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American College of Osteopathic Surgeons
Board of Governors Nominating Committee
1680 Duke Street, Suite 500
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: Letter of Intent – Board of Governors Nomination

Dear Members of the Nominating Committee,

I am writing to formally express my enthusiastic interest in serving on the Board of Governors for the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS). As a practicing general surgeon, educator, and deeply committed Fellow of the College, I am eager to bring my frontline clinical perspective, extensive leadership experience, and passion for the osteopathic surgical profession to the governance level of our premier national organization.

My dedication to the ACOS mission is rooted in years of active participation and institutional service. I have had the privilege of contributing to the educational and professional standard-setting arms of our profession, notably through my service on the ACOS In-Service Examination Committee (2016–2022) and as a current member of the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (AOBS) Division of Examiners (2019–Present). Additionally, my consistent attendance at the Annual Clinical Assembly from 2012 through 2025 underscores my commitment to staying at the forefront of the advocacy, continuous learning, and community engagement that the College champions.

Throughout my career in Pittsburg, Kansas, I have balanced a rigorous clinical practice with extensive administrative and executive leadership responsibilities. My leadership tenure includes serving as Chief of Staff for Ascension Via Christi Pittsburg, and I currently serve as the Trauma Medical Director for Mercy Hospital Pittsburg, a leadership mantle I have held across institutions in our region since 2016. These roles—alongside chairing hospital Trauma, Credentialing, and ED/ICU/CCU Committees—have provided me with a granular understanding of healthcare operations, quality metrics, risk management, and the evolving challenges faced by community-based surgeons.

Beyond administrative governance, I am deeply invested in training the next generation of osteopathic physicians. Having served as an Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) Fellow and instructor early in my career, I continue to champion the distinct value of our philosophy as an Outstanding Preceptor for Kansas City University and as a clinical faculty member for multiple institutions, including KCU, A.T. Still University, and the University of Kansas. The structural and economic shifts occurring in contemporary medicine require a forward-thinking Board of Governors that can advocate fiercely for our members while ensuring the unique identity of osteopathic surgery remains robust. If selected to serve, I will leverage my collective experiences as a rural-urban community surgeon, national examiner, and proven

physician executive to foster strategic growth, enhance member engagement, and advance our educational standards.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued dedication to the future of the College. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how my vision aligns with the strategic initiatives of the Board of Governors.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Dunbar", enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

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