



## Michael W. Champeau, MD Candidate for ASA Treasurer

This summer I am once again announcing my candidacy for the office of Treasurer of the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Since first assuming the post of Assistant Treasurer almost three years ago, I have had the privilege of working with many supremely talented individuals, both in governance and on staff, in overseeing the financial operations of our society. Accordingly, serving as your Treasurer and the steward of the society's resources for the past year has been one of the most interesting and fulfilling experiences of my professional life.

The last few months have seen tremendous change in ASA's financial organization, leadership and processes. In March we brought onboard our new Chief Financial Officer, Lisa Steininger. Lisa oversees two newly created departments: Accounting led by Snaiga Busma, and Financial Analysis and Planning headed by Lisa Norman. All three new leaders bring fresh enthusiasm, perspectives and skill sets to ASA. We have also recently put a new budget development timeline into place, and are currently in the process of acquiring a new general ledger system for accounting. The new software should make our financial reporting simpler and more germane to those charged with governance.

Although we've made many changes in ASA's financial administration, my motivation to continue to serve as ASA Treasurer is no different than when I first sought the office of Assistant Treasurer three years ago – I feel it is the best opportunity for me to contribute to the profession of anesthesiology, and to serve the one society that represents the best interests of all American physician anesthesiologists.

As I've mentioned before, one of my strengths in serving our profession has been my familiarity with both academic *and* private practice models of practice. Too often, I believe, there is a perceived divide between the academic anesthesia community and the private practice physicians who deliver anesthesia care on a daily basis. For years, I've been fortunate to serve as an ambassador between these two worlds, and as a result, I understand and appreciate the contributions and challenges of both. I've mentored anesthesiology trainees at Stanford University, chaired committees in both an academic hospital and the School of Medicine, and served for 27 years as an Examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiology. For the past two years, I've been privileged to sit on the Board of Directors of FAER, where I also serve as the foundation's Treasurer. At the same time, I continue to perform my own anesthetics day after day, having looked after generations of children in my home state as well as during 18 volunteer overseas missions on four continents. From diethyl ether to sevoflurane – on those missions, I've learned how to get the job done even when it seems impossible, and how to accomplish more with less.

I believe that I have the business experience and the leadership background to serve the ASA well in the role of Treasurer. I have managed the business affairs of our professional corporation for over twenty years, and served as the President of the 1200-member medical staff at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. And, for over 25 years, I have worked continuously on behalf of ASA's largest component society, the California Society of Anesthesiologists (CSA), where I still serve on the Audit Committee, helping to ensure that the

society's financial resources are securely managed. In every leadership position, my approach has been to begin with the practical matters of making the trains run on time, and then use the knowledge and experience I acquire to develop future strategic plans.

Over the past decade, I have been fortunate to have been offered opportunities for increasing responsibility within the ASA. I served on several ASA Committees and, knowing the critical importance of advocacy, worked for six years on the ASAPAC Executive Board. During that time, I developed, and still maintain, first name relationships with three members of the U.S. Congress. I served as the Alternate Director for California for five years, and subsequently as ASA Director. And, of course, for the past three years it has been one of the greatest honors of my life to serve as an ASA officer and member of the Administrative Council.

As a result of this involvement, I have come to understand ASA's complex finances. Seeing the overall financial picture, I am also well versed in ASA's multiple missions: education, advocacy, practice management, research, and patient safety. I'm well aware of the challenges facing our profession, including competition from mid-level practitioners, increasing governmental interference in the delivery of health care, downward pressure on physician payment, and the resultant need for anesthesiologists to move beyond the induction-to-emergence paradigm.

I want to continue to bring all my experience to the stewardship of our national society and our profession. My wide-ranging background and my past three years' experience as one of your officers, I believe, have prepared me well for ongoing service in ASA's leadership. I look forward to speaking with you, and answering any and all of your questions. You have my promise that I will do my very best to earn the honor of your support and your vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Champeau".

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