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Candidate For Assistant Treasurer - 2018

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Dear ASA Colleague,

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Assistant Treasurer for our American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). I thank you for your support during our 2018 Governance Year and seek your vote during ANESTHESIOLOGY 2018 in San Francisco.

It has been a great privilege to serve our specialty for over 25 years on local, state and national levels. Through service in our ASA House of Delegates, on our Board of Directors, and on key Committees and Task Forces, I have experience in a significant breadth of ASA activities. This equips me with understanding of key ASA priorities: to support anesthesiologists in the practice of physician-led, state-of-the-art medical care through effective legislative and regulatory advocacy, education and scientific discovery; and to enable our members to serve as leaders in quality and practice management, and patient safety. Advancing these priorities in alignment with our Strategic Plan are my goals in service on our Administrative Council. Our success is measured by demonstration of member value, which must remain at the core of our decisions. We must continue efforts to grow membership, and demonstrate continuous improvement in ASA internal operations and strategic business and product development.

During the past nine months I have worked closely with our Treasurer Michael Champeau, MD, FASA. Working with members of the Section on Fiscal Affairs, the Administrative Council and ASA Staff our priorities have included supporting improvements in financial management activities and progress on the Finance Maturity Model, which describes the desired future state of our Finance Department. Progress continues in development and operations in our recently restructured Finance Department with the three critically important additions of our new Chief Financial Officer, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis and Director of Accounting. A new financial budgeting and reporting tool is in use, improvements in financial operations have been realized, centralized revenue processing is operational and preparations are on course to implement the new budget cycle process and timeline. We have accomplished much, but work remains. This includes selection and implementation of a new accounting system, improvements in budgeting, reporting and analysis - with a goal to improve utility and transparency, and also modeling for pricing of products and services. We will work to effectively implement our new budgeting process, demonstrate prudent oversight of expenses and remain cognizant that maintenance of the strength of our financial reserves is critical in these unpredictable times.

Our ASA requires leaders with a demonstrated ability to understand and address issues facing our patients, physicians, policy makers and the general public. Through leadership roles in my anesthesiology group practice, primary hospital and health system I am well-grounded administratively and clinically in the practice of anesthesiology with experience in a variety of care settings and delivery models. This working familiarity with the challenges of contemporary practice aligns me with you in concerns, expectations and hope for the future of our specialty, and our ASA.

I pledge to remain a responsible steward of your dues and to work closely together with other members of the Administrative Council to serve all ASA members. You have my commitment to work diligently and energetically on your behalf, and for our over 53,000 ASA members. I am here to listen, to understand your concerns and your needs. Our ASA is a grassroots organization. Leaders are accountable to our Board of Directors, House of Delegates, and most of all to our members. Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions. Together we will advance our ASA as the premier medical specialty society, effectively supporting our members in the practice of state-of-the-art medical care.

I ask for your vote and support, and will be honored to continue in service as your ASA Assistant Treasurer.

Sincerely yours,

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