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ASA Assistant Secretary Candidate 2018

Dear ASA Colleague,

I am tremendously excited to announce my candidacy for the office of Assistant Secretary of American Society of Anesthesiologists in 2018. The election will take place in October at ANESTHESIOLOGY 2018 in San Francisco. I am asking for your vote and I promise I will earn it.

John Dombrowski, M.D., FASA has served the ASA extremely well in his position as ASA Secretary, and just a few weeks ago he announced that he will be stepping down. I want to thank John for his service to ASA and our members. This recent turn of events has created a vacancy in the position of ASA Assistant Secretary, and I have chosen to rise to the call.

There is a meaningful alignment of my career and my professional goals with the duties of the Assistant Secretary. I have worked very hard to not only increase membership in the Louisiana Society of Anesthesiologists (LSA), but to increase the value and importance of membership to our members. I am very proud of the accomplishments that we have had in the LSA including an all-time high membership, a series of annual meetings that have not only been highly rated by attendees but also profitable to the society, a consistent spot in the top five component societies in ASAPAC participation and number one in SafeVACare comments by percentage, all while not increasing dues over the past decade. These were all hands-on projects for me during three consecutive terms as LSA President since 2010. I believe my successful efforts and experience will translate well to the role of the Assistant Secretary.

Our ASA members deserve a leader who will act and speak for them. Throughout my 20 years of service to LSA and ASA, members have consistently contacted me from across Louisiana when issues arose. Over the last decade, I have received a lot of calls about practice pattern changes that I believe may endanger our patients by removing or diminishing the role of physician anesthesiologists. I have successfully

promoted physician anesthesiologists in my practice, in multiple key legislative efforts including protecting physician supervision of nurse anesthetists, as well as against hospital or system-based attempts that would decrease the safety of our patients by diminishing the key role that physician anesthesiologists play in the care of our patients. This is what member-driven means to me. I represent our members and our patients.

Over the past few years, my work in Louisiana has led to leadership roles in ASA including Director from Louisiana since 2016, serving as the current Chair of the ASA Committee on Communications, immediate past Chair of the Committee on Anesthesia Care Team as well as actively serving on several other key ASA committees. In all of my committee work and the projects I have pursued, I start with current and future members in mind. I am excited about our “When Seconds Count...” endeavor and how it continues to evolve as a very useful tool for our members to advocate for themselves and our patients. Soon, we will be further enhancing the ability of our members to effectively communicate their role to our patients through a point-of-care communications toolkit, based on a concept that I developed. When we effectively communicate the wisdom and expertise that we bring to patient care, we are better prepared to demonstrate our incredible value to the healthcare system.

I would ask you to review my condensed curriculum vitae for more details on my experience and qualifications. What you will not read on my CV, but can be accurately inferred, is my tremendous passion for the field of anesthesiology and the patients we care for as well as my work ethic. I will continue to promote the specialty and ASA membership to medical students, residents and physician anesthesiologists throughout their career. We are very humble about the amazing things we do everyday, and one of my charges, if you elect me as Assistant Secretary, will be to continue to instill pride into our members and to promote not just membership numbers, but active, passionate membership in our ASA. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my candidacy with you.

Please vote for me, Kraig de Lanzac, for the office of ASA Assistant Secretary in October.

Thank you,

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