships to continue our influence and engagement to lead by example beyond our organization, to teach the importance of evidence-based medicine and advocate for fair and just high-quality care.

Our most pressing issue, as always, is remaining relevant to the needs of dermatologic surgeons. We must listen, respond and persist. Our journal, *Dermatologic Surgery*, remains central to our mission as is our commitment to residents and continuing education. We are an organization of physician leaders, and we represent a powerful organization that fights to keep our patients at the center of our efforts. We must increase our visibility outside of our organization. As we continue to engage professionals and the lay public, we can grow our digital and global brand to strive for inclusion of all, including the underserved, underrepresented and disengaged. I would consider service on the Board to be a great honor and an opportunity to pay-back the investment this organization has made in my professional well-being.

Candidate for the Board of Directors



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Medical School: Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 1993

Internship: Morsani Center for Advanced Healthcare, Tampa, FL, 1994

Residency Training: Dermatology, Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 1994-97

Professional Activities:

American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS): Patient Education Work Group, Member, 2018-21; Branding Work Group, Member, 2016-17; Branding and PR Work Group, Member, 2014-16; Member Giving Work Group, Member, 2014-18; *Dermatologic Surgery*, Contributing Editor, 2012-Present, Reviewer, 2012-Present.

Other National, State and Local Dermatologic Societies:

American Academy of Dermatology (AAD): Board of Directors, Executive Committee Member, 2021-Present, Member, 2018-21; *Journal for the American Academy of Dermatology*, Editorial Board, Member, 2019-Present; AAD Strategic Planning Conference, Member, 2018; Election Oversight Committee, Member, 2018 and 2003; Resident and Young Physician Committee, Board Liaison, 2018-Present; Advisory Board Executive Committee, Ex-Officio, 2016-Present; Council on Government Affairs and Health Policy, Member, 2015-Present; AD Hoc Task Force on Election Oversight, Member, 2014; Centers for Creative Leadership Training, Colorado Springs, Participant, 2014; *Dialogues in Dermatology*, Editorial Board, Member, 2014-18; Camp Discovery, Volunteer Activities Coordinator / Photographer, 2013; Bylaws Committee, Member, 2011-15; AAD Strategy Retreat, Member, 2012; Nominating Committee, Chair, 2010-11, Member, 2008-10; Annual Legislative Conference Washington DC, Member, 2008-Present; Organizational Structure Committee, Chair, 2007-11, Member, 1998-07; Strategy Committee, Member, 2009-11; Dermatology Advocacy Network Legislative, Visitation, 2009; Coding and Reimbursement Task Force, Member, 2004-08; Council on Health Policy and Practice, Member, 2003-04; Task Force on Leadership Mentoring, Member, 2003-04; Forum for Future Leaders, Member, 2002; Leadership Training Committee, Chair, 2002-04; Government Affairs Conference, Member, 2001; Member Needs Task Force, Member, 1999; Young Member Development Task Force, Member, 1999; Core Curriculum Committee, Member, 1998-04; Private Sector Advocacy Task Force, Member, 1998-00; AAD Advisory Board, Florida Society of Dermatology, Representative, 1997-04; Young Physician Committee, Co-Founder, 1997-2004; Young Physicians Committee Governing Council, Member, 1997-04; Annual Meeting Review Committee, Member, 1997; Futures Committee, Member, 1996; Resident Physician Committee Governing Council, Member, 1995-97. **Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS):** Board of Directors, Vice-President, 2021-Present, Member, 2014-18, Young Physician Representative, 1998, Resident Representative, 1996-97; Bylaws Committee, Chair, 2020, Member, 2016-20; Procter & Gamble Symposium, WDS Representative, 2019; WDS Industry Visioning Work Group, Member, 2019; WDS Panel, Industry Leaders-How They Do It, Moderator, 2019; WDS Forum Planning Committee, Member, 2018-19; Galderma SkinPAC Awards Program, Expert Panelist, 2018-19; Integrative Dermatology Task Force, Member, 2018; PR & Media Work Group, Member, 2018; Membership Enrichment and Leadership Development Forum, Member, 2017; Finance Committee, Member, 2014-18; Annual Meeting Committee, Member, 2011-15; Networking Committee, Member, 2006-10; Career Enhancement Task Force, Member, 1999-00. **American Dermatological Association (ADA):** Nominating Committee, Chair, Present; Member, 2016-21. **Noah Worcester Dermatological Society:** Board of Trustees, Member, 2021-Present; Member, 2010-Present. **The Florida Society of Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery (FSDDS):** Board of Directors, President, 2021-Present, Vice President, 2020-21, Secretary/Treasurer, 2019-20, Board Member-At-Large, 2018-19.

