

2019 ASA Resident Component Governing Council Application Form

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION: **September 1, 2019**

SUBMIT TO: residentcomponent@asahq.org

Applicant Name		
Address		
City		
State		
Zip Code		
Phone		
Email		
Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	PGY-1
	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA-1
	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA-2
	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA-3 pursuing a Fellowship

Specify which position you are interested in applying for:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	President-Elect (with ascension to President in year two)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary (1 year term)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternate Delegate to AMA Resident & Fellow Section (with ascension to Delegate in year two)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior Co-Editor (with ascension to Senior Co-Editor in year two)

To Apply:

Review the [position responsibilities](#) on the ASA Resident Component [website](#). By applying for a position, you agree to the duties and responsibilities as outlined on the website and agree to fulfill these obligations and any other new initiatives put forth and approved during your officer term.

Submit the following materials together via email to residentcomponent@asahq.org by **September 1, 2019**.

- 1.) Completed application form (this form)
- 2.) One page platform statement that summarizes your qualifications and platform. Sample available [here](#).
All candidate platform statements will be publically available and a paper copy provided to voters onsite at the meeting.
- 3.) Current curriculum vitae (CV)
- 4.) Letter of recommendation/support from anesthesia residency program director
- 5.) *Junior Co-Editor applicants only:* Writing sample (500-700 words)

Elections will take place at the ASA Resident Component House of Delegates Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL, on Sunday, October 13. Each candidate will be asked to attend and is permitted to make a brief speech (2-3 minutes) on their qualifications and platform statement.

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!