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Dear ASA Colleague,

Now in my sixth year of service on ASA's Administrative Council, I again ask for your support of my candidacy as Speaker of the House of Delegates. It remains a profound honor that you have placed your trust in me to serve as one of your officers.

I have always strived to run the House of Delegates and Board of Directors meetings with clarity, efficiency and, occasionally, a little humor. I recognize the hundreds of person-hours our Directors and Delegates provide on behalf of physician-led anesthetic care, during our House of Delegates and our three Board of Directors' meetings, and I continually strive to not squander this precious resource. Your Vice Speaker, Patrick Giam, MD, FASA and I reviewed the responses of the survey of our Delegates following the 2017 House of Delegates meeting. There is a clear directive to streamline the Sunday session of the House of Delegates. We are working closely with our Governance team to shorten or eliminate some of the less valued items in the Sunday session. We are optimistic that those changes will be well-received. We will continue to seek your input on how to most effectively and efficiently utilize the time committed to the House of Delegates.

In addition to my role in the Governance of our Society, I am actively engaged on a number of fronts in the advancement of our specialty. As I approach the decade mark for service as Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center (OSUWMC), I have helped lead our department in our Perioperative Surgical Home efforts; we have a number of active protocols in place, and we are a member of the Emeritus cohort of the Perioperative Surgical Home Learning Collaborative 2020.

Burnout and its consequences are exacting a tremendous toll on our colleagues. I am honored to serve as ASA's representative to the National Academy of Medicine's Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-Being and Resilience, and Chair ASA's ad hoc Committee on Physician Suicide Rates.

I am a Registered Parliamentarian in the National Association of Parliamentarians, and am a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians. I continue self-study of parliamentary procedure in order to maintain my presiding skills while deepening my knowledge of the subject, in order to better serve the proceedings of our House of Delegates and of our Board of Directors. It is a tremendous honor and privilege to have served as your Speaker for the past two years; I humbly ask for your support as I seek to continue to serve you, ASA, and our patients.

Very Sincerely,

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Speaker, House of Delegates  
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