

# Matthew C Gertsch

President-Elect Candidate  
*Massachusetts General Hospital*



## QUALIFICATIONS

### **Leadership Experience:**

- President of ASA Medical Student Component (2010-2011)
- President-Elect of ASA Medical Student Component (2009-2010)
- ASA Delegate, University of North Carolina (2008-2012)
- Organized and led 2 national anesthesia workshops at ASA in San Diego and Chicago (2009-2011)
- Planned an anesthesia workshop in Washington DC at AMSA meeting with Resident Component Leadership (2010)
- Organized and led two ASA MSC House of Delegates Meetings with nationally known guest speakers (2010, 2011)
- Organized two ASA Residency Program Director Meet and Greets with significant growth each year (2009-2011)
- Doubled membership of the ASA Medical Student Component while President of ASA Medical Student Component

### **Political Advocate:**

- Advocated for our specialty at the ASA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. (2010, 2011)
- Attended four bi-annual ASA Board of Directors Meetings in Chicago as voting member (2009-2011)
- Published several articles in the *ASA Newsletter* encouraging both local and national political involvement
- Member of the ASA Political Action Committee, and ASA Grassroots Network

### **Research Advocate:**

- Awarded research fellowship by Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research (2009)
- Worked at the National Institutes of Health as an Intramural Research Training Award recipient (2007-2008)
- Chief Editorial Assistant for the textbook *5 Minute Anesthesia Consult* (published by Lippincott and Williams, 2013)
- First author of multiple chapters in the textbook *5 Minute Anesthesia Consult* (Lippincott and Williams, 2013)
- Multiple publications in *Anesthesiology* and other national journals

## PLATFORM

With other great candidates running for this same office, I encourage you to ask yourself, “Which candidate can I be certain will work hard to offer me the most opportunities and resources possible, to make one feel good about paying membership fees annually?” I can assure you that I would be the best candidate for the following reasons:

- 1- I am a hard worker. Look at my track record above. From the time I first got involved with the ASA five years ago in 2008, I have been actively involved in improving the ASA, by increasing awareness of anesthesia and advocating our specialty politically, both locally and nationally.
- 2- I am well connected. I have attended three annual ASA meetings, four bi-annual Board of Director’s meetings in Chicago as a voting member, and four Southern Caucus meetings where I have gotten to know Dr. Jane Fitch, the current President-Elect, and many others in various leadership positions, who I know I could work with in improving our component.
- 3- I held a similar position on the governing council of the ASA Medical Student Component, and with my depth of experience, I could hit the ground running immediately.
- 4- **I would love the opportunity to start similar “Meet and Greets” (as I have done with residency programs) with private practice groups, hiring academic institutions, and fellowship programs. This would give our members an advantage when seeking employment or continued education at the completion of our residencies.**

In conclusion, I would be honored and excited to have your vote as President-Elect, and if elected, I will work hard with the governing council in making this component the best it can be!