Medical Society, Government and/or Professional Appointments, Awards and Honors:

American Medical Association (AMA): House of Delegates, AAD Delegate, 2001-Present, Alternate AAD Delegate, 1999-00; Reference Committee on Legislation, Chair, 2019 and 2005, Member 2004; Council on Constitution and Bylaws, Past Chair, 2016-18, Chair, 2014-15, Vice Chair, 2013-14, Member, 2010-13; Dermatology Section Council, Chair, 2015-Present, Co-Chair, 2002-15; Resolution Review Committee, Member, 2013-15 and 2007-10; AMA Specialty and Service Society (SSS), Governing Council, Chair, 2009-10, Chair-Elect, 2008-09, Secretary, 2007-08, Member at Large, 2005-07; House Compensation Committee, Chair, 2009-10, Member, 2007-09; Rules and Credentials Committee, Chair, 2006, Member, 2016-

18 and 2011; Reference Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, Member, 2000; AMA Young Physician Section (YPS), Alternate Delegate, 1999-00, Credentials Committee of YPS, Member, 2000; AMA Resident and Fellow Section, Delegate, 1994-97; Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council, Vice Chair, 1996-97, Member at Large, 1995-96; Credentials Committee, Member, 1994; AMA Medical Student Section (MSS), Reference Committee, Chair, 1993, Member, 1992; Rule Committee, Member, 1992. Florida Medical Association: FSDDS Delegate, 2019-Present; Board of Governors, Member, 1995-97; Council on Legislation, Member, 1995-97; Resident Physician Section Governing Council, Immediate Past Chair, 1995-96, Chair, 1994-95; Legislative Visitation Program, Member, 1995 and 1989-91; Long Range Planning Ad Hoc Committee, Member, 1995; Local Membership, Coordinator, 1994-95; Committee on Public Relations and Communications, Member, 1991-93. Hillsborough County Medical Association: Board of Directors, Executive Committee Member, 1994-97. American Academy of Dermatology: *Presidential Citation Award*, 2022; *Member Making a Difference Award*, 2021; *Patient Care Hero Award*, 2020; *Presidential Citation for Leadership Award*, 2019, 2014-15 and 2011; *Gulfshore Life, Top Doctor Award*, 2021; *Castle Connolly: Exceptional Women in Medicine Award*, 2020; Dermatology, *Top Doctors Award*, 2018-21 and 2015; Best Physicians as Chosen by Their Peers, *Top Doctors Award*, 2009; American Society for Dermatologic Surgery: *President's Award*, 2018; Galderma SkinPAC Awards, *North American Expert Panelist*, 2018; Naples Illustrated, *Top Doctor Award*, 2018-21; National Consumer Advisory Board, *America's Best Physicians Award*, 2017; *Women's American Medical Association: Inspirational Leadership Award*, 2016; *Physician's Section Inspirational Physician Award*, 2016. Trademark Who's Who, *Membership Award*, 2015; Consumer's Research Council of America, *America's Top Dermatologists Award*, 2013-16; Cambridge Who's Who, *Lifetime Member Award*, 2011; American College of Physicians: *Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine*, 1993; Sandoz, *Award for Superior Academic Achievement and Contributions to Health Care*, 1993; University of Southern Florida: Department of Dermatology, *Outstanding Student in Dermatology Award*, 1993; Office of Student Affairs, *Award for Dedicated Service*, 1993.

Dr. Yag-Howard is the author of 30 publications.

Dr. Yag-Howard's Industry Relationships

Dr. Cyndi Yag-Howard has no relationships to disclose that might be construed as resulting in a conflict.

Dr. Yag-Howard's Position Statement

You have an opportunity to direct the course of your future and our specialty by staying informed and getting involved in our profession on any level that is comfortable for you. Whether involvement means you advocate with legislators on Capitol Hill, publish an article in *Dermatologic Surgery* or vote in the ASDS Election, you are directly contributing to the betterment of dermatology. So please vote.

I am running for the ASDS Board of Directors because, as a solo private practice owner with academic affiliation, I recognize the positive impact the ASDS has on my career. Now I would like to give back to ASDS by using my multi-faceted leadership experience in organized medicine to further advance the Society's education, communication and advocacy initiatives. Together, we need to stay a step ahead of an ever-changing and often challenging, health care delivery system. To do so, ASDS leadership needs to anticipate our needs and exceed our expectations.

Some of our most pressing challenges include: (1) Scope creep, by extenders and non-dermatologists, that threatens patient safety; (2) Onerous mandates, like iPledge, MIPS and pre-authorizations that cost practices undue time and money; (3) Changing practice models — deciding which one is right for you; (4) Overarching control by big pharmacy chains, the insurance industry and Pharmacy Benefit Managers that limit care and make medicine unaffordable; (5) Keeping up with rapid advances in therapeutic options; (6) Budgetary uncertainty in our practices and personal lives; and (7) Maintaining work-life balance in the face of decreasing autonomy.

If elected, I promise to work with you and our leadership to enhance the Society's results-driven education, communication and advocacy efforts. Likewise, I will draw on my skills as a consensus builder and leader across multiple organized medicine platforms to create productive coalitions with like-minded specialty organizations so that ASDS can serve as a strong and effective leader on legislative issues affecting our specialty. Most importantly, I will do the work necessary to ensure that our organization remains a valuable resource that our members and patients trust